APPENDIX · FY2027 EDITION

# Commonwealth

## Power and Politics, Money and Municipalities

351 municipal profiles — Appendix, FY2027 Edition

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Each profile is one city or town's page from the web edition, parcenomics.com/commonwealth, printed. It opens with the municipality's legislators, school districts and planning agency and then follows the same order for all 351: the Fairness Index, where 50 is a fair share; state money by class, FY2017–FY2026; local earmarks on three measures; what the town carries, including state land and new growth; the Commonwealth in the town: state land, chapter land, restrictions, roads by jurisdiction and state facilities (the map is on the web page); what the state sends and takes back on the FY2027 cherry sheet; state money to others in the town; costs and the 2½% limit; schools; school building grants; expected and actual; peers; and sources. Each section's heading states its main finding. Dollars carry their stage, enacted for budget clauses and paid for Comptroller payments. "Not reported" and "not available" mean the source has no figure; nothing missing is shown as zero. Notes common to every profile are on the next page; the full method is at parcenomics.com/commonwealth/method.

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# Notes common to every profile

### FAIRNESS INDEX

Each town gets two scores from 0 to 100, where 50 is a fair share: one on all state aid, one on discretionary money (competitive grants and earmarks to the city or town government). Each score averages four ways of defining a fair share: Equal, the same per resident; Need, weighted toward poverty, low income and a thin tax base; Burden, by what each program pays for (road miles, bridges, pupils and so on); Effort, by what residents already pay in property tax relative to their income. The bars mark 50. The range repeats the score under 231 weightings, each lens between 10% and 40%.

### STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

Formula aid is gross: Chapter 70 as DESE attributes it to the town, and cherry-sheet aid before the state deducts charges such as charter tuition and transit assessments, plus other formula programs as paid. Competitive grants and earmark-account payments are Comptroller payments to the town government and its school districts (stage: paid). Enacted earmarks and earmark-account payments are different things: enacted earmarks are budget clauses; earmark-account payments come from accounts classified as earmarks, which can carry prior-year and statewide-program money. Either can be larger. Rank 1 is the highest amount per resident among 351.

### EARMARKS

Local earmarks are enacted “not less than” clauses, counted three ways and labeled every time: to the city or town government (clauses that pay the city or town, its departments and schools, or a municipal project); placed in the city or town (adds organizations); everything placed (adds state facilities located there and MassHealth rate add-ons for providers there). Tiles note the share of placed earmarks that went to organizations rather than to the city or town government.

### STATE MONEY TO OTHERS

Competitive awards from the project’s award catalog to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies and state agencies in the town are named; awards to businesses, farms and unnamed recipients are counted but not named. An award naming several towns is split evenly. None of it is in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index; it enters the burden index only where the program has a measure of need for the town. The print lists the 15 largest.

### WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

The burden index divides the competitive awards a town received, FY2017–FY2026, by what it would have received if every program had split its money by its own measure of need: road miles for road programs, crossings for culvert grants, town-owned hazard dams for dam repair, jobs for economic development, residents for libraries. 1.0 is proportional. Bridges count by replacement cost and condition, and only bridges the town owns. State land eligible for PILOT is the Division of Local Services’ count of state-owned acres on which the state pays a payment in lieu of taxes; the payment follows assessed value, so PILOT per acre is a comparison, not the formula. The state-owned share on the land-area tile is the MassGIS map of all state-owned open space, a wider count. New growth is the assessed value of new construction and improvements added to the tax base, FY2017–FY2025, per resident.

### COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

State aid is the gross cherry sheet as entered on the tax rate recap; spending is general-fund expenditures as filed with the Division of Local Services. Net subtracts the charges the state assesses on the same cherry sheet (charter and school-choice tuition, transit, county and other assessments), itemized from FY2010. Consumer prices are the Boston-area CPI-U, up 55.1% from FY2006 to FY2025; government prices are the federal price index for state and local government purchases, up 74.5%; fiscal-year averages. Fixed costs are employee benefits, retirement, insurance and similar general-fund costs; health insurance comes from a separate DLS report. Allowed levy growth is 2.5% plus new growth, as a share of the prior year’s levy limit; a year counts as squeezed when fixed costs grew by a larger percentage. An earmark is a one-year appropriation; a health-insurance increase recurs. Earmarks are not adjusted for the January 2024 mid-year cuts or the FY2026 hold. Flags mark one-year swings beyond 30%, which usually reflect costs moving between budget lines, trust funds or the Group Insurance Commission. Section 8 of the Commonwealth report, “The squeeze,” has the statewide figures.

### SCHOOLS

Real figures use the CPI-U, fiscal-year average, in FY2026 dollars. The required contribution is the local share the state sets under the Chapter 70 formula; its share of income divides it per household by the town’s median household income.

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Grants the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s Board approved, July 2016 to August 2026, at the Maximum Total Facilities Grant, a ceiling that includes contingency. A regional district’s grant is shared by each member town’s share of district enrollment (DESE, FY2026). Approvals that lapsed or were withdrawn are named and not counted. The authority is funded by one penny of the sales tax and its payments are not in the Comptroller’s records, so these grants are in no index. The print lists the 15 most recent.

### EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

The expectation comes from a statewide model of all 351 municipalities using population, road miles, jobs, poverty, income, tax base, school-aid share and the presence of hospitals, colleges and nonprofits. Those factors explain about 55–60% of the differences between towns. A gap is a starting point for questions, not a finding about anyone’s conduct. Earmarks here are placed in the city or town, the second measure.

### PEERS


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Peers are the ten municipalities nearest on population, income need and tax-base need; the print shows the five nearest plus the highest and lowest on earmarks placed in the city or town per resident in the wider class of 30. † marks a municipality where more than half of placed earmarks went to organizations based there. Formula aid per resident is the ten-year gross total; competitive grants are ten-year totals paid.


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| Weston | 1997 |
| Westport | 2003 |
| Westwood | 2009 |
| Weymouth | 2014 |
| Whately | 2020 |
| Whitman | 2026 |
| Wilbraham | 2031 |
| Williamsburg | 2037 |
| Williamstown | 2043 |
| Wilmington | 2049 |
| Winchendon | 2054 |
| Winchester | 2060 |
| Windsor | 2066 |
| Winthrop | 2072 |
| Woburn | 2078 |
| Worcester | 2084 |
| Worthington | 2091 |
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| Yarmouth | 2103 |



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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Abington

Town · Plymouth County · 17,053 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**7th Plymouth** · Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk and Plymouth** · John F. Keenan

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Abington Public Schools**, the town's own district

**South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Abington scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 39 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**42** / 100

195th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 46 | 42 | 39 |

Rank under other weightings: 187th to 200th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Abington received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 41 and 44 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**39** / 100

230th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 40 | 46 | 33 |

Rank under other weightings: 221st to 240th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

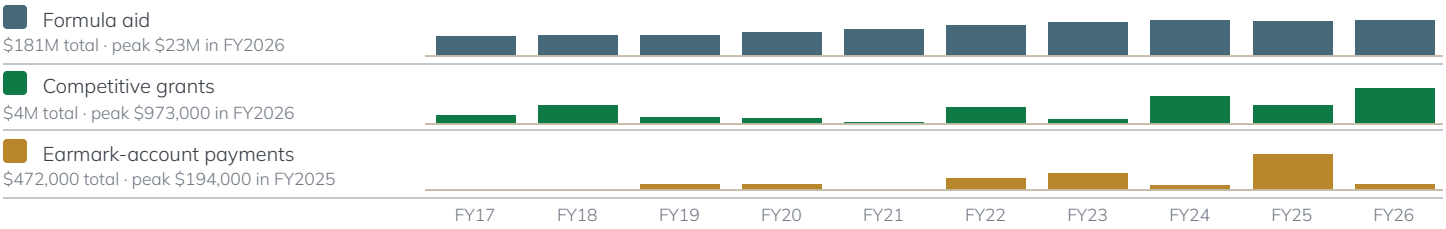
Abington received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 36 and 42 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Abington's town government and school districts received $181 million in formula aid and $4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$181M** | **$4M** | **$472,000** |
| $10,596 per resident (162nd of 351) · gross | $233 per resident (234th of 351) | $27.65 per resident (158th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Abington peaked in FY2026 at $973,000, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $9.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Abington received $648,000 in local earmarks to its government, $662,000 placed in the city or town and $662,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$648,000** | **$662,000** | **$662,000** | **No** |
| $37.97 per resident (122nd of 351) | $38.85 per resident (204th of 351) · 2% to organizations | $38.85 per resident (210th of 351) · 2% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 20 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $648,000 went to Abington's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $15,000 went to organizations in Abington or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Abington, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (20 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the town of Abington for traffic and sidewalk improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $85,000 | "roof repairs and replacement at the council on aging in the town of Abington" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "the town of Abington for traffic and sidewalk improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "the town of Abington for a public safety grant along route 18" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $30,000 | "the police department of the town of Abington for the purchase of a utility vehicle" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 20 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Abington received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**60.5**<br>214th of 351 · 3.5 per 1,000 residents (297th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5.2M**<br>scored exposure $1.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**53**<br>249th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.0 sq mi**<br>9% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**17,053**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.04**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.02; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**613 acres**<br>9.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$248,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$406**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,013**<br>FY2017–2025 · 304th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ABINGTON

## Abington has 610 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 74 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**610 acres**<br>9.6% of Abington's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**74 acres**<br>1.2% of Abington's land · 13 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 610 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 602 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 8 | 20 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 54 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 1 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 602 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ames Nowell State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 610 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 67.5 miles of public road in Abington, the state maintains 5.5 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.5 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 60.5 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.5 | 2% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Abington $18.6 million and takes back $1.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $16.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.6 million** | **$1.7 million** | **$16.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $15.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $239,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $104,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $211,000 |
| State Owned Land | $248,000 |
| Public Libraries | $50,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $47,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $48,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,289 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $7,176 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $43,000 |
| MBTA | $97,000 |
| Regional Transit | $33,000 |
| Special Education | $230 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $240,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.2M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ABINGTON

## State programs also awarded $10,000 to organizations in Abington other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Abington. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 25.5% of Abington's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 27.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **27.3%** | **22.0%** | **25.5%** | **23.5%** |
| $9.2M of $33.7M · median town 14.1% | $9.7M of $44.2M · median town 12.2% | $17.6M of $69.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 24.4% · median town 10.0% |

Abington's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Abington's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 23.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 9.6% above grown by the government price index.**





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Gross state aid went from $9.2 million in FY2006 to $17.6 million in FY2025, +91.3% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+35.2%** | **+47.4%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $4.4M to $5.9M · all towns +54.0% | $7.6M to $11.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Abington's health insurance would have been $5.44 million in FY2025; it was $5.89 million, $451,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.52 million in FY2025; it was $11.2 million, $1.71 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+153%) and FY2020 (–40%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost. Flag: in FY2018 and FY2019 reported health insurance exceeded all general-fund fixed costs; the health-insurance report includes the employee share for self-insured towns.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Abington's government came to $624,000, 40.7% of the $1.53 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $624,000 | 40.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $624,000 | 40.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $624,000 | 40.7% | 45.2% |

### SCHOOLS

## Abington's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 219th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$15.8M** | **$20.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+32%** |
| 219th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Abington runs its own school district and also belongs to South Shore; Abington accounts for 15% of that district's foundation budget.

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $17.3 million for schools serving Abington, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Abington's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$17.3M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,013 per resident (150th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Abington's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School | South Shore | Core | $112M | $17.3M (15%) |

### ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Abington has $920,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.6M** | **$4.1M** | **$920,000** |
| $963,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 266th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **7** | **1** | **$469,000** |
| one rated poor; likely about $1.4M of work on those ($651,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of two town-owned dams | bridges $469,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Abington came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Abington owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $391,000 | $0 | $224,000 | $389,000 |
| FY2018 | $390,000 | $0 | $451,000 | $547,000 |
| FY2019 | $389,000 | $78,000 | $546,000 | $467,000 |
| FY2020 | $388,000 | $39,000 | $565,000 | $329,000 |
| FY2021 | $388,000 | $0 | $463,000 | $254,000 |
| FY2022 | $386,000 | $201,000 | $352,000 | $489,000 |
| FY2023 | $387,000 | $0 | $436,000 | $440,000 |
| FY2024 | $387,000 | $220,000 | $504,000 | $543,000 |
| FY2025 | $385,000 | $109,000 | $430,000 | $607,000 |
| FY2026 | $584,000 | $317,000 | $589,000 | $920,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $583,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

The full list of the nine bridges in Abington in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Abington received $4.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 83% of the $5.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Abington ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $662,000 in earmarks placed in Abington, $15,000 (2%) went to organizations rather than to Abington's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Abington** this town | **42** | **$10,596** | **$233** | **$38.85** | **1.02** | **2.5%** |
| Lunenburg peer | 41 | $10,667 | $157 | $54.36 | 0.42 | 2.7% |
| Bellingham peer | 39 | $9,082 | $546 | $23.24 | 1.24 | 3.0% |
| Norton peer | 44 | $10,594 | $69.10 | $29.56 | 0.74 | 3.1% |
| Grafton peer | 36 | $9,020 | $459 | $36.42 | 1.97 | 2.9% |
| Wilbraham peer | 44 | $12,134 | $123 | $109† | 0.42 | 3.1% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Acton

Town · Middlesex County · 24,155 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

14th Middlesex · Simon Cataldo 52% of residents
37th Middlesex · Danillo A. Sena 48% of residents

Acton is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Middlesex and Worcester · James B. Eldridge

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Acton-Boxborough Regional School District**, shared with Boxborough
**Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Arlington, Bolton, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Needham and Stow

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Acton scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 51 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**40** / 100

209th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 58 | 32 | 31 |

Rank under other weightings: 170th to 243rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Acton received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 35 and 46 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**51** / 100

189th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 66 | 51 | 38 |

Rank under other weightings: 165th to 201st.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

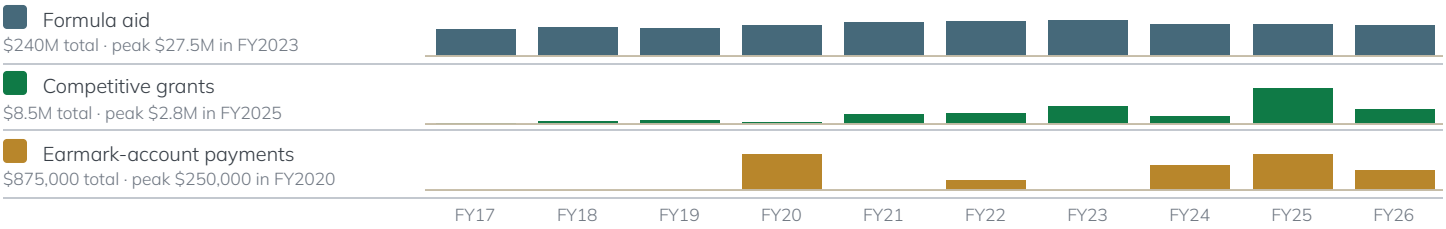
Acton received more than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 46 and 56 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Acton's town government and school districts received $240 million in formula aid and $8.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$240M** | **$8.5M** | **$875,000** |
| $9,929 per resident (179th of 351) · gross | $351 per resident (188th of 351) | $36.24 per resident (124th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Acton peaked in FY2025 at $2.8 million, 33% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $12.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Acton received $550,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.3 million placed in the city or town and $1.3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$550,000** | **$1.3M** | **$1.3M** | **No** |
| $22.77 per resident (196th of 351) | $53.20 per resident (161st of 351) · 57% to organizations | $53.20 per resident (166th of 351) · 57% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 17 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $550,000 went to Acton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $735,000 went to organizations in Acton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Acton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (17 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $300,000 | "Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry, Inc. to make improvements to its facility" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $150,000 | "facility improvements at Miracle field in the town of Acton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $150,000 | "the Discovery Museum, Inc., in the town of Acton" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $120,000 | "Boston Area Gleaners, Incorporated for improvements to Stonefield farm located on Martin street in the town of Acton to continue its work to help families facing food insecurity" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $110,000 | "Friends of Gardner Field, Inc. for playground design, a design plan with a civil engineer for the parking lot and storm water treatment and construction of a parking lot at Gardner field in the town of Acton" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 17 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Acton received 2.12 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**112.7**<br>71st of 351 · 4.7 per 1,000 residents (252nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$12.9M**<br>scored exposure $4.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**126**<br>70th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**19.9 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**24,254**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.61**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.12; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**139 acres**<br>1.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$112,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$807**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,989**<br>FY2017–2025 · 203rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ACTON

## Acton has 148 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 351 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**148 acres**<br>1.2% of Acton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**351 acres**<br>2.8% of Acton's land · 24 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**339 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 8 | 148 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 9 | 142 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 17 | 213 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 41 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 97 |
| Conservation restriction | 37 | 339 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Correction and Youth Services | 7 | 105 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 33 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 4 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Northeast Correctional Center Land | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 109 | |
| Whittier WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 39 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 127.5 miles of public road in Acton, the state maintains 10.8 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.8 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 112.6 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.0 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Acton $2.2 million and takes back $373,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.2 million** | **$373,000** | **$1.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 17% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $59,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $122,000 |
| State Owned Land | $115,000 |
| Public Libraries | $69,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $88,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,006 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $15,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| Regional Transit | $249,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ACTON

## State programs also awarded $1.5 million to organizations in Acton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Acton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2016 | Discovery Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $300,000 |
| FY2020 | Discovery Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Theatre III nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $160,000 |
| FY2022 | Discovery Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2025 | Discovery Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2018 | Discovery Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2022 | Theatre III nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $745,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 1.6% of Acton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.8% in FY2006.

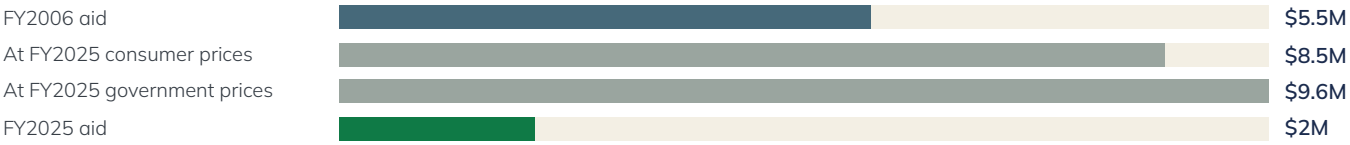
STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.8%** | **2.8%** | **1.6%** | **1.4%** |
| $5.5M of $62.5M · median town 14.1% | $2.4M of $86.7M · median town 12.2% | $2M of $123M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.6% · median town 10.0% |


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Gross state aid went from $5.5 million in FY2006 to $2 million in FY2025, –63.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1 million of Acton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+6.2%** | **+48.8%** | **5 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $3.1M to $3.3M · all towns +54.0% | $6.9M to $10.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Acton's health insurance would have been $3.92 million in FY2025; it was $3.33 million, $588,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.61 million in FY2025; it was $10.3 million, $1.65 million above the path.

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## SCHOOLS

## Acton's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 41st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$14.3M** | **$46.9M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **–10%** |
| 41st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Acton has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Acton-Boxborough and Minuteman; Acton accounts for 83% and 13% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $31.4 million for schools serving Acton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Acton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$31.4M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,299 per resident (128th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Acton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | C.T. Douglas Elementary School | Acton Boxborough | Core | $38M | $31.4M (83%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Acton has $2.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$10.2M**<br>$1.8M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.2M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 119th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**18**<br>two rated poor; likely about $2M of work on those ($1.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.3M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $1.3M · culverts $0 |

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**Acton owns two poor bridges of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $689,000 | $0 | $566,000 | $464,000 |
| FY2018 | $685,000 | $0 | $2.2M | $70,000 |
| FY2019 | $683,000 | $137,000 | $936,000 | $150,000 |
| FY2020 | $697,000 | $70,000 | $605,000 | $503,000 |
| FY2021 | $702,000 | $0 | $889,000 | $316,000 |
| FY2022 | $702,000 | $376,000 | $818,000 | $575,000 |
| FY2023 | $708,000 | $0 | $894,000 | $389,000 |
| FY2024 | $712,000 | $401,000 | $800,000 | $703,000 |
| FY2025 | $710,000 | $196,000 | $621,000 | $987,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $590,000 | $137,000 | $2.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $298,000 | $3.3M |

The full list of the 36 bridges in Acton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Bellows Farm Mill Dam Removal and Nashoba Brook Restoration Design source | $127,000 |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | FY23 53 River Street Dam Removal source | $1M |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | 53 River Street Dam Removal Design source | $75,000 |
| FY2020 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | 53 River Street Dam Removal source | $112,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Acton received $11.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 33% more than the $8.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Acton ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.3 million in earmarks placed in Acton, $735,000 (57%) went to organizations rather than to Acton's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Acton** this town | **40** | **$9,929** | **$351** | **$53.20** † | **2.12** | **3.1%** |
| Reading peer | 36 | $8,102 | $118 | $31.24 | 1.27 | 2.6% |
| Walpole peer | 30 | $6,864 | $139 | $32.09 | 0.61 | 2.6% |
| Sharon peer | 35 | $8,474 | $593 | $38.45 | 1.92 | 3.1% |
| North Reading peer | 38 | $8,458 | $326 | $76.44 | 0.68 | 3.0% |
| Westford peer | 45 | $10,874 | $400 | $41.76 | 1.34 | 2.9% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |

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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Acushnet

Town · Bristol County · 10,624 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**8th Bristol** · Steven J. Ouellette 64% of residents
**10th Bristol** · Mark D. Sylvia 36% of residents

Acushnet is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Second Bristol and Plymouth** · Mark C. Montigny

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Acushnet Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett and Rochester

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Acushnet scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 20 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**43** / 100

181st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 41 | 44 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 167th to 209th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Acushnet received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 42 and 43 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**20** / 100

314th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 18 | 24 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 309th to 319th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

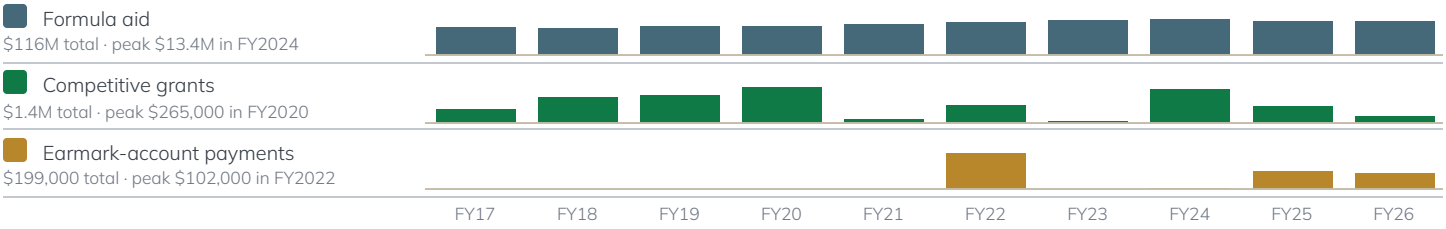
Acushnet received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 20 stays between 19 and 21 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Acushnet's town government and school districts received $116 million in formula aid and $1.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$116M** | **$1.4M** | **$199,000** |
| $10,949 per resident (147th of 351) · gross | $130 per resident (303rd of 351) | $18.72 per resident (210th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Acushnet were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Acushnet received $230,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$230,000** | **$230,000** | **$230,000** | **No** |
| $21.65 per resident (207th of 351) | $21.65 per resident (271st of 351) | $21.65 per resident (272nd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Acushnet's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Acushnet, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (six clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $80,000 | "the Acushnet council on aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements in Acushnet" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $30,000 | "emergency roadway repairs in the town of Acushnet" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the engineering to address a interior/exterior structural issue at Acushnet elementary school" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the town of Acushnet for the update of its masterplan" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 6 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Acushnet received 60% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**59.3**<br>218th of 351 · 5.6 per 1,000 residents (210th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.6M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**41**<br>293rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.4 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**10,680**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.01**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.60; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$79**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$79**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,208**<br>FY2017–2025 · 223rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ACUSHNET

## No state conservation land is mapped in Acushnet; 1,039 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,039 acres**<br>8.8% of Acushnet's land · 30 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**89 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**455 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 57 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 524 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 14 | 379 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 137 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 30 | 865 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 89 |
| Conservation restriction | 18 | 455 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Correction and Youth Services | 1 | 56 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 1 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 69.1 miles of public road in Acushnet, the state maintains 4.0 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.0 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 59.4 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.7 | 8% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Acushnet $9.8 million and takes back $615,000 in assessments and charges, a net $9.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.8 million** | **$615,000** | **$9.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $7.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $20,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $106,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $94,000 |
| State Owned Land | $79 |
| Public Libraries | $34,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $155,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $51,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,262 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| Regional Transit | $39,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $285,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $70,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ACUSHNET

## State programs also awarded $1.5 million to organizations in Acushnet other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Acushnet. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Hassanamisco Nipmuc Band nonprofit | EEA Eco One Stop FY27 (climate/resilience grants) | $1.5M (shared two ways) |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 26.5% of Acushnet's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 37.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **37.9%** | **31.1%** | **26.5%** | **25.0%** |
| $7.7M of $20.4M · median town 14.1% | $7.8M of $25.2M · median town 12.2% | $9.4M of $35.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 35.3% · median town 10.0% |

Acushnet's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Acushnet's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 21.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 30.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.7 million in FY2006 to $9.4 million in FY2025, +21.1% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+79.6%** | **+70.7%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $1.2M to $2.2M · all towns +54.0% | $2.7M to $4.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Acushnet's health insurance would have been $1.50 million in FY2025; it was $2.16 million, $657,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.39 million in FY2025; it was $4.63 million, $1.24 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Acushnet's government came to $185,000, 19.3% of the $957,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $185,000 | 19.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $185,000 | 19.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $185,000 | 19.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Acushnet's required school contribution is 3.2% of median household income, 38th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$9.4M** | **$11.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.2%** | **–1%** |
| 38th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Acushnet runs its own school district and also belongs to Old Colony and Bristol County; Acushnet accounts for 35% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $48.5 million for schools serving Acushnet, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Acushnet's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$48.5M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $4,562 per resident (13th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Acushnet's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School | Old Colony | Core | $129M | $45M (35%) |
| FY2021 | Acushnet Elementary School | Acushnet | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.4M | $1.4M |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$7,637 (4%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $2.1M (4%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Acushnet's share of the final cost was $4.2 million against its share of the approved budget of $4.1 million (over by $107,000); the local share moved from $2 million to $2.2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Acushnet has $642,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.7M** | **$3.6M** | **$642,000** |
| $875,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 205th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **8** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |


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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $317,000 | $0 | $514,000 | $264,000 |
| FY2018 | $326,000 | $0 | $24,000 | $570,000 |
| FY2019 | $317,000 | $63,000 | $509,000 | $442,000 |
| FY2020 | $317,000 | $32,000 | $414,000 | $376,000 |
| FY2021 | $317,000 | $0 | $350,000 | $343,000 |
| FY2022 | $317,000 | $198,000 | $149,000 | $709,000 |
| FY2023 | $314,000 | $0 | $683,000 | $341,000 |
| FY2024 | $314,000 | $195,000 | $504,000 | $346,000 |
| FY2025 | $314,000 | $88,000 | $0 | $748,000 |
| FY2026 | $510,000 | $298,000 | $0 | $1.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $510,000 | $0 | $914,000 | $1.2M |

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| Holbrook peer · best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Townsend peer | 54 | $15,988 | $300 | $29.35 | 0.75 | 2.3% |
| Northbridge peer | 56 | $14,554 | $230 | $124† | 0.74 | 2.4% |
| Oxford peer | 52 | $13,864 | $491 | $15.69 | 1.37 | 2.7% |
| Whitman peer | 56 | $16,230 | $202 | $15.36 | 0.52 | 2.5% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Adams

Town · Berkshire County · 8,074 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Hoosac Valley Regional School District, shared with Cheshire
Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Lanesborough, Monroe, North Adams, Savoy and Williamstown

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Adams scores 64 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 85 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**64** / 100

27th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 67 | 55 | 66 | 68 |

Rank under other weightings: 21st to 42nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Adams received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 64 stays between 62 and 66 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**85** / 100

62nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 87 | 81 | 85 | 88 |

Rank under other weightings: 56th to 65th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

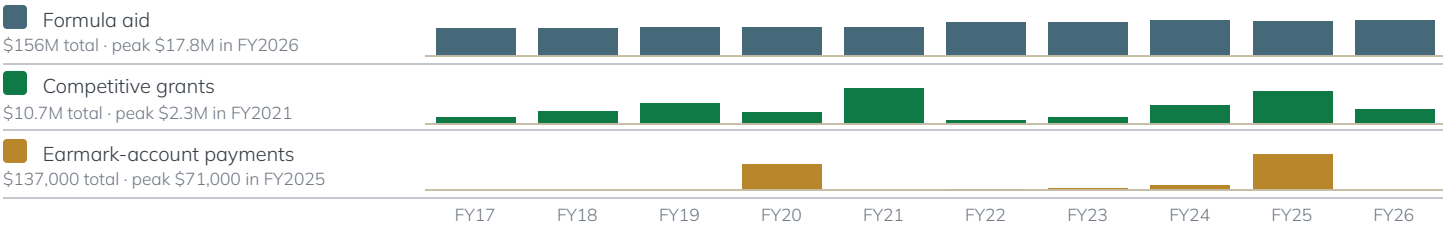
Adams received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 85 stays between 84 and 87 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Adams's town government and school districts received $156 million in formula aid and $10.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $156M | $10.7M | $137,000 |
| $19,320 per resident (30th of 351) · gross | $1,327 per resident (61st of 351) | $17.00 per resident (220th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Adams peaked in FY2021 at $2.3 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

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EARMARKS

## Adams received $100,000 in local earmarks to its government, $225,000 placed in the city or town and $225,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $100,000 | $225,000 | $225,000 | No |
| $12.39 per resident (256th of 351) | $27.87 per resident (247th of 351) · 56% to organizations | $27.87 per resident (251st of 351) · 56% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2022. $100,000 went to Adams's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $125,000 went to organizations in Adams or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Adams, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $125,000 | "road improvements for the Howland avenue section of Route 8 in the town of Adams" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Park in the town of Adams" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 (split two ways) | "grants to the Adams-Cheshire regional school district for the purpose of offsetting increased costs" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Adams received 2.22 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**54.4**<br>234th of 351 · 6.7 per 1,000 residents (165th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$44.1M**<br>scored exposure $19.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**88**<br>147th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.9 sq mi**<br>39% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,074**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.44**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.22; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5,108 acres**<br>34.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$115,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$22.47**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$6,331**<br>FY2017–2025 · 348th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ADAMS

## Adams has 5,659 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 917 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5,659 acres**<br>38.6% of Adams's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**917 acres**<br>6.3% of Adams's land · 17 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**796 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**228 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 26 | 5,659 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 17 | 2,862 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 18 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 16 | 899 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 69 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 12 | 796 |
| Conservation restriction | 2 | 228 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | 2,862 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 0 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Greylock State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,669 | |
| Savoy Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,895 | |
| Greylock Glen | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,070 | |
| Adams Rail Trail | State: Department of Transportation | 21 | |
| Ashuwillticook Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 76.7 miles of public road in Adams, the state maintains 0.8 (1%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.8 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 55.8 | 73% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 17.1 | 22% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Adams $3.3 million and takes back $58,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.3 million** | **$58,000** | **$3.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 2% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $12,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $121,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $50,000 |
| State Owned Land | $120,000 |
| Public Libraries | $30,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,980 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $9,640 |
| Regional Transit | $47,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ADAMS

## State programs also awarded $1.7 million to organizations in Adams other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Adams. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Adams Theater LLC nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $800,000 |
| FY2025 | Adams Theater LLC nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $276,000 |
| FY2026 | Community Health Programs nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $150,000 |
| FY2026 | Adams Theater Presents nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $129,000 |
| FY2021 | Thunderbolt Ski Runners nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 |
| FY2022 | Thunderbolt Ski Runners nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $49,000 |
| FY2019 | The Thunderbolt Ski Runners nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $44,000 |
| FY2021 | Adams Sno Drifters nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $29,000 |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2025 | Adams Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $3,371 |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $153,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.3% of Adams's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.6%** | **16.8%** | **17.3%** | **17.0%** |
| $2.2M of $11.5M · median town 14.1% | $2.4M of $14.4M · median town 12.2% | $3.2M of $18.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 17.9% · median town 10.0% |

Adams's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $11.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Adams's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 5.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 15.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.2 million in FY2006 to $3.2 million in FY2025, +46.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–6.5%** | **+32.8%** | **5 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $935,000 to $874,000 · all towns +54.0% | $2.1M to $2.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Adams's health insurance would have been $1.17 million in FY2025; it was $874,000, $294,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.60 million in FY2025; it was $2.77 million, $165,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Adams's reported health insurance fell from $935,000 in FY2016 to $874,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $100,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $225,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $225,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Adams's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 290th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$11.9M** | **$5.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.2%** | **+11%** |
| 290th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Adams has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Hoosac Valley and Northern Berkshire; Adams accounts for 74% and 28% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.9 million for schools serving Adams, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Adams's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.9M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $357 per resident (200th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Adams's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $571,000 | $158,000 (28%) |
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $9.8M | $2.7M (28%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Adams; Adams's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $158,000.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Adams has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns nine bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.5M**<br>$1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 156th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**29**<br>nine rated poor; likely about $26.4M of work on those ($23.8M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$94,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $94,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Adams came on average 30 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Adams owns four poor bridges of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $293,000 | $0 | $392,000 | $258,000 |
| FY2018 | $287,000 | $0 | $167,000 | $441,000 |
| FY2019 | $288,000 | $58,000 | $660,000 | $519,000 |
| FY2020 | $287,000 | $29,000 | $590,000 | $245,000 |
| FY2021 | $287,000 | $0 | $178,000 | $353,000 |
| FY2022 | $286,000 | $180,000 | $78,000 | $741,000 |
| FY2023 | $279,000 | $0 | $317,000 | $704,000 |
| FY2024 | $285,000 | $283,000 | $483,000 | $789,000 |
| FY2025 | $285,000 | $183,000 | $291,000 | $965,000 |
| FY2026 | $469,000 | $275,000 | $602,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $457,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |

The full list of the 40 bridges in Adams in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Fisk Brook Dam Removal Feasibility Study source | $94,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Adams received $11.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 92% of the $12.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Adams ranks 8th of 11 earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $225,000 in earmarks placed in Adams, $125,000 (56%) went to organizations rather than to Adams's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Adams** this town | **64** | **$19,320** | **$1,327** | **$27.87†** | **2.22** | **2.2%** |
| Orange peer | 67 | $23,109 | $1,214 | $123† | 2.59 | 3.0% |
| Athol peer | 69 | $23,699 | $853 | $117† | 1.25 | 1.4% |
| North Adams peer | 71 | $21,747 | $1,967 | $32.72 | 3.15 | 2.5% |
| Ware peer | 61 | $18,604 | $846 | $21.89† | 1.01 | 2.4% |
| Winchendon peer | 62 | $18,732 | $518 | $42.62 | 1.52 | 2.6% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Granville lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

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**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Agawam

City · Hampden County · 28,539 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

3rd Hampden · Nicholas A. Boldyga 87% of residents

6th Hampden · Michael J. Finn 13% of residents

Agawam is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Hampden and Hampshire · John C. Velis

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Agawam Public Schools, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Agawam scores 45 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 36 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**45** / 100

161st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 40 | 48 | 48 |

Rank under other weightings: 140th to 186th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Agawam received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 44 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**36** / 100

243rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 30 | 42 | 38 |

Rank under other weightings: 228th to 257th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

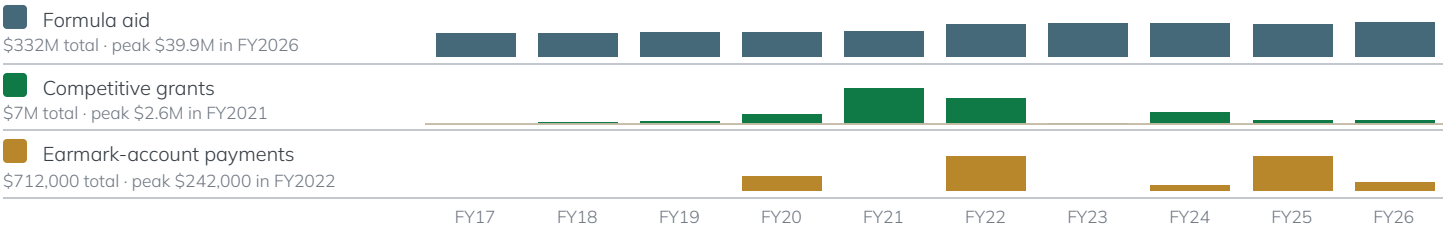
Agawam received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 34 and 38 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Agawam's town government and school districts received $332 million in formula aid and $7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $332M | $7M | $712,000 |
| $11,619 per resident (136th of 351) · gross | $247 per resident (228th of 351) | $24.96 per resident (175th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Agawam peaked in FY2021 at $2.6 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $10.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Agawam received $541,000 in local earmarks to its government, $666,000 placed in the city or town and $666,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $541,000 | $666,000 | $666,000 | No |
| $18.96 per resident (219th of 351) | $23.34 per resident (262nd of 351) · 19% to organizations | $23.34 per resident (265th of 351) · 19% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 16 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $541,000 went to Agawam's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $125,000 went to organizations in Agawam or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Agawam, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (16 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $100,000 | "facility construction, upgrades or repairs for public schools in the city known as the town of Agawam" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $90,000 | "an emergency generator in the city known as the town of Agawam" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the Agawam senior center to improve transportation and accessibility by purchasing or updating its transportation services" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the council on aging in the city know as the town of Agawam for new furniture, equipment and improvements to the patio area" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the town of Agawam to enhance school building security" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 16 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Agawam received 39% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**132.8**<br>47th of 351 · 4.7 per 1,000 residents (254th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.4M**<br>scored exposure $4.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**143**<br>51st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.3 sq mi**<br>6% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**28,539**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.74**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.39; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**837 acres**<br>5.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$160,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$191**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,938**<br>FY2017–2025 · 294th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN AGAWAM

## Agawam has 921 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,644 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**921 acres**<br>6.2% of Agawam's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,644 acres**<br>11.0% of Agawam's land · 54 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**480 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**92 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 28 | 921 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 790 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 42 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 42 | 1,138 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 11 | 465 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 14 | 480 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 92 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 790 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Robinson State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 806 | |
| Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 61 | |
| Former Agawam Criminal Justice Training Center | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 44 | |
| Connecticut River Frontage | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 10 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 159.9 miles of public road in Agawam, the state maintains 14.1 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.1 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 129.9 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 11.9 | 7% |

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Agawam $34 million and takes back $2.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $31.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$34 million** | **$2.7 million** | **$31.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $27.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $275,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $445,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $214,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $326,000 |
| State Owned Land | $160,000 |
| Public Libraries | $89,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,150 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $35,000 |
| Regional Transit | $184,000 |
| Special Education | $16,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $542,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2M |

### COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 29.0% of Agawam's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 26.9% in FY2006.

### STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **26.9%** | **29.0%** | **29.0%** | **26.9%** |
| $16.4M of $60.9M · median town 14.1% | $24.1M of $82.9M · median town 12.2% | $31.9M of $110M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 26.4% · median town 10.0% |

**Agawam's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 25.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 11.9% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $16.4 million in FY2006 to $31.9 million in FY2025, +95.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $979,000 of Agawam's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+87.5%** | **+52.8%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $9.5M to $17.9M · all towns +54.0% | $15.2M to $23.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Agawam's health insurance would have been $11.9 million in FY2025; it was $17.9 million, $5.97 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $19 million in FY2025; it was $23.2 million, $4.24 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (+44%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Agawam's government came to $476,000, 5.7% of the $8.34 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $476,000 | 5.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $601,000 | 7.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $601,000 | 7.2% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Agawam's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 142nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$27.2M** | **$28.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+17%** |
| 142nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Agawam runs its own school district.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $102 million for schools serving Agawam, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Agawam's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$102M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,563 per resident (30th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Agawam's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Agawam High School | Agawam | Core | $101M | $101M |
| FY2020 | Agawam Junior High School | Agawam | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $645,000 | $645,000 |
| FY2017 | Roberta G. Doering School | Agawam | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $499,000 | $499,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $833,000 against an approved budget of $969,000 (under by $136,000); the local share moved from $469,000 to $386,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Agawam has $764,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.8M** | **$9.8M** | **$764,000** |
| $2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 299th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **5** | **0** | **$234,000** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $234,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Agawam came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October


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2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $814,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $546,000 |
| FY2018 | $809,000 | $0 | $925,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2019 | $808,000 | $162,000 | $1.2M | $1.1M |
| FY2020 | $803,000 | $80,000 | $1M | $957,000 |
| FY2021 | $821,000 | $0 | $626,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $817,000 | $429,000 | $845,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | $805,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | $811,000 | $461,000 | $1.7M | $847,000 |
| FY2025 | $805,000 | $223,000 | $1.1M | $806,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $686,000 | $2M | $764,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.3M | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Agawam in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Elm Street over Threemile Brook / Elm Street over Threemile Brook / Adams Street over Threemile Brook source | $122,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | North Westfield Street over May Hollow Brook source | $62,000 |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | North Street over White Brook source | $50,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Agawam received $7.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 69% of the $11.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Agawam ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $666,000 in earmarks placed in Agawam, $125,000 (19%) went to organizations rather than to Agawam's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Agawam** this town | **45** | **$11,619** | **$247** | **$23.34** | **0.39** | **2.7%** |
| Milford peer | 54 | $15,901 | $146 | $36.10 | 0.26 | 3.1% |
| Ludlow peer | 42 | $10,596 | $407 | $132† | 1.85 | 2.8% |
| South Hadley peer | 40 | $9,190 | $458 | $31.82 | 1.61 | 2.5% |
| Randolph peer | 46 | $11,148 | $123 | $35.83 | 0.23 | 2.3% |
| Belchertown peer | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Alford

Town · Berkshire County · 433 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Southern Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Egremont, Monterey, New Marlborough and Sheffield

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Alford scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 86 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**43** / 100

183rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 49 | 44 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 170th to 201st.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Alford received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 41 and 45 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**86** / 100

60th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 87 | 92 | 76 | 89 |

Rank under other weightings: 54th to 69th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

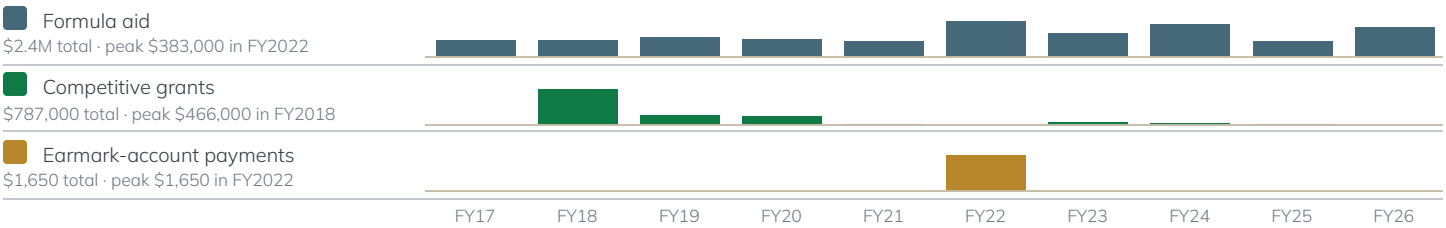
Alford received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 86 stays between 83 and 88 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Alford's town government and school districts received $2.4 million in formula aid and $787,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $2.4M | $787,000 | $1,650 |
| $5,565 per resident (338th of 351) · gross | $1,817 per resident (50th of 351) | $3.81 per resident (303rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Alford peaked in FY2018 at $466,000, 59% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 433 residents, a single payment moves Alford's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $254,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Alford in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $1,650 in payments to Alford's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Alford.

Alford is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Alford's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Alford's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tyringham | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Monterey | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Aquinnah | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $150 |
| Mount Washington | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| New Marlborough | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Alford received 13% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**17.4**<br>342nd of 351 · 40.1 per 1,000 residents (32nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.2M**<br>scored exposure $1.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**36**<br>304th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**11.5 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**34%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**696**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.33**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.13; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$54,227**<br>FY2017–2025 · 30th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ALFORD

## No state conservation land is mapped in Alford; 563 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**563 acres**<br>7.6% of Alford's land · 22 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**735 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,319 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 65 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 20 | 479 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 18 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 20 | 380 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 9 | 735 |
| Conservation restriction | 13 | 1,319 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 17.6 miles of public road in Alford, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 17.4 | 99% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.2 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Alford $35,000 and takes back $845 in assessments and charges, a net $34,000.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$35,000**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$845**<br>2% of what is sent | Net<br>**$34,000**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $20,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $7,751 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $3,224 |
| Public Libraries | $4,251 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $345 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $500 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ALFORD

## State programs also awarded $14,000 to organizations in Alford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Alford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |

A further $5,800 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 1.5% of Alford's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 1.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1.7%** | **1.2%** | **1.5%** | **1.5%** |
| $16,000 of $972,000 · median town 14.1% | $15,000 of $1.3M · median town 12.2% | $30,000 of $2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 1.1% · median town 10.0% |

Alford's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $66,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

### Alford's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 20.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 6.8% above grown by the government price index.




Gross state aid went from $16,000 in FY2006 to $30,000 in FY2025, +86.4% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+116.1%** | **+92.3%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $45,000 to $98,000 · all towns +54.0% | $102,000 to $196,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Alford's health insurance would have been $56,000 in FY2025; it was $98,000, $41,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $127,000 in FY2025; it was $196,000, $69,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+71%) and FY2022 (+41%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Alford's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $52,000 rise in its health insurance.


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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Alford's required school contribution is 0.9% of median household income, the sixth-lowest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$73,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$254,000**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**0.9%**<br>346th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+19%**<br>after inflation |

Alford has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Southern Berkshire; Alford accounts for 3% of that district's foundation budget. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide. Alford had 20 resident pupils in FY2026, so per-pupil changes swing from year to year.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Alford, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Alford has $320,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$1.3M**<br>$438,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$888,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$320,000**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 124th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**7**<br>one rated poor; about $76,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$15,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $15,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Alford came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Alford owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $72,000 | $0 | $72,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $72,000 | $0 | $72,000 | $11 |
| FY2019 | $72,000 | $14,000 | $72,000 | $14,000 |
| FY2020 | $71,000 | $7,145 | $86,000 | $7,152 |
| FY2021 | $71,000 | $0 | $0 | $78,000 |
| FY2022 | $71,000 | $58,000 | $137,000 | $71,000 |
| FY2023 | $71,000 | $0 | $58,000 | $83,000 |
| FY2024 | $71,000 | $153,000 | $201,000 | $107,000 |
| FY2025 | $71,000 | $123,000 | $0 | $300,000 |
| FY2026 | $128,000 | $83,000 | $190,000 | $320,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $128,000 | $0 | $0 | $448,000 |


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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Green River Road over Unnamed Tributary of Green River source | $15,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Alford received $787,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 73% of the $1.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Alford is one of seven municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Alford** this town | **43** | **$5,565** | **$1,817** | **$0** | **0.13** | **0.9%** |
| Tyringham peer · lowest in class of 30 | 34 | $4,388 | $85.59 | $0 | 0.28 | 1.0% |
| Monterey peer | 67 | $11,798 | $7,628 | $0 | 3.68 | 1.8% |
| Aquinnah peer | 38 | $6,830 | $786 | $150 | 2.09 | 1.9% |
| Mount Washington peer | 62 | $22,393 | $6,365 | $0 | 1.07 | 0.4% |
| New Marlborough peer | 49 | $8,719 | $3,098 | $0 | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

FAIRNESS INDEX CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

STATE MONEY CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

EARMARKS General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

SCHOOLS DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

SCHOOL BUILDINGS Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Amesbury

City · Essex County · 17,403 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Essex · Dawne Shand 68% of residents
14th Essex · Adrianne Pusateri Ramos 32% of residents

Amesbury is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Second Essex and Middlesex · Barry R. Finegold

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Amesbury Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Amesbury scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 71 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**39** / 100

221st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 41 | 41 | 44 | 32 |

Rank under other weightings: 199th to 255th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Amesbury received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 38 and 41 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**71** / 100

113th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 72 | 74 | 64 |

Rank under other weightings: 107th to 123rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

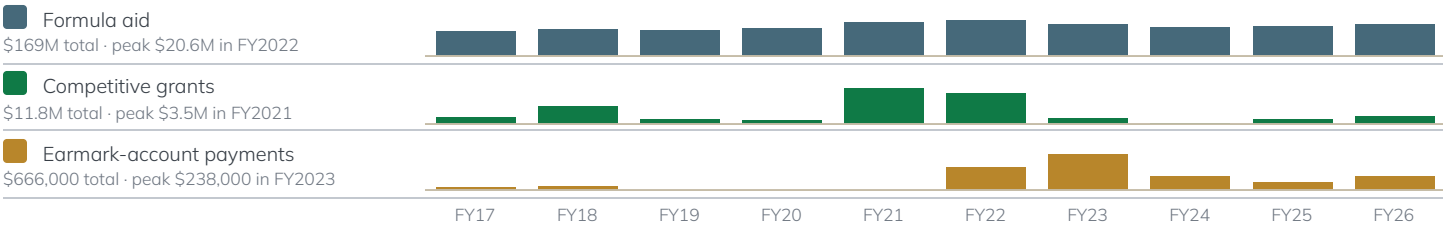
Amesbury received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 71 stays between 69 and 72 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Amesbury's town government and school districts received $169 million in formula aid and $11.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$169M** | **$11.8M** | **$666,000** |
| $9,706 per resident (188th of 351) · gross | $676 per resident (115th of 351) | $38.26 per resident (116th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Amesbury peaked in FY2021 at $3.5 million, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $14.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Amesbury received $663,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.1 million placed in the city or town and $1.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$663,000** | **$1.1M** | **$1.1M** | **No** |
| $38.11 per resident (121st of 351) | $64.69 per resident (128th of 351) · 41% to organizations | $64.69 per resident (135th of 351) · 41% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 39 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $663,000 went to Amesbury's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $463,000 went to organizations in Amesbury or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Amesbury, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (39 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the city of Amesbury for improvements to athletic fields" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "parking lot and curb renovations at Lake Gardner Beach in the city of Amesbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "the city of Amesbury for improvements to the playground at the Charles C. Cashman elementary school" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Our Neighbor's Table, Inc. in the city of Amesbury to provide free groceries to those who are food insecure across the Merrimack valley" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the city of Amesbury for lighting improvements in the downtown region of the city" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 39 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Amesbury received 2.17 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**71.7**<br>183rd of 351 · 4.1 per 1,000 residents (275th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16.7M**<br>scored exposure $4.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**81**<br>161st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.3 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**17,545**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.07**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.17; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,257**<br>FY2017–2025 · 221st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN AMESBURY

## No state conservation land is mapped in Amesbury; 496 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**496 acres**<br>6.3% of Amesbury's land · 43 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**162 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**51 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61A farm land | 35 | 400 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 97 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 14 | 162 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 51 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 84.5 miles of public road in Amesbury, the state maintains 12.2 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.2 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 71.5 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Amesbury $14.3 million and takes back $5.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $8.9 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$14.3 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$5.5 million**<br>38% of what is sent | Net<br>**$8.9 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $340,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $694,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $305,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $162,000 |
| Public Libraries | $47,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $2.1M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $61,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,818 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| Regional Transit | $227,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $674,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.3M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN AMESBURY

## State programs also awarded $566,000 to organizations in Amesbury other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Amesbury. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Amesbury Carriage Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $120,000 |
| FY2018 | Lowell's Maritime Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2016 | Lowell's Maritime Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $12,000 |
| FY2018 | Lowell's Maritime Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $322,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.7% of Amesbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 29.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **29.7%** | **22.0%** | **17.7%** | **11.6%** |
| $12.8M of $43M · median town 14.1% | $12.1M of $55M · median town 12.2% | $13.7M of $77.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 20.2% · median town 10.0% |

Amesbury's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $734,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Amesbury's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 30.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 38.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $12.8 million in FY2006 to $13.7 million in FY2025, +7.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $767,000 of Amesbury's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+47.1%** | **+48.4%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $2.3M to $3.4M · all towns +54.0% | $5.2M to $7.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Amesbury's health insurance would have been $2.93 million in FY2025; it was $3.45 million, $520,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $6.48 million in FY2025; it was $7.70 million, $1.22 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Amesbury's government came to $520,000, 47.1% of the $1.10 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $520,000 | 47.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $933,000 | 84.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $933,000 | 84.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Amesbury's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 123rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$10.7M** | **$22.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **–3%** |
| 123rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Amesbury runs its own school district and also belongs to Whittier; Amesbury accounts for 9% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $24.5 million for schools serving Amesbury, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Amesbury's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$24.5M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,406 per resident (120th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Amesbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Amesbury Elementary School | Amesbury | Core | $24.5M | $24.5M |

Not counted: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $60.1 million against an approved budget of $60.5 million (under by $388,000); the local share moved from $36 million to $36.1 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Amesbury has $982,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.2M** | **$4.5M** | **$982,000** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 278th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **14** | **2** | **$90,000** |
| two rated poor; likely about $3.3M of work on those ($3M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of ten town-owned dams | bridges $90,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Amesbury owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $403,000 | $0 | $46,000 | $372,000 |
| FY2018 | $400,000 | $0 | $736,000 | $235,000 |
| FY2019 | $397,000 | $79,000 | $170,000 | $541,000 |
| FY2020 | $397,000 | $40,000 | $803,000 | $175,000 |
| FY2021 | $395,000 | $0 | $306,000 | $264,000 |
| FY2022 | $421,000 | $238,000 | $374,000 | $549,000 |
| FY2023 | $438,000 | $0 | $245,000 | $743,000 |
| FY2024 | $438,000 | $253,000 | $473,000 | $961,000 |
| FY2025 | $437,000 | $123,000 | $442,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2026 | $677,000 | $373,000 | $1.1M | $982,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $678,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.7M |

The full list of the 43 bridges in Amesbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Amesbury received $13.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 28% more than the $10.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Amesbury ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.1 million in earmarks placed in Amesbury, $463,000 (41%) went to organizations rather than to Amesbury's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Amesbury** this town | **39** | **$9,706** | **$676** | **$64.69** | **2.17** | **2.8%** |
| Winthrop peer | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Hudson peer | 42 | $10,896 | $229 | $66.49 | 0.91 | 3.1% |
| Rockland peer | 52 | $13,816 | $523 | $41.44 | 1.27 | 2.5% |
| Maynard peer | 40 | $10,015 | $584 | $105 | 2.79 | 2.5% |
| Wareham peer | 47 | $10,699 | $733 | $18.13 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Amherst

City · Hampshire County · 38,182 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Hampshire · Mindy Domb

**STATE SENATE**
Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Amherst Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Amherst-Pelham Regional School District**, shared with Leverett, Pelham and Shutesbury

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Amherst scores 36 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 70 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**36** / 100

253rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 24 | 59 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 184th to 318th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Amherst received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 29 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**70** / 100

115th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 74 | 63 | 80 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 99th to 127th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

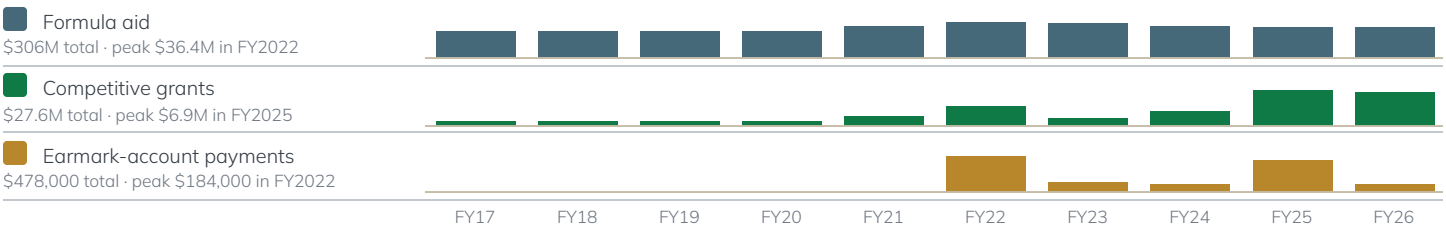
Amherst received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 70 stays between 66 and 74 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Amherst's town government and school districts received $306 million in formula aid and $27.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$306M** | **$27.6M** | **$478,000** |
| $8,017 per resident (255th of 351) · gross | $722 per resident (109th of 351) | $12.52 per resident (244th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Amherst peaked in FY2025 at $6.9 million, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $22.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Amherst received $831,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2.9 million placed in the city or town and $3.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$831,000** | **$2.9M** | **$3.4M** | **No** |
| $21.76 per resident (205th of 351) | $75.58 per resident (103rd of 351) · 71% to organizations | $88.74 per resident (94th of 351) · 61% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 38 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $831,000 went to Amherst's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2.1 million went to organizations in Amherst or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Amherst but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $502,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $502,000 in eight clauses for state facilities located in Amherst (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Amherst, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (46 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $200,000 | "Craig's Doors-A Home Association, Inc. in the town of Amherst" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $200,000 | "Craig's Doors, A Home Association, Inc. in the town of Amherst" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $180,000 | "the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to fund the UMass Clean Energy Corps to provide technical assistance to advance clean energy in cities and towns" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2019 | $175,000 | "Craig's Doors – A Home Association, Inc. in the town of Amherst" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $125,000 | "purchase turnout gear and other equipment for Amherst fire department" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 46 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Amherst received 2.44 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**105.5**<br>79th of 351 · 2.8 per 1,000 residents (324th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$24.6M**<br>scored exposure $8.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**118**<br>80th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**5**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**27.6 sq mi**<br>6% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**38,288**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.37**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.44; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,838 acres**<br>10.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$334,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$182**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,211**<br>FY2017–2025 · 321st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN AMHERST

## Amherst has 1,006 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,770 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,006 acres**<br>5.7% of Amherst's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,770 acres**<br>10.0% of Amherst's land · 105 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**2,170 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**561 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 52 | 1,006 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 77 | 1,787 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 29 | 618 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 63 | 911 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 13 | 241 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 14 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 58 | 2,170 |
| Conservation restriction | 58 | 561 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 44 | 954 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 33 | 833 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Holyoke Range State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 969 | |
| Norwottuck Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 38 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 140.3 miles of public road in Amherst, the state maintains 5.3 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.3 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 105.5 | 75% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 22.0 | 16% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $38,000 | “a needs assessment at the UMass Amherst Marine Station Gloucester” |
| FY2025 | $15,000 | “the University of Massachusetts at Amherst health services to support access to women's health care” |
| FY2024 | $15,000 | “the University of Massachusetts at Amherst health services to support access to women's health care” |
| FY2023 | $180,000 | “the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to fund the UMass Clean Energy Corps to provide…” |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Gloucester Marine Station at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst” |
| FY2023 | $15,000 | “the University of Massachusetts at Amherst health services to support access to women's health care” |
| FY2022 | $15,000 | “the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Health Services to support access to women's health care” |
| FY2017 | $125,000 | “the establishment of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Center for the Study of Racial Justice and Urban Affairs, in Springfield” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Amherst $19.1 million and takes back $3.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $15.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$19.1 million** | **$3.6 million** | **$15.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 19% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $244,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $713,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $10.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $120,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $71,000 |
| State Owned Land | $334,000 |
| Public Libraries | $173,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,902 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $22,000 |
| Regional Transit | $1.1M |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $497,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN AMHERST

## State programs also awarded $3.3 million to organizations in Amherst other than the town government,


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## FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Amherst. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Amherst Community Land Trust nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $375,000 |
| FY2025 | The Nature Conservancy nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $266,000 |
| FY2023 | Emily Dickinson Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Downtown Amherst Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $180,000 |
| FY2021 | Amherst Community Television nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $152,000 |
| FY2026 | Amherst Community Land Trust nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $150,000 |
| FY2016 | Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $103,000 |
| FY2016 | University of Massachusetts Amherst Fine Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | National Yiddish Book Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | National Yiddish Book Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | Amherst Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $97,000 |
| FY2020 | Amherst Cinema Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $90,000 |
| FY2022 | Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $90,000 |
| FY2025 | The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $88,000 |
| FY2019 | Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $85,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 29 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $678,000 in 11 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 21.3% of Amherst's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 23.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **23.2%** | **17.0%** | **21.3%** | **17.3%** |
| $14.3M of $61.7M · median town 14.1% | $14.7M of $86.3M · median town 12.2% | $18.4M of $86.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 16.6% · median town 10.0% |

Amherst's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $7.3 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Amherst's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 16.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 26.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $14.3 million in FY2006 to $18.4 million in FY2025, +28.8% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–99.1%** | **–63.9%** | **4 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $19.4M to $179,000 · all towns +54.0% | $24.4M to $8.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Amherst's health insurance would have been $24.2 million in FY2025; it was $179,000, $24.1 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $30.4 million in FY2025; it was $8.79 million, $21.6 million below the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (–57%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (–74%), FY2020 (–51%), FY2023 (+33%) and FY2025 (–95%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Amherst's reported health insurance fell from $19.4 million in FY2016 to $179,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $781,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.6M | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.1M | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Amherst's required school contribution is 3.7% of median household income, 10th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$14.3M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$23.7M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.7%**<br>10th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–7%**<br>after inflation |

Amherst runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Amherst-Pelham for others; Amherst accounts for 79% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $55 million for schools serving Amherst, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Amherst's share<br>**$55M**<br>$1,440 per resident (118th of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Amherst's share |
| FY2026 | Amherst Regional Middle School | Amherst Pelham | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $6M | $4.8M (79%) |
| FY2024 | Fort River Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Amherst | Core | $9.7M | $9.7M |
| FY2023 | Fort River Elementary School | Amherst | Core | $40.5M | $40.5M |

Not counted: Wildwood Elementary School (Amherst), approved FY2017 for up to $34.5 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Amherst; Amherst's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $9.7 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Amherst has $2.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and five high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$11.8M**<br>$1.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.4M**<br>annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 88th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**17**<br>one rated poor; likely about $600,000 of work on those ($288,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**5**<br>of ten town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$250,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $250,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Amherst came on average 33 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Amherst owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $844,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $693,000 |
| FY2018 | $842,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $195,000 |
| FY2019 | $842,000 | $168,000 | $328,000 | $878,000 |
| FY2020 | $839,000 | $84,000 | $738,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $838,000 | $0 | $228,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2022 | $835,000 | $352,000 | $0 | $2.9M |
| FY2023 | $826,000 | $0 | $938,000 | $2.7M |
| FY2024 | $831,000 | $429,000 | $383,000 | $3.6M |
| FY2025 | $834,000 | $233,000 | $2M | $2.6M |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $586,000 | $2M | $2.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $3.6M |

The full list of the 28 bridges in Amherst in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Fort River Watershed Culvert Assessment & Prioritization Plan source | $428,000 |
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Puffer's Pond Dam and Dike Repairs Design source | $250,000 |

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| Everett peer | 68 | $22,244 | $337 | $120 | 2.38 | 3.1% |
| Chelsea peer | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Pittsfield peer | 59 | $17,230 | $454 | $131† | 1.56 | 2.6% |
| West Springfield peer | 57 | $16,581 | $376 | $85.85 | 0.82 | 2.9% |
| Taunton peer | 59 | $17,881 | $149 | $94.17† | 0.82 | 2.7% |
| Salem best in class of 30 | 46 | $10,823 | $853 | $157† | 2.62 | 2.9% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Andover

Town · Essex County · 36,652 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

18th Essex · Tram T. Nguyen 74% of residents
17th Essex · Frank A. Moran 26% of residents

Andover is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Second Essex and Middlesex · Barry R. Finegold

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Andover Public Schools, the town's own district
Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Andover scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 18 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

332nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 42 | 21 | 23 |

Rank under other weightings: 308th to 342nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Andover received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 24 and 31 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**18** / 100

319th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 30 | 13 | 14 |

Rank under other weightings: 310th to 327th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

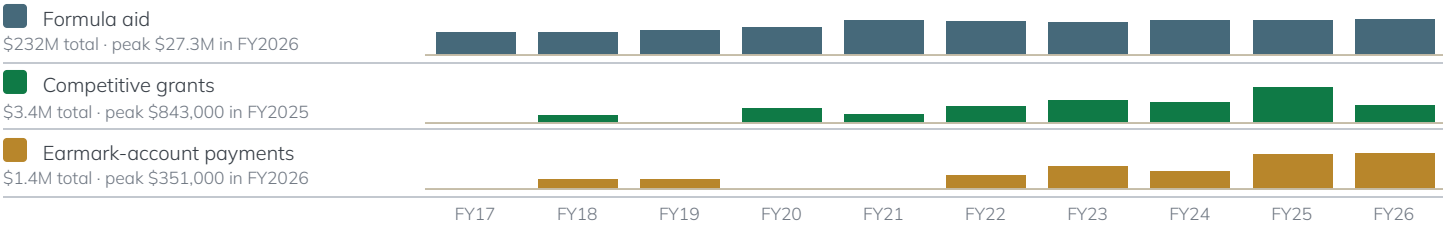
Andover received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 18 stays between 16 and 21 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Andover's town government and school districts received $232 million in formula aid and $3.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $232M | $3.4M | $1.4M |
| $6,322 per resident (327th of 351) · gross | $94.07 per resident (327th of 351) | $38.52 per resident (115th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Andover peaked in FY2025 at $843,000, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $37.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Andover received $1.4 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.6 million placed in the city or town and $1.6 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.4M | $1.6M | $1.6M | No |
| $38.76 per resident (115th of 351) | $42.90 per resident (186th of 351) · 10% to organizations | $42.90 per resident (191st of 351) · 10% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 32 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.4 million went to Andover's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $152,000 went to organizations in Andover or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Andover, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (32 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $150,000 | "the Andover Senior Center in the town of Andover for rehabilitation of their facility after the Merrimack Valley gas fires of September 2018" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the town of Andover for any costs related to ADA improvements at the municipal complex, including the town hall, school administration, senior center, youth center, gazebo, park and surrounding area" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements in the town of Andover" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the town of Andover for IT infrastructure for the town's 311 Customer Service Project" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the town of Andover for the final phase of the route 133 corridor project plan development project" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 32 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Andover received 79% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**190.2**<br>20th of 351 · 5.2 per 1,000 residents (220th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.3M**<br>scored exposure $3.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**242**<br>3rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**30.8 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**37,386**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.40**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.79; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**857 acres**<br>4.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$379,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$442**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$29,179**<br>FY2017–2025 · 110th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ANDOVER

## Andover has 1,011 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 3 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,011 acres**<br>5.1% of Andover's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**3 acres**<br>0.0% of Andover's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**37 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**205 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 65 | 1,011 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 17 | 1,006 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 3 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 37 |
| Conservation restriction | 56 | 205 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | 1,005 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 2 | 2 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Harold Parker State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,011 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 228.6 miles of public road in Andover, the state maintains 22.3 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 22.3 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 190.6 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 15.6 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Andover $19.3 million and takes back $877,000 in assessments and charges, a net $18.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$19.3 million** | **$877,000** | **$18.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $100,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $37,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $126,000 |
| State Owned Land | $382,000 |
| Public Libraries | $91,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $161,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $15,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $24,000 |
| Regional Transit | $288,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $185,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $203,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ANDOVER

## State programs also awarded $286,000 to organizations in Andover other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Andover. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Andover Center for History & Culture nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $112,000 |
| FY2024 | Andover Village Improvement Society nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $100,000 |
| FY2025 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $40,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2020 | Andover Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.5% of Andover's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.6%** | **8.0%** | **7.5%** | **7.2%** |
| $9.8M of $114M · median town 14.1% | $12.8M of $160M · median town 12.2% | $17.3M of $230M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.1% · median town 10.0% |

Andover's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $223,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Andover's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 13.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 1.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $9.8 million in FY2006 to $17.3 million in FY2025, +76.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.6 million of Andover's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+49.7%** | **+35.3%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $23.7M to $35.5M · all towns +54.0% | $33.2M to $44.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Andover's health insurance would have been $29.6 million in FY2025; it was $35.5 million, $5.88 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $41.4 million in FY2025; it was $44.9 million, $3.46 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (–64%) and FY2023 (+167%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost. Flag: in FY2022 reported health insurance exceeded all general-fund fixed costs; the health-insurance report includes the employee share for self-insured towns.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Andover's government came to $1.2 million, 10.6% of the $11.8 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.2M | 10.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.4M | 11.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.4M | 11.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Andover's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 140th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$15.6M** | **$63.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+27%** |
| 140th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Andover runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater Lawrence; Andover accounts for 3% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $46.5 million for schools serving Andover, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Andover's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$46.5M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,269 per resident (134th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Andover's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | West Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Andover | Core | $8.1M | $8.1M |
| FY2021 | West Elementary School | Andover | Core | $38.4M | $38.4M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $8.1 million to grants for one project serving Andover, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Andover has $3.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$19.5M**<br>$3.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$13.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3.9M**<br>annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 180th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**5**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Andover came on average 31 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.4M | $0 | $1.3M | $138,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.4M | $0 | $1.2M | $285,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.4M | $273,000 | $1.7M | $1.8M |
| FY2020 | $1.4M | $137,000 | $1.5M | $3.2M |
| FY2021 | $1.4M | $0 | $2.6M | $2M |
| FY2022 | $1.4M | $633,000 | $1M | $3M |
| FY2023 | $1.4M | $0 | $633,000 | $3.7M |
| FY2024 | $1.4M | $720,000 | $2.5M | $3.4M |
| FY2025 | $1.4M | $364,000 | $2.1M | $3M |
| FY2026 | $2M | $1M | $2.1M | $3.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2M | $0 | $0 | $5.8M |

The full list of the 41 bridges in Andover in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Andover received $9.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 16% more than the $8.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Andover ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.6 million in earmarks placed in Andover, $152,000 (10%) went to organizations rather than to Andover's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Andover** this town | **28** | **$6,322** | **$94.07** | **$42.90** | **0.79** | **2.8%** |
| Needham peer · best in class of 30 | 28 | $6,664 | $33.58 | $144† | 0.21 | 2.5% |
| Wellesley peer | 28 | $6,221 | $46.83 | $85.74 | 0.18 | 1.9% |
| Belmont peer | 32 | $7,271 | $63.18 | $101 | 0.65 | 2.6% |
| Lexington peer | 36 | $9,001 | $61.92 | $113† | 0.57 | 2.7% |
| Milton peer | 31 | $7,307 | $76.91 | $74.41† | 0.50 | 2.8% |
| Scituate lowest in class of 30 | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |


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DUKES COUNTY

# Aquinnah

Town · Dukes County · 666 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

Barnstable-Dukes-Nantucket · Thomas W. Moakley

STATE SENATE

Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Martha's Vineyard Regional School District, shared with Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury

Up-Island Regional School District, shared with Chilmark and West Tisbury

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Martha's Vineyard Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Aquinnah scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 66 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**38** / 100

242nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 48 | 40 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 213th to 256th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Aquinnah received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 34 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**66** / 100

126th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 75 | 83 | 40 | 66 |

Rank under other weightings: 101st to 152nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

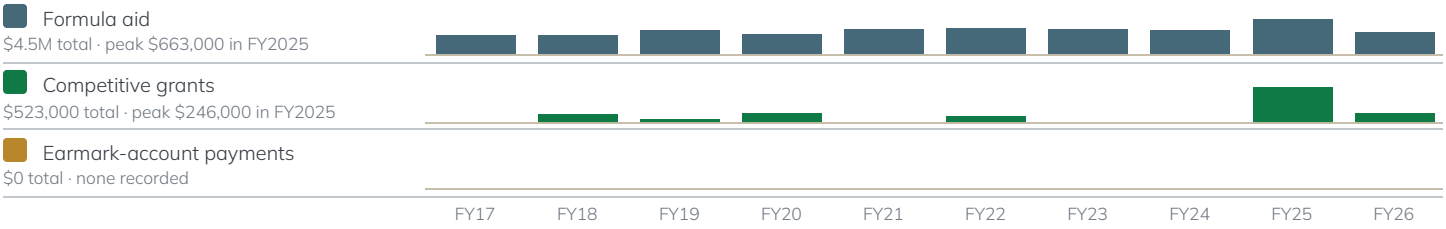
Aquinnah received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 66 stays between 58 and 74 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Aquinnah's town government and school districts received $4.5 million in formula aid and $523,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $4.5M | $523,000 | $0 |
| $6,830 per resident (298th of 351) · gross | $786 per resident (96th of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Aquinnah peaked in FY2025 at $246,000, 47% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 666 residents, a single payment moves Aquinnah's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Aquinnah received $100,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | No |
| $150 per resident (7th of 351) | $150 per resident (23rd of 351) | $150 per resident (32nd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2017. All of it went to Aquinnah's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Aquinnah, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $100,000 | "improvements at Aquinnah Circle in the town of Aquinnah" | Enacted to the city or town government |



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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Aquinnah received 2.09 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**9.2**<br>350th of 351 · 13.8 per 1,000 residents (75th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**38**<br>300th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**5.3 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**48%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,376**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.03**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.09; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$3,392**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$1,413**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$58,963**<br>FY2017–2025 · 26th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN AQUINNAH

## Aquinnah has 3 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 11 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3 acres**<br>0.1% of Aquinnah's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**11 acres**<br>0.3% of Aquinnah's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**39 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 3 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 62 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 11 |
| Conservation restriction | 12 | 39 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state agencies | 1 | 60 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 3 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dogfish Bar Beach Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 13.5 miles of public road in Aquinnah, the state maintains 4.1 (31%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.1 | 31% |
| Town-accepted | 8.3 | 61% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.6 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Aquinnah $13,000 and takes back $63,000 in assessments and charges, a net -$50,000.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$13,000**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$63,000**<br>488% of what is sent | Net<br>**-$50,000**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4,942 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $224 |
| State Owned Land | $3,392 |
| Public Libraries | $4,257 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $15,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $737 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $80 |
| Regional Transit | $47,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN AQUINNAH

## State programs also awarded $1.7 million to organizations in Aquinnah other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) tribal nation | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $718,000 |
| FY2026 | Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) tribal nation | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $382,000 |
| FY2026 | Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) tribal nation | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $350,000 |
| FY2026 | Aquinnah Cultural Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $181,000 |
| FY2018 | Aquinnah Cultural Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $64,000 |
| FY2025 | Aquinnah Circle Cultural & Historic District regional body | Cultural Facilities Fund | $24,000 |
| FY2018 | Aquinnah Cultural Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2019 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,000 (shared seven ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 0.1% of Aquinnah's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 0.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **0.4%** | **0.2%** | **0.1%** | **-0.7%** |
| $8,776 of $2.4M · median town 14.1% | $6,473 of $4M · median town 12.2% | $11,000 of $7.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: -1.9% · median town 10.0% |

Aquinnah's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $182,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Aquinnah's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 20.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 29.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8,776 in FY2006 to $11,000 in FY2025, +23.2% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+68.6%** | **+99.3%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $236,000 to $397,000 · all towns +54.0% | $405,000 to $808,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |


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Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Aquinnah's health insurance would have been $294,000 in FY2025; it was $397,000, $103,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $506,000 in FY2025; it was $808,000, $302,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+35%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Aquinnah's government came to $100,000, 61.9% of the $162,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $100,000 | 61.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $100,000 | 61.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $100,000 | 61.9% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Aquinnah's required school contribution is 1.9% of median household income, 314th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$180,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$693,000**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.9%**<br>314th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–40%**<br>after inflation |

Aquinnah has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Upisland and Martha's Vineyard; Aquinnah accounts for 12% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.1 million for schools serving Aquinnah, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Aquinnah's share<br>**$1.1M**<br>$1,716 per resident (103rd of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Aquinnah's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Martha's Vineyard Regional High School | Marthas Vineyard | Core | $75.3M | $1.1M (2%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Aquinnah has $668,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$788,000**<br>$325,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$50,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$668,000**<br>annual program: 6.0 years of its yearly money · 6th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Aquinnah came on average 128 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $36,000 | $0 | $0 | $36,000 |
| FY2018 | $35,000 | $0 | $0 | $71,000 |
| FY2019 | $35,000 | $7,068 | $0 | $113,000 |
| FY2020 | $35,000 | $3,540 | $0 | $152,000 |
| FY2021 | $35,000 | $0 | $0 | $188,000 |
| FY2022 | $35,000 | $28,000 | $0 | $250,000 |
| FY2023 | $36,000 | $0 | $28,000 | $259,000 |
| FY2024 | $36,000 | $128,000 | $23,000 | $400,000 |
| FY2025 | $39,000 | $114,000 | $169,000 | $553,000 |
| FY2026 | $70,000 | $45,000 | $0 | $668,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $70,000 | $0 | $0 | $738,000 |

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Aquinnah received $623,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 21% of the $2.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Aquinnah ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Aquinnah** this town | **38** | **$6,830** | **$786** | **$150** | **2.09** | **1.9%** |
| Monterey peer · lowest in class of 30 | 67 | $11,798 | $7,628 | $0 | 3.68 | 1.8% |
| Alford peer | 43 | $5,565 | $1,817 | $0 | 0.13 | 0.9% |
| Otis peer | 43 | $6,679 | $2,109 | $0 | 1.01 | 2.2% |
| Truro peer | 56 | $7,537 | $7,483 | $130† | 1.62 | 1.6% |
| New Marlborough peer | 49 | $8,719 | $3,098 | $0 | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

FAIRNESS INDEX CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

STATE MONEY CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

EARMARKS General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

SCHOOLS DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

SCHOOL BUILDINGS Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Arlington

Town · Middlesex County · 46,350 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**23rd Middlesex** · Sean Garballey 72% of residents
**24th Middlesex** · David M. Rogers 28% of residents

Arlington is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Fourth Middlesex** · Cindy F. Friedman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Arlington Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Acton, Bolton, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Needham and Stow

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Arlington scores 32 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 37 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**32** / 100

287th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 41 | 28 | 31 |

Rank under other weightings: 274th to 303rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Arlington received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 30 and 34 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**37** / 100

238th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 43 | 44 | 33 |

Rank under other weightings: 228th to 248th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

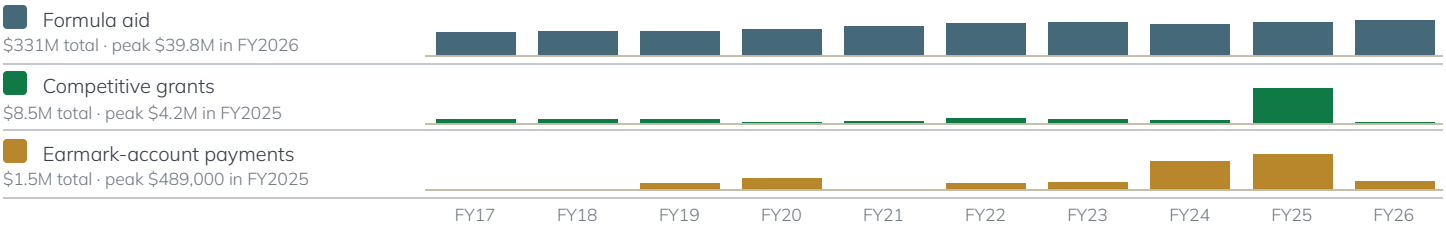
Arlington received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 37 stays between 34 and 41 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Arlington's town government and school districts received $331 million in formula aid and $8.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $331M | $8.5M | $1.5M |
| $7,131 per resident (286th of 351) · gross | $184 per resident (262nd of 351) | $31.54 per resident (143rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Arlington peaked in FY2025 at $4.2 million, 49% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $21.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Arlington received $2 million in local earmarks to its government, $3 million placed in the city or town and $3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $2M | $3M | $3M | No |
| $42.88 per resident (98th of 351) | $64.10 per resident (131st of 351) · 33% to organizations | $64.10 per resident (137th of 351) · 33% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 44 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $2 million went to Arlington's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $983,000 went to organizations in Arlington or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Arlington, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (44 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $175,000 | "the Arlington Youth Counseling Center in the town of Arlington" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $175,000 | "the Arlington Youth Counseling Center in the town of Arlington" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2021 | $160,000 | "the Arlington Youth Counseling Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $160,000 | "the Arlington Youth Counseling Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $155,000 | "the Arlington housing authority for fire alarm system upgrades to the Drake Village complex in the town of Arlington" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 44 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Arlington received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**103.0**<br>86th of 351 · 2.2 per 1,000 residents (333rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4M**<br>scored exposure $3.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**28**<br>319th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**5.1 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**46,451**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.46**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

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STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,385**<br>FY2017–2025 · 210th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ARLINGTON

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**53 acres**<br>1.6% of Arlington's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**11 acres**<br>0.3% of Arlington's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**11 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 9 | 53 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 11 |
| Conservation restriction | 7 | 11 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mystic River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 23 | |
| Alewife Brook Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 20 | |
| Mystic Valley Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | |
| Ed Burns Arena | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Medford Boat Club | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 121.9 miles of public road in Arlington, the state maintains 5.4 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.9 | 3% |
| DCR | 1.5 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 103.0 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 13.5 | 11% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Arlington $31.4 million and takes back $4.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $27 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$31.4 million** | **$4.4 million** | **$27 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 14% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $21.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $103,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $9.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $128,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $116,000 |
| Public Libraries | $130,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $19,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $29,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $72,000 |
| MBTA | $3.6M |
| Special Education | $17,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $156,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $545,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ARLINGTON

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Housing Corporation of Arlington nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $250,000 |
| FY2017 | Arlington Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $187,000 |
| FY2026 | Mystic River Watershed Association nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $74,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2025 | Mystic River Watershed Association nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $17,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2026 | Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $3,200 |

A further $123,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.5% of Arlington's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 17.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **17.0%** | **15.8%** | **13.5%** | **11.7%** |
| $17.1M of $101M · median town 14.1% | $20.7M of $131M · median town 12.2% | $29M of $214M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.2% · median town 10.0% |

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**Arlington's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 9.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 2.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $17.1 million in FY2006 to $29 million in FY2025, +69.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.5 million of Arlington's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+60.6%** | **+61.5%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $13.3M to $21.4M · all towns +54.0% | $25.7M to $41.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Arlington's health insurance would have been $16.6 million in FY2025; it was $21.4 million, $4.76 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $32.1 million in FY2025; it was $41.5 million, $9.41 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Arlington's government came to $1.9 million, 23.2% of the $8.07 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.9M | 23.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.7M | 33.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.7M | 33.5% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Arlington's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 294th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$21.4M** | **$65.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.2%** | **+18%** |
| 294th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Arlington runs its own school district and also belongs to Minuteman; Arlington accounts for 31% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $86 million for schools serving Arlington, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Arlington's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$86M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,856 per resident (97th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Arlington's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Arlington High School | Arlington | Core | $86M | $86M |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Arlington has $4.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.1M** | **$5.9M** | **$4.1M** |
| $1.8M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.7 years of its yearly money · 39th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **4**<br>two rated poor; likely about $4.8M of work on those ($2.3M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **1**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$48,000**<br>bridges $48,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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**Arlington owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $787,000 | $0 | $322,000 | $787,000 |
| FY2018 | $789,000 | $0 | $1.7M | $42,000 |
| FY2019 | $789,000 | $158,000 | $700,000 | $371,000 |
| FY2020 | $789,000 | $79,000 | $789,000 | $450,000 |
| FY2021 | $788,000 | $0 | $789,000 | $448,000 |
| FY2022 | $785,000 | $343,000 | $0 | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | $785,000 | $0 | $343,000 | $2M |
| FY2024 | $789,000 | $419,000 | $1.2M | $2M |
| FY2025 | $791,000 | $228,000 | $0 | $3M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $568,000 | $588,000 | $4.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $5.2M |

The full list of the 27 bridges in Arlington in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Arlington received $12.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 90% of the $13.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Arlington ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3 million in earmarks placed in Arlington, $983,000 (33%) went to organizations rather than to Arlington's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Arlington** this town | **32** | **$7,131** | **$184** | **$64.10** | **0.96** | **2.2%** |
| Chelmsford peer | 31 | $7,630 | $194 | $41.84 | 0.37 | 3.1% |
| Billerica peer | 39 | $9,140 | $64.58 | $21.52 | 0.29 | 2.7% |
| Melrose peer | 35 | $7,621 | $417 | $63.68 | 2.22 | 2.7% |
| Danvers peer | 30 | $6,947 | $129 | $53.36 | 0.20 | 2.9% |
| Natick peer | 28 | $6,624 | $86.76 | $78.89 | 0.56 | 2.7% |
| Braintree best in class of 30 | 39 | $9,109 | $142 | $117 | 0.55 | 3.4% |
| Hanover lowest in class of 30 | 38 | $9,140 | $220 | $18.83 | 0.60 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Ashburnham

Town · Worcester County · 6,415 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

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STATE SENATE

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District**, shared with Westminster
**Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden, Hubbardston and nine others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Ashburnham scores 54 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 46 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**54** / 100

90th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 59 | 49 | 51 |

Rank under other weightings: 66th to 103rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Ashburnham received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 52 and 57 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**46** / 100

206th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 51 | 51 | 39 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 197th to 211th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

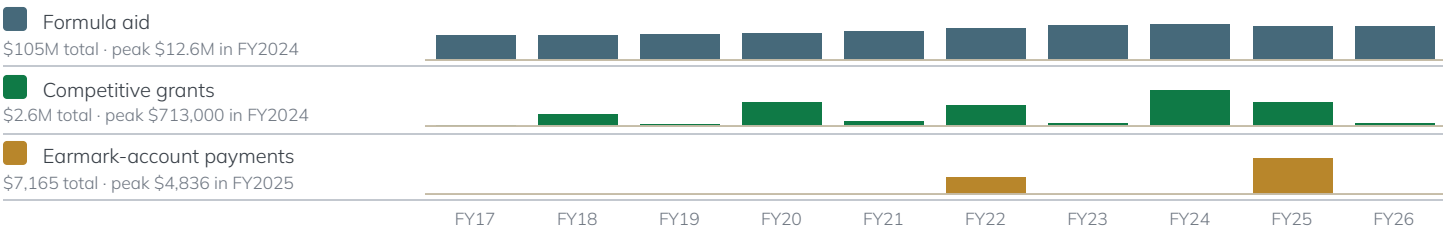
Ashburnham received less than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 46 stays between 43 and 49 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Ashburnham's town government and school districts received $105 million in formula aid and $2.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$105M** | **$2.6M** | **$7,165** |
| $16,359 per resident (55th of 351) · gross | $402 per resident (168th of 351) | $1.12 per resident (326th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Ashburnham peaked in FY2024 at $713,000, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Ashburnham received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $170,000 placed in the city or town and $170,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$0** | **$170,000** | **$170,000** | **No** |
| enacted, ten budgets | $26.50 per resident (253rd of 351) · all to organizations | $26.50 per resident (257th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $0 went to Ashburnham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $170,000 went to organizations in Ashburnham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Ashburnham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $120,000 | "the William J. Bresnahan Scouting and Community Center Inc. in the town of Ashburnham" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the New Dawn Arts Center, Inc. in the town of Ashburnham" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Ashburnham received 70% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**74.0**<br>177th of 351 · 11.5 per 1,000 residents (90th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10M**<br>scored exposure $4.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**93**<br>133rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**4**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**38.3 sq mi**<br>15% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**14%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,456**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.53**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.70; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,279 acres**<br>13.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$203,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$61.89**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,179**<br>FY2017–2025 · 291st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ASHBURNHAM

## Ashburnham has 3,833 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 3,767 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,833 acres**<br>15.6% of Ashburnham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**3,767 acres**<br>15.4% of Ashburnham's land · 102 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**67 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**4,167 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 66 | 3,833 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 63 | 3,443 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 48 | 2,692 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 11 | 132 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 43 | 943 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 81 | 4,323 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 67 |
| Conservation restriction | 58 | 4,167 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 45 | 2,607 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 16 | 725 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 110 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ashburnham State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3,102 | |
| Ashburnham WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 276 | |
| Ashby WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 239 | |
| Watatic Mountain Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 90 | |
| High Ridge WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 80 | |
| Mount Watatic Reservation | DCR and Fish and Game | 43 | |
| Winchendon Springs WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 97.4 miles of public road in Ashburnham, the state maintains 8.8 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.8 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 74.1 | 76% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 14.5 | 15% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Ashburnham $1.4 million and takes back $59,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.4 million** | **$59,000** | **$1.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $44,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $83,000 |
| State Owned Land | $218,000 |
| Public Libraries | $20,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,949 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,760 |
| MBTA | $43,000 |
| Regional Transit | $6,376 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ASHBURNHAM

## State programs also awarded $295,000 to organizations in Ashburnham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Ashburnham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | New Dawn Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $107,000 |
| FY2020 | Appalachian Mountain Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $39,000 |
| FY2025 | Montachusett Regional Planning Commission regional body | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |

A further $137,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.5% of Ashburnham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 6.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **6.7%** | **6.0%** | **6.5%** | **6.2%** |
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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+63.1%** | **+84.5%** | **7 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $425,000 to $693,000 · all towns +54.0% | $952,000 to $1.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

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SCHOOLS

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| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.7M** | **$6.9M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+10%** |
| 236th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Ashburnham has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Ashburnham-Westminster and Montachusett; Ashburnham accounts for 44% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Ashburnham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Meetinghouse School | Ashburnham Westminster | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.3M | $600,000 (44%) |


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$5.5M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.5M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 118th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**27**<br>eight rated poor; likely about $6.1M of work on those ($3.4M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**4**<br>of nine town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.7M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $1.3M · culverts $426,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $346,000 | $0 | $346,000 | -$0 |
| FY2018 | $343,000 | $0 | $343,000 | $8 |
| FY2019 | $343,000 | $69,000 | $384,000 | $28,000 |
| FY2020 | $342,000 | $34,000 | $287,000 | $117,000 |
| FY2021 | $341,000 | $0 | $319,000 | $138,000 |
| FY2022 | $340,000 | $248,000 | $313,000 | $412,000 |
| FY2023 | $338,000 | $0 | $591,000 | $159,000 |
| FY2024 | $337,000 | $328,000 | $454,000 | $369,000 |
| FY2025 | $336,000 | $196,000 | $325,000 | $576,000 |
| FY2026 | $581,000 | $361,000 | $0 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $580,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.1M |

The full list of the 29 bridges in Ashburnham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Whitney Pond Dam Removal and River Restoration source | $378,000 |
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Whitney Pond Dam/ Whitney Pond Dam Removal source | $797,000 |
| FY2025 | Culvert training site (DER) award | East Rindge Road over Bluefield Brook source | $384,000 |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | East Rindge Road over Bluefield Brook source | $42,000 |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Whitney Pond Dam Removal Design source | $140,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Ashburnham received $2.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 61% of the $4.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Ashburnham ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $170,000 in earmarks placed in Ashburnham went to organizations; none went to Ashburnham's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ashburnham** this town | **54** | **$16,359** | **$402** | **$26.50** † | **0.70** | **2.5%** |
| Hampden peer | 31 | $7,912 | $119 | $42.46 | 1.10 | 3.0% |
| Pepperell peer | 51 | $13,867 | $271 | $56.38 | 1.79 | 2.6% |
| Merrimac peer | 48 | $12,597 | $215 | $48.54 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| Granby peer | 49 | $12,582 | $104 | $26.32 † | 0.31 | 2.4% |
| West Boylston peer | 35 | $8,612 | $157 | $148 | 0.30 | 3.0% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Deerfield lowest in class of 30 | 44 | $9,461 | $1,195 | $6.46 | 2.83 | 2.4% |

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Ashby

Town · Middlesex County · 3,211 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Middlesex · Margaret R. Scarsdale

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Middlesex · John J. Cronin

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

North Middlesex Regional School District, shared with Pepperell and Townsend

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden, Hubbardston and nine others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Ashby scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 52 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**56** / 100

70th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 62 | 51 | 55 |

Rank under other weightings: 61st to 84th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Ashby received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 54 and 58 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**52** / 100

187th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 51 | 58 | 48 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 176th to 189th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

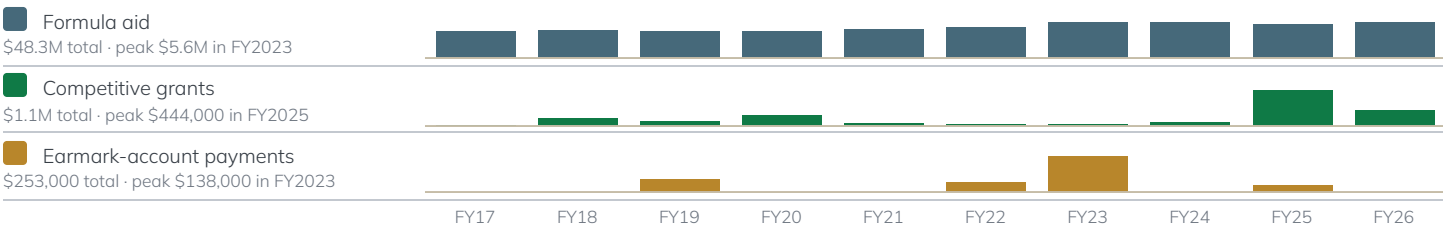
Ashby received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 50 and 53 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Ashby's town government and school districts received $48.3 million in formula aid and $1.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $48.3M | $1.1M | $253,000 |
| $15,057 per resident (72nd of 351) · gross | $337 per resident (192nd of 351) | $78.74 per resident (34th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Ashby peaked in FY2025 at $444,000, 41% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Ashby received $200,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $200,000 | $200,000 | $200,000 | No |
| $62.29 per resident (53rd of 351) | $62.29 per resident (136th of 351) | $62.29 per resident (143rd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Ashby's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Ashby, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (six clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "a feasibility study for a public safety building in the town of Ashby" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "costs related to the study, planning and engineering of a water line connection in the town of Ashby" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $40,000 | "the purchase of a utility task vehicle, or UTV, for the fire department in the town of Ashby" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "a police cruiser retrofit for the Ashby police department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $20,000 | "the council on aging in the town of Ashby for infrastructure improvements and furniture procurement" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 6 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Ashby received 63% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**51.4**<br>246th of 351 · 16.0 per 1,000 residents (69th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.7M**<br>scored exposure $303,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**80**<br>166th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.7 sq mi**<br>16% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,313**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.31**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.63; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,103 acres**<br>13.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$194,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$92.04**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$8,874**<br>FY2017–2025 · 332nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ASHBY

## Ashby has 2,500 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,572 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,500 acres**<br>16.5% of Ashby's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,572 acres**<br>10.4% of Ashby's land · 63 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,967 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 81 | 2,500 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 53 | 2,422 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 19 | 668 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 24 | 537 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 20 | 367 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 57 | 1,872 |
| Conservation restriction | 55 | 1,967 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 30 | 1,238 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 23 | 1,183 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Willard Brook State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,211 | |
| Ashby WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 978 | |
| Mount Watatic Reservation | DCR and Fish and Game | 236 | |
| Trapfall Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 45 | |
| Scripture Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 17 | |
| Watatic Mountain Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 11 | |
| Squannacook River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 64.2 miles of public road in Ashby, the state maintains 11.5 (18%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.5 | 18% |
| Town-accepted | 51.4 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.2 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Ashby $833,000 and takes back $29,000 in assessments and charges, a net $804,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$833,000** | **$29,000** | **$804,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $564,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $58,000 |
| State Owned Land | $202,000 |
| Public Libraries | $9,537 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $958 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,560 |
| MBTA | $18,000 |
| Regional Transit | $7,324 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ASHBY

## State programs also awarded $12,000 to organizations in Ashby other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Ashby. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Montachusett Regional Planning Commission regional body | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.5% of Ashby's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.2%** | **8.6%** | **7.5%** | **7.2%** |
| $431,000 of $4.7M · median town 14.1% | $550,000 of $6.4M · median town 12.2% | $776,000 of $10.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.0% · median town 10.0% |


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Ashby's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Ashby's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 16.1% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 3.2% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $431,000 in FY2006 to $776,000 in FY2025, +80.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+23.4%** | **+38.0%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $372,000 to $459,000 · all towns +54.0% | $654,000 to $902,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Ashby's health insurance would have been $465,000 in FY2025; it was $459,000, $5,662 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $817,000 in FY2025; it was $902,000, $86,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Ashby's government came to $200,000, 2.3 times the $87,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $200,000 | 2.3 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $200,000 | 2.3 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $200,000 | 2.3 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Ashby's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 280th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.2M** | **$3.3M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **–11%** |
| 280th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Ashby has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend North Middlesex and Montachusett; Ashby accounts for 13% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $880,000 for schools serving Ashby, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Ashby's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$880,000** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $274 per resident (218th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Ashby's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Varnum Brook Elementary School | North Middlesex | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Window/Door) | $4.1M | $536,000 (13%) |
| FY2017 | Squannacook Early Childhood Center | North Middlesex | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.2M | $158,000 (13%) |
| FY2017 | Hawthorne Brook Middle School | North Middlesex | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $1.4M | $185,000 (13%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Ashby has $312,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges


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## rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.7M**<br>$908,000 of it one-time supplements | **$3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$312,000**<br>annual program: 0.1 years of its yearly money · 331st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **11**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$231,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $231,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Ashby came on average 25 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $230,000 | $0 | $321,000 | $230,000 |
| FY2018 | $226,000 | $0 | $393,000 | $63,000 |
| FY2019 | $226,000 | $45,000 | $328,000 | $206,000 |
| FY2020 | $226,000 | $23,000 | $157,000 | $439,000 |
| FY2021 | $225,000 | $0 | $314,000 | $350,000 |
| FY2022 | $225,000 | $172,000 | $0 | $747,000 |
| FY2023 | $224,000 | $0 | $575,000 | $395,000 |
| FY2024 | $224,000 | $256,000 | $676,000 | $199,000 |
| FY2025 | $223,000 | $165,000 | $310,000 | $276,000 |
| FY2026 | $393,000 | $249,000 | $606,000 | $312,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $392,000 | $0 | $0 | $704,000 |

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| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Harris Road over Tributary to Trapfall Brook / Harris Road over Trapfall Brook source | $176,000 |
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Harris Road over Trapfall Brook / Harris Road over Trib to Trapfall Brook / Ingell Road over Abbott Brook source | $55,000 |

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## Ashby ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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| Hubbardston peer | 59 | $16,583 | $264 | $66.58 | 0.33 | 2.3% |
| Avon peer | 46 | $10,665 | $1,049 | $101 | 3.02 | 3.0% |
| Paxton peer | 40 | $9,789 | $93.21 | $32.99 | 0.11 | 2.5% |
| Southampton peer | 49 | $11,984 | $317 | $22.65 | 1.74 | 2.9% |
| Millville peer | 56 | $14,661 | $545 | $114 | 1.93 | 2.0% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Shutesbury lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $14,882 | $4,462 | $0 | 0.50 | 2.0% |

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Ashfield

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STATE HOUSE

1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

STATE SENATE

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Mohawk Trail Regional School District, shared with Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield and Shelburne

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Ashfield scores 45 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 88 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**45** / 100

163rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 43 | 49 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 143rd to 191st.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Ashfield received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 43 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**88** / 100

50th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | 90 | 81 | 90 |

Rank under other weightings: 46th to 53rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

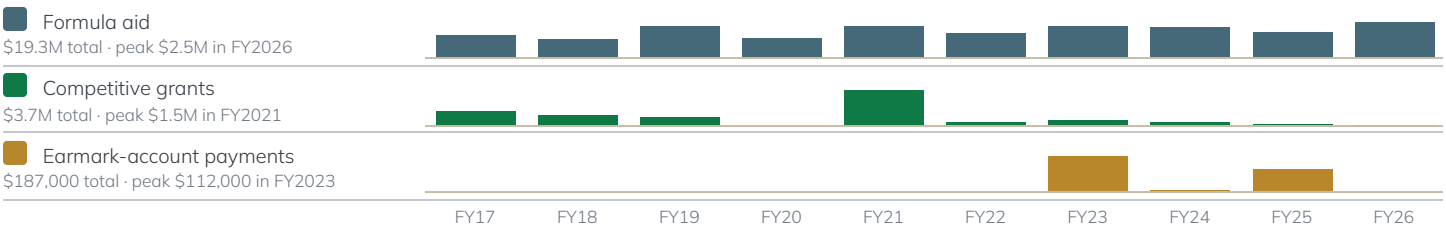
Ashfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 88 stays between 86 and 90 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Ashfield's town government and school districts received $19.3 million in formula aid and $3.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$19.3M** | **$3.7M** | **$187,000** |
| $10,211 per resident (172nd of 351) · gross | $1,970 per resident (46th of 351) | $98.73 per resident (24th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Ashfield peaked in FY2021 at $1.5 million, 41% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Ashfield received $12,000 in local earmarks to its government, $92,000 placed in the city or town and $92,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$12,000** | **$92,000** | **$92,000** | **No** |
| $6.60 per resident (283rd of 351) | $48.86 per resident (174th of 351) · 86% to organizations | $48.86 per resident (180th of 351) · 86% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2024. $12,000 went to Ashfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $80,000 went to organizations in Ashfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Ashfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "Double Edge theatre in the town of Ashfield" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2021 | $15,000 | "the Recovery Theater within the Hilltown Youth Theatre Performing Arts Programs" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2020 | $15,000 | "the Recovery Theater within the Hilltown Youth Theatre Performing Arts Programs" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2020 | $12,000 (split two ways) | "The Senior Center Consortium representing the towns of Ashfield, Buckland, and Shelburne and the western Franklin County region for the design and project management of the renovation, expansion or new construction of the Senior Center in Shelburne Falls" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Ashfield received 1.85 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**71.6**<br>184th of 351 · 37.8 per 1,000 residents (35th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.5M**<br>scored exposure $4.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**116**<br>83rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**40.0 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**7%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,038**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.65**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.85; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**631 acres**<br>2.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$22,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$34.80**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$31,569**<br>FY2017–2025 · 98th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ASHFIELD

## Ashfield has 629 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 5,869 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**629 acres**<br>2.5% of Ashfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**5,869 acres**<br>22.9% of Ashfield's land · 144 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,053 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,692 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 9 | 629 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 629 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 43 | 2,557 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 54 | 2,013 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 47 | 1,300 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 129 | 6,663 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 27 | 1,053 |
| Conservation restriction | 55 | 2,692 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 4 | 338 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 291 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| D.A.R. State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 294 | |
| Ashfield Hawley WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 182 | |
| Poland Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 115 | |
| Swift River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 38 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 83.3 miles of public road in Ashfield, the state maintains 10.9 (13%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.9 | 13% |
| Town-accepted | 71.6 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.5 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Ashfield $372,000 and takes back $2,653 in assessments and charges, a net $369,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$372,000** | **$2,653** | **$369,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $94,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $240,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $8,533 |
| State Owned Land | $23,000 |
| Public Libraries | $6,501 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $573 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,240 |
| Regional Transit | $840 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ASHFIELD

## State programs also awarded $2 million to organizations in Ashfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Ashfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Elmer's Community Center, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $381,000 |
| FY2027 | Double Edge Theatre Productions, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $250,000 |
| FY2021 | Kistner Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Double Edge Theatre nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Double Edge Theatre Productions nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $190,000 |
| FY2019 | Double Edge Theatre Productions nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $160,000 |
| FY2022 | Double Edge Theatre Productions nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $154,000 |
| FY2017 | Double Edge Theatre Productions nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $140,000 |
| FY2016 | Double Edge Theatre Productions nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $120,000 |
| FY2022 | Hilltown Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $56,000 |
| FY2023 | Double Edge Theatre nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2024 | Buckland Riders nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $28,000 |
| FY2019 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $15,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2024 | Double Edge Theatre nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $14,000 |
| FY2023 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $9,851 (shared seven ways) |

Printed: the 15 largest of 18 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $24,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.3% of Ashfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.6%** | **7.0%** | **6.3%** | **6.2%** |
| $251,000 of $3.3M · median town 14.1% | $293,000 of $4.2M · median town 12.2% | $364,000 of $5.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.2% · median town 10.0% |

Ashfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $893,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Ashfield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 6.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 17.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $251,000 in FY2006 to $364,000 in FY2025, +44.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+148.3%** | **+109.2%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $45,000 to $111,000 · all towns +54.0% | $175,000 to $367,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Ashfield's health insurance would have been $56,000 in FY2025; it was $111,000, $55,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $219,000 in FY2025; it was $367,000, $148,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (+41%) and FY2024 (+38%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+44%) and FY2025 (+49%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Ashfield's government came to $12,000, 18.9% of the $66,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $12,000 | 18.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $92,000 | 139.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $92,000 | 139.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Ashfield's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 256th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$951,000** | **$1.8M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+3%** |
| 256th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Ashfield has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Ashfield and Mohawk Trail; Ashfield accounts for 100% and 18% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Ashfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Ashfield has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns seven


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## bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.9M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.2M**<br>annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 194th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**31**<br>seven rated poor; likely about $7.4M of work on those ($5.6M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$2.3M**<br>bridges $1M · dams $875,000 · culverts $449,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Ashfield came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $297,000 | $0 | $310,000 | -$0 |
| FY2018 | $298,000 | $0 | $0 | $298,000 |
| FY2019 | $296,000 | $59,000 | $702,000 | $171,000 |
| FY2020 | $295,000 | $29,000 | $0 | $495,000 |
| FY2021 | $294,000 | $0 | $665,000 | $124,000 |
| FY2022 | $293,000 | $239,000 | $0 | $656,000 |
| FY2023 | $291,000 | $0 | $651,000 | $296,000 |
| FY2024 | $291,000 | $308,000 | $409,000 | $486,000 |
| FY2025 | $290,000 | $182,000 | $0 | $957,000 |
| FY2026 | $527,000 | $342,000 | $661,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $526,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.7M |

The full list of the 37 bridges in Ashfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2022 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Baptist Corner Road Stream Crossing Ecological Improvements source | $449,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Ashfield Lake Dam Repair source | $875,000 |
| FY2017 | Small Bridge award | Apple Valley Road bridge source | $500,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Ashfield received $4.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 85% of the $5.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Ashfield ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $92,000 in earmarks placed in Ashfield, $80,000 (86%) went to organizations rather than to Ashfield's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ashfield** this town | **45** | **$10,211** | **$1,970** | **$48.86**† | **1.85** | **2.4%** |
| Goshen peer | 58 | $15,373 | $3,510 | $81.97 | 1.88 | 2.3% |
| Pelham peer | 47 | $13,701 | $594 | $11.86 | 2.69 | 2.5% |
| Petersham peer · lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |
| Lanesborough peer | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |
| Shelburne peer | 66 | $14,126 | $8,461 | $182† | 2.94 | 3.0% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Ashland

Town · Middlesex County · 18,873 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**7th Middlesex** · Jack Patrick Lewis

STATE SENATE

**Middlesex and Norfolk** · Karen E. Spilka

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Ashland Public Schools**, the town's own district

**South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton and Natick

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Ashland scores 36 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 82 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**36** / 100

251st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 46 | 30 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 244th to 262nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Ashland received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 33 and 39 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**82** / 100

75th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | 86 | 84 | 79 |

Rank under other weightings: 62nd to 81st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

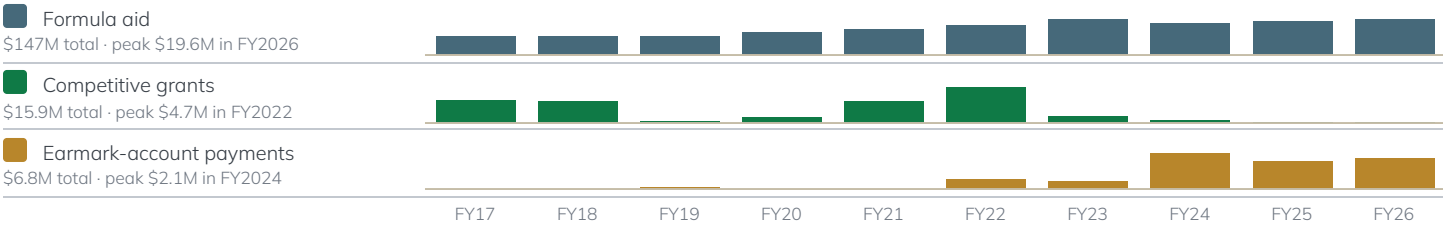
Ashland received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 82 stays between 81 and 84 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Ashland's town government and school districts received $147 million in formula aid and $15.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$147M** | **$15.9M** | **$6.8M** |
| $7,807 per resident (264th of 351) · gross | $843 per resident (90th of 351) | $358 per resident (4th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Ashland peaked in FY2022 at $4.7 million, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $10.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Ashland received $1.6 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.9 million placed in the city or town and $1.9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.6M** | **$1.9M** | **$1.9M** | **No** |
| $86.69 per resident (34th of 351) | $98.35 per resident (71st of 351) · 12% to organizations | $98.35 per resident (82nd of 351) · 12% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 29 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.6 million went to Ashland's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $220,000 went to organizations in Ashland or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Ashland, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (29 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $125,000 | "the renovation and improvement of the Ashland Community Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $125,000 | "the Ashland arboretum at the former Cadilac Paint site" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $125,000 | "trail and other multi-modal path management, including design, engineering, technical assistance, consulting services and land acquisitions in the town of Ashland" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $117,000 (split six ways) | "communities in the Metrowest region, including the city of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick to address mental health needs in schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
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Printed: the 5 largest of 29 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Ashland received 1.10 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**78.3**<br>162nd of 351 · 4.2 per 1,000 residents (274th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16.6M**<br>scored exposure $5.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**92**<br>136th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.3 sq mi**<br>12% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**19,005**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.80**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.10; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**692 acres**<br>8.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$184,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$266**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,524**<br>FY2017–2025 · 176th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ASHLAND

## Ashland has 1,013 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,013 acres**<br>12.8% of Ashland's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2 acres**<br>0.0% of Ashland's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**284 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 24 | 1,013 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 627 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 2 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 25 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 0 |
| Conservation restriction | 13 | 284 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 487 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 140 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hopkinton State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 461 | |
| Ashland State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 442 | |
| Sudbury River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 58 | |
| Sudbury Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 52 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 84.7 miles of public road in Ashland, the state maintains 4.0 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.0 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 77.8 | 92% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.3 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Ashland $15.1 million and takes back $483,000 in assessments and charges, a net $14.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.1 million** | **$483,000** | **$14.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $12.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $43,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $461,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $51,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $86,000 |
| State Owned Land | $188,000 |
| Public Libraries | $53,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $56,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,570 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $21,000 |
| Regional Transit | $158,000 |
| Special Education | $15,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $134,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $81,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ASHLAND

## State programs also awarded $60,000 to organizations in Ashland other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.9% of Ashland's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 13.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.1%** | **14.2%** | **17.9%** | **17.3%** |
| $5.4M of $41M · median town 14.1% | $7.3M of $51.5M · median town 12.2% | $13.8M of $77.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 11.2% · median town 10.0% |

Ashland's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $422,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Ashland's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 66.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 47.8% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5.4 million in FY2006 to $13.8 million in FY2025, +157.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $636,000 of Ashland's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+41.3%** | **+54.2%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $5.4M to $7.6M · all towns +54.0% | $8.4M to $12.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Ashland's health insurance would have been $6.73 million in FY2025; it was $7.62 million, $887,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $10.5 million in FY2025; it was $12.9 million, $2.46 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Ashland's government came to $1.4 million, 62.6% of the $2.23 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.4M | 62.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.6M | 72.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.6M | 72.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Ashland's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 69th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$12.4M** | **$29.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **+37%** |
| 69th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Ashland runs its own school district and also belongs to South Middlesex; Ashland accounts for 7% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $32.6 million for schools serving Ashland, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Ashland's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$32.6M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,726 per resident (102nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Ashland's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | David Mindess Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Ashland | Core | $5.6M | $5.6M |
| FY2021 | David Mindess Elementary School | Ashland | Core | $27M | $27M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $5.6 million to grants for one project serving Ashland, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Ashland has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.9M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.3M**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 137th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**17**<br>two rated poor; likely about $3.6M of work on those ($3.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$257,000**<br>bridges $257,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Ashland came on average 40 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Ashland owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $462,000 | $0 | $931,000 | $462,000 |
| FY2018 | $462,000 | $0 | $540,000 | $642,000 |
| FY2019 | $463,000 | $93,000 | $147,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2020 | $459,000 | $46,000 | $106,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2021 | $467,000 | $0 | $61,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2022 | $468,000 | $260,000 | $437,000 | $2.5M |
| FY2023 | $474,000 | $0 | $2.1M | $835,000 |
| FY2024 | $473,000 | $274,000 | $254,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2025 | $472,000 | $133,000 | $359,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2026 | $729,000 | $405,000 | $1.4M | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $728,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the 27 bridges in Ashland in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Ashland received $17.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 3.7 times the $4.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Ashland ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.9 million in earmarks placed in Ashland, $220,000 (12%) went to organizations rather than to Ashland's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ashland** this town | **36** | **$7,807** | **$843** | **$98.35** | **1.10** | **3.0%** |
| Longmeadow peer | 28 | $7,493 | $122 | $37.08† | 0.57 | 3.4% |
| Wilmington peer | 42 | $9,651 | $202 | $31.68 | 0.32 | 2.7% |
| Charlton peer | 56 | $14,031 | $197 | $23.82 | 0.74 | 3.0% |
| Rehoboth peer | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |
| Lakeville peer | 44 | $10,579 | $119 | $49.61 | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Athol

Town · Worcester County · 12,011 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
2nd Franklin · Susannah M. Whipps

**STATE SENATE**
Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Athol-Royalston Regional School District, shared with Royalston
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden, Hubbardston and nine others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Athol scores 69 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 75 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**69** / 100

14th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 61 | 68 | 72 |

Rank under other weightings: 13th to 18th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Athol received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 69 stays between 66 and 71 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**75** / 100

93rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 77 | 67 | 78 | 77 |

Rank under other weightings: 86th to 105th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

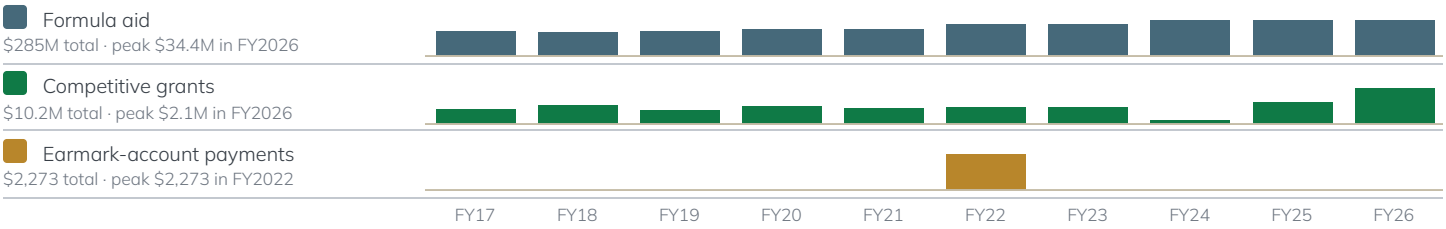
Athol received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 75 stays between 74 and 77 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Athol's town government and school districts received $285 million in formula aid and $10.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $285M | $10.2M | $2,273 |
| $23,699 per resident (13th of 351) · gross | $853 per resident (87th of 351) | $0.19 per resident (336th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Athol peaked in FY2026 at $2.1 million, 20% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Athol received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $1.4 million placed in the city or town and $1.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $1.4M | $1.4M | No |
| enacted, ten budgets | $117 per resident (47th of 351) · all to organizations | $117 per resident (53rd of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 21 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $0 went to Athol's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.4 million went to organizations in Athol or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Athol, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (21 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $400,000 | "the Montachusett regional transit authority for the so-called "Athol-Orange shuttle", the Community Transit Services successor service, to maintain current transportation service in Athol and Orange" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $125,000 (split two ways) | "the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority for the Athol-Orange shuttle, the community transit services successor service, to maintain current transportation service in the towns of Athol and Orange" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $75,000 | "the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to fund maker space and workforce development" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the North Quabbin Community Coalition, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 21 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Athol received 1.25 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**99.6**<br>95th of 351 · 8.3 per 1,000 residents (132nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$24.3M**<br>scored exposure $4.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**110**<br>98th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**32.3 sq mi**<br>14% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**12,175**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.04**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.25; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,526 acres**<br>12.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$113,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$44.64**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,669**<br>FY2017–2025 · 310th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ATHOL

## Athol has 3,004 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,903 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,004 acres**<br>14.5% of Athol's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,903 acres**<br>9.2% of Athol's land · 53 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**4 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,030 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 46 | 3,004 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 21 | 1,211 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 27 | 1,288 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 177 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 21 | 438 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 54 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 4 |
| Conservation restriction | 22 | 1,030 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 17 | 704 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 507 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Millers River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2,191 | |
| Lawton State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 650 | |
| Petersham State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 162 | |
| Tully River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 114.7 miles of public road in Athol, the state maintains 12.4 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.4 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 99.6 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.7 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Athol $3.8 million and takes back $200,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.8 million** | **$200,000** | **$3.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $132,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $93,000 |
| State Owned Land | $116,000 |
| Public Libraries | $45,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,138 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $28,000 |
| Regional Transit | $169,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ATHOL

## State programs also awarded $2.7 million to organizations in Athol other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | NewVue Communities nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $575,000 |

A further $2.1 million in 9 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.1% of Athol's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 20.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **20.1%** | **15.1%** | **14.1%** | **13.5%** |
| $2.5M of $12.3M · median town 14.1% | $2.7M of $17.9M · median town 12.2% | $3.6M of $25.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 17.3% · median town 10.0% |

Athol's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $25.3 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Athol's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 6.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 17.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.5 million in FY2006 to $3.6 million in FY2025, +44.7% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–3.6%** | **+22.6%** | **7 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $2.1M to $2M · all towns +54.0% | $4.1M to $5.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Athol's health insurance would have been $2.60 million in FY2025; it was $2.00 million, $593,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $5.17 million in FY2025; it was $5.07 million, $93,000 below the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Athol's reported health insurance fell from $2.1 million in FY2016 to $2 million in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.3M | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.3M | no increase | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Athol's required school contribution is 1.4% of median household income, 340th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$26.2M** | **$4.6M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.4%** | **+3%** |
| 340th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Athol has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Athol-Royalston and Montachusett; Athol accounts for 94% and 7% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $7.1 million for schools serving Athol, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Athol's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.1M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $593 per resident (174th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Athol's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Athol High School | Athol Royalston | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Boiler; Window/Door) | $7.6M | $7.1M (94%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Athol's share of the final cost was $7 million against its share of the approved budget of $9.4 million (under by $2.4 million); the local share moved from $2.2 million to $1.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Athol has $1.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.7M** | **$5.2M** | **$1.6M** |
| $1.4M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 225th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **22**<br>one rated poor; likely about $2.2M of work on those ($1.1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **2**<br>of four town-owned dams | **$818,000**<br>bridges $818,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Athol came on average 29 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Athol owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $500,000 | $0 | $877,000 | $500,000 |
| FY2018 | $503,000 | $0 | $0 | $1M |
| FY2019 | $508,000 | $102,000 | $0 | $1.6M |
| FY2020 | $508,000 | $51,000 | $1.7M | $794,000 |
| FY2021 | $509,000 | $0 | $485,000 | $818,000 |
| FY2022 | $511,000 | $331,000 | $1.2M | $484,000 |
| FY2023 | $505,000 | $0 | $331,000 | $658,000 |
| FY2024 | $504,000 | $317,000 | $859,000 | $620,000 |
| FY2025 | $503,000 | $138,000 | $252,000 | $1M |
| FY2026 | $834,000 | $496,000 | $739,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $833,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.4M |

The full list of the 36 bridges in Athol in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Athol received $14.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 88% of the $17 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Athol ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $1.4 million in earmarks placed in Athol went to organizations; none went to Athol's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Athol** this town | **69** | **$23,699** | **$853** | **$117†** | **1.25** | **1.4%** |
| North Adams peer | 71 | $21,747 | $1,967 | $32.72 | 3.15 | 2.5% |
| Adams peer | 64 | $19,320 | $1,327 | $27.87† | 2.22 | 2.2% |
| Southbridge peer | 68 | $21,891 | $992 | $33.72 | 1.54 | 2.3% |
| Orange peer | 67 | $23,109 | $1,214 | $123† | 2.59 | 3.0% |
| Winchendon peer | 62 | $18,732 | $518 | $42.62 | 1.52 | 2.6% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| North Brookfield lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Attleboro

City · Bristol County · 46,762 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

2nd Bristol · James K. Hawkins 92% of residents
14th Bristol · Adam J. Scanlon 8% of residents

Attleboro is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Bristol and Norfolk · Paul R. Feeney

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Attleboro Public Schools, the city's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Attleboro scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 14 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**48** / 100

140th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 44 | 48 | 51 |

Rank under other weightings: 122nd to 152nd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Attleboro received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 47 and 50 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**14** / 100

335th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 11 | 16 | 14 |

Rank under other weightings: 330th to 342nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

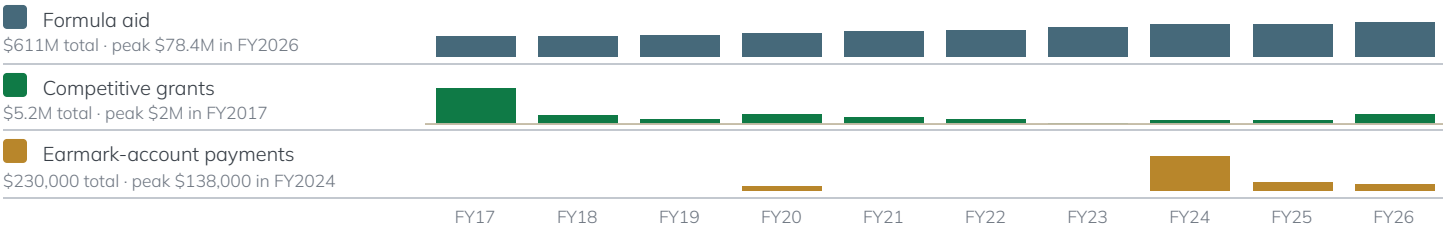
Attleboro received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 14 stays between 13 and 14 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Attleboro's town government and school districts received $611 million in formula aid and $5.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $611M | $5.2M | $230,000 |
| $13,064 per resident (111th of 351) · gross | $110 per resident (318th of 351) | $4.92 per resident (286th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Attleboro peaked in FY2017 at $2 million, 39% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $32.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Attleboro received $382,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.5 million placed in the city or town and $1.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $382,000 | $1.5M | $1.5M | No |
| $8.18 per resident (276th of 351) | $32.30 per resident (227th of 351) · 75% to organizations | $32.30 per resident (230th of 351) · 75% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 37 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $382,000 went to Attleboro's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.1 million went to organizations in Attleboro or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Attleboro, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (37 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $140,000 | "Manet Community Health Center, Incorporated for construction costs associated with the completion of phase 2 expansion of its Attleboro satellite health care center with 6 exam rooms, 2 behavioral health rooms and 1 consult room" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $125,000 | "a feasibility study for a new council on aging facility in the city of Attleboro" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Inc. for the expansion of its emergency department to create new capacity for emergency behavioral health services" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "Illuminate Creative and Theatrical Arts Company, Inc. for capital improvements and operations relative to the revitalization of the Union Theatre in the city of Attleboro" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $83,000 | "New Hope, Inc. In the city of Attleboro for development of a domestic violence shelter and services to support survivors of domestic violence" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 37 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Attleboro received 33% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**197.0**<br>16th of 351 · 4.2 per 1,000 residents (272nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$24M**<br>scored exposure $5.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**143**<br>51st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**8**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.8 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**47,076**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.40**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.33; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,157**<br>FY2017–2025 · 266th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ATTLEBORO

## Attleboro has 3 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 462 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3 acres**<br>0.0% of Attleboro's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**462 acres**<br>2.7% of Attleboro's land · 18 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**351 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 3 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 11 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 104 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 10 | 199 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 158 |
| Conservation restriction | 13 | 351 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 11 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spatcher Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 205.4 miles of public road in Attleboro, the state maintains 14.3 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.3 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 184.9 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.1 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Attleboro $72 million and takes back $4.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $67.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$72 million** | **$4.5 million** | **$67.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $63.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $452,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $7.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $467,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $317,000 |
| Public Libraries | $142,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $592,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $120,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $14,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $77,000 |
| Regional Transit | $510,000 |
| Special Education | $25,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $650,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.5M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ATTLEBORO

## State programs also awarded $1.8 million to organizations in Attleboro other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Attleboro. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Father Bill's & MainSpring nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $700,000 |
| FY2025 | Union Theatre Plaza LLC nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $420,000 |
| FY2027 | Illuminate Creative & Theatrical Arts Co., Inc nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $250,000 |
| FY2027 | Illuminate Creative & Theatrical Arts Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Massachusetts Audubon Society nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 |
| FY2025 | Southeast Regional Planning & Economic Development District regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $39,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $115,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 34.4% of Attleboro's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 35.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **35.5%** | **34.6%** | **34.4%** | **31.5%** |
| $37.9M of $107M · median town 14.1% | $42.7M of $123M · median town 12.2% | $64.1M of $187M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 35.3% · median town 10.0% |

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**Attleboro's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 9.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 3.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $37.9 million in FY2006 to $64.1 million in FY2025, +69.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $4.4 million of Attleboro's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+42.0%** | **+45.7%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $22.9M to $32.6M · all towns +54.0% | $23.5M to $34.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Attleboro's health insurance would have been $28.6 million in FY2025; it was $32.6 million, $3.92 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $29.4 million in FY2025; it was $34.3 million, $4.90 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Attleboro's government came to $352,000, 3.7% of the $9.63 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $352,000 | 3.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.2M | 12.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.2M | 12.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Attleboro's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 149th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$62.1M** | **$48.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+25%** |
| 149th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Attleboro runs its own school district and also belongs to Bristol County; Attleboro accounts for 4% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $129 million for schools serving Attleboro, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Attleboro's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$129M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,756 per resident (62nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Attleboro's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$8,364 (4%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $2.3M (4%) |
| FY2018 | Attleboro High School | Attleboro | Core | $127M | $127M |


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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$17.7M**<br>$3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$13.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.8M**<br>annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 253rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**20**<br>two rated poor; likely about $2.9M of work on those ($2.1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**8**<br>of 18 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$828,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $750,000 · culverts $78,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.1M | $590,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.3M | $597,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.2M | $243,000 | $1.1M | $953,000 |
| FY2020 | $1.2M | $121,000 | $1.3M | $947,000 |
| FY2021 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.1M | $1.1M |
| FY2022 | $1.2M | $616,000 | $1.5M | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.7M | $922,000 |
| FY2024 | $1.2M | $673,000 | $1.8M | $965,000 |
| FY2025 | $1.2M | $339,000 | $1.6M | $890,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.9M | $1M | $1.1M | $2.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.9M | $0 | $0 | $4.7M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Peckham Street over Chartley Brook source | $49,000 |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Peckham Street over Chartley Brook source | $28,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Dodgeville Pond Dam Repair 2 source | $500,000 |
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## Attleboro ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

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| **Attleboro** this town | **48** | **$13,064** | **$110** | **$32.30**† | **0.33** | **2.7%** |
| Milford peer | 54 | $15,901 | $146 | $36.10 | 0.26 | 3.1% |
| Agawam peer | 45 | $11,619 | $247 | $23.34 | 0.39 | 2.7% |
| Leominster peer | 58 | $16,497 | $382 | $54.84† | 1.58 | 2.5% |
| Revere peer | 64 | $19,109 | $328 | $25.99 | 2.70 | 2.8% |
| Westfield peer | 52 | $14,111 | $235 | $64.11 | 0.63 | 2.6% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Auburn

Town · Worcester County · 16,970 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
7th Worcester · Paul K. Frost

**STATE SENATE**
Second Worcester · Michael O. Moore

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Auburn Public Schools, the town's own district
Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District, vocational, shared with Charlton, Dudley, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer and one other

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Auburn scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 22 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**43** / 100

179th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 46 | 39 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 173rd to 198th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Auburn received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 42 and 44 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**22** / 100

304th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 25 | 20 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 298th to 307th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

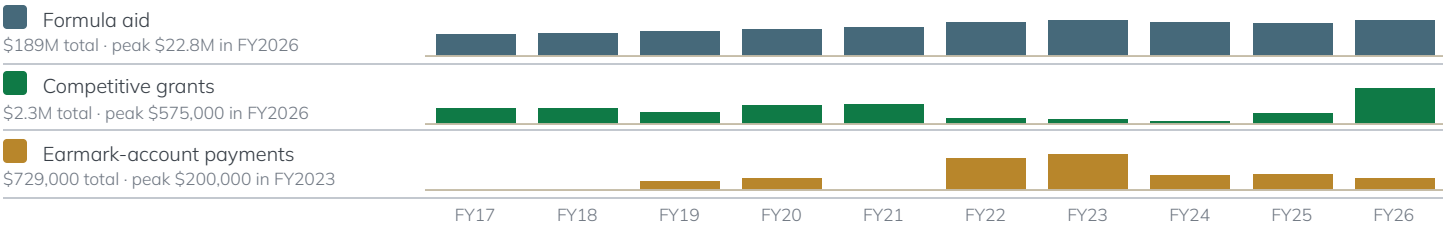
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## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Auburn's town government and school districts received $189 million in formula aid and $2.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $189M | $2.3M | $729,000 |
| $11,124 per resident (143rd of 351) · gross | $134 per resident (302nd of 351) | $42.96 per resident (100th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Auburn peaked in FY2026 at $575,000, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $16.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Auburn received $760,000 in local earmarks to its government, $805,000 placed in the city or town and $805,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $760,000 | $805,000 | $805,000 | No |
| $44.81 per resident (92nd of 351) | $47.46 per resident (176th of 351) · 6% to organizations | $47.46 per resident (182nd of 351) · 6% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 23 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $760,000 went to Auburn's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $45,000 went to organizations in Auburn or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Auburn, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (23 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $65,000 | "the town of Auburn for public safety communication equipment and programming of dispatch radio consoles" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "turnout gear for the Auburn fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "improvements to the Robert Goddard rocket and fountain in the town of Auburn" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "improvements to Auburn pond in Goddard park in the town of Auburn" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the new pedestrian bridge linking Goddard park to the public library in the town of Auburn" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 23 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Auburn received 32% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**97.2**<br>103rd of 351 · 5.7 per 1,000 residents (204th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$18.9M**<br>scored exposure $12.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**150**<br>39th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**7**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.5 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**16,970**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.99**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.32; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,146**<br>FY2017–2025 · 178th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN AUBURN

## Auburn has 34 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 313 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**34 acres**<br>0.3% of Auburn's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**313 acres**<br>3.2% of Auburn's land · 23 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 34 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 9 | 120 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 95 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 98 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 73 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Worcester Flood Diversion Channel | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 25 | |
| Daniel S. Horgan Memorial Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Worcester Diversion Tunnel Intake | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 4 | |
| Eddy Pond Boat Ramp | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 118.4 miles of public road in Auburn, the state maintains 20.2 (17%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 20.2 | 17% |
| Town-accepted | 97.0 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.1 | 1% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Auburn $19.1 million and takes back $667,000 in assessments and charges, a net $18.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$19.1 million** | **$667,000** | **$18.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $47,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $364,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $114,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $182,000 |
| Public Libraries | $52,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $61,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,354 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $19,000 |
| Regional Transit | $282,000 |
| Special Education | $28,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $168,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $105,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 22.2% of Auburn's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 14.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.6%** | **19.0%** | **22.2%** | **21.5%** |
| $5.9M of $40.3M · median town 14.1% | $10.5M of $55.1M · median town 12.2% | $18.2M of $81.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 15.3% · median town 10.0% |

Auburn's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Auburn's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 98.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 76.5% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5.9 million in FY2006 to $18.2 million in FY2025, +208.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+91.1%** | **+95.1%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $7.4M to $14M · all towns +54.0% | $8.7M to $17M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Auburn's health insurance would have been $9.18 million in FY2025; it was $14 million, $4.87 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $10.9 million in FY2025; it was $17 million, $6.13 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+38%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Auburn's government came to $695,000, 10.4% of the $6.70 million rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $695,000 | 10.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $740,000 | 11.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $740,000 | 11.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Auburn's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 207th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$17M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$20.3M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.6%**<br>207th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+27%**<br>after inflation |

Auburn runs its own school district and also belongs to Southern Worcester; Auburn accounts for 11% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $448,000 for schools serving Auburn, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Auburn's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$448,000**<br>$26.43 per resident (264th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Auburn's share |
| FY2017 | Pakachoag Elementary School | Auburn | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $448,000 | $448,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $829,000 against an approved budget of $958,000 (under by $129,000); the local share moved from $510,000 to $463,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Auburn has $2.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns five bridges rated poor and seven high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$8.8M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.2M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 109th of 351 |
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| FY2019 | $609,000 | $122,000 | $437,000 | $363,000 |
| FY2020 | $611,000 | $61,000 | $1M | $53,000 |
| FY2021 | $612,000 | $0 | $0 | $665,000 |
| FY2022 | $609,000 | $324,000 | $742,000 | $856,000 |
| FY2023 | $607,000 | $0 | $932,000 | $531,000 |
| FY2024 | $606,000 | $341,000 | $313,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2025 | $605,000 | $164,000 | $177,000 | $1.8M |
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| FY2020 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Develop Protection Measures for Vulnerable Drinking Water Supply Areas and Evaluate Green Bridge Design source | $145,000 |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Leesville Pond Dam Repair source | $189,000 |

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| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Avon

Town · Norfolk County · 4,774 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

6th Norfolk · William C. Galvin

STATE SENATE

Second Plymouth and Norfolk · Michael D. Brady

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Avon Public Schools, the town's own district

Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Braintree, Canton, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Norwood, Randolph and Westwood

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Avon scores 46 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 83 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**46** / 100

154th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 54 | 44 | 40 |

Rank under other weightings: 142nd to 166th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Avon received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 46 stays between 44 and 48 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**83** / 100

70th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 84 | 88 | 79 | 81 |

Rank under other weightings: 63rd to 78th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

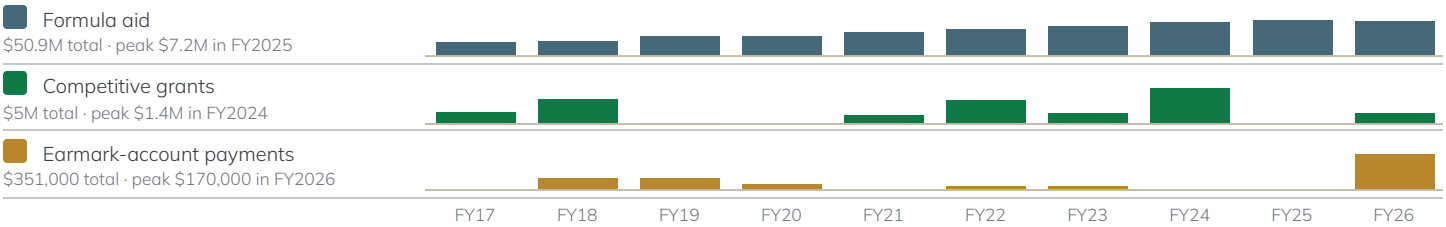
Avon received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 83 stays between 81 and 85 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Avon's town government and school districts received $50.9 million in formula aid and $5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $50.9M | $5M | $351,000 |
| $10,665 per resident (158th of 351) · gross | $1,049 per resident (75th of 351) | $73.46 per resident (38th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Avon peaked in FY2024 at $1.4 million, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Avon received $435,000 in local earmarks to its government, $480,000 placed in the city or town and $480,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $435,000 | $480,000 | $480,000 | No |
| $91.12 per resident (28th of 351) | $101 per resident (68th of 351) · 9% to organizations | $101 per resident (77th of 351) · 9% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: ten clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $435,000 went to Avon's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $45,000 went to organizations in Avon or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Avon, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (ten clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "polyfluoroalkyl substances remediation costs in the town of Avon" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $100,000 | "an economic development grant to the town of Avon" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "complete a sprinkler system for the elementary school in the town of Avon" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $75,000 (split three ways) | "in equal amounts for substance abuse coalitions and community partnerships in the municipalities of Avon, Braintree, Canton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Milton, Randolph, Sharon and Stoughton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $30,000 | "the town of Avon for infrastructure improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 10 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Avon received 3.02 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**23.9**<br>332nd of 351 · 5.0 per 1,000 residents (232nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**50**<br>260th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**4.3 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**4,774**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**7.98**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 3.02; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,514**<br>FY2017–2025 · 168th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN AVON

## No state conservation land or coded chapter land is mapped in Avon.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 34.5 miles of public road in Avon, the state maintains 5.5 (16%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.5 | 16% |
| Town-accepted | 23.9 | 69% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.1 | 15% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Avon $6.5 million and takes back $826,000 in assessments and charges, a net $5.7 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$6.5 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$826,000**<br>13% of what is sent | Net<br>**$5.7 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $4.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $126,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $955,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $891,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $18,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $44,000 |
| Public Libraries | $14,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $42,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $24,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,697 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $2,016 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $9,440 |
| Regional Transit | $63,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $124,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $560,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN AVON

## State programs also awarded $41,000 to organizations in Avon other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Avon. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Old Colony Planning Council - Avon nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $41,000 (shared three ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.6% of Avon's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 14.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.4%** | **12.6%** | **17.6%** | **16.3%** |
| $2.2M of $15.4M · median town 14.1% | $2.7M of $21.4M · median town 12.2% | $6.2M of $34.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.2% · median town 10.0% |

Avon's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $431,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Avon's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 78.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 59.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.2 million in FY2006 to $6.2 million in FY2025, +177.4% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+42.5%** | **+60.6%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $2.4M to $3.4M · all towns +54.0% | $3.7M to $6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Avon's health insurance would have been $2.99 million in FY2025; it was $3.42 million, $423,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.64 million in FY2025; it was $5.97 million, $1.33 million above the path.


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### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Avon's government came to $435,000, 42.7% of the $1.02 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $435,000 | 42.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $455,000 | 44.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $455,000 | 44.6% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Avon's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 85th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$4.9M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$6.7M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.0%**<br>85th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+107%**<br>after inflation |

Avon runs its own school district and also belongs to Blue Hills and Norfolk County; Avon accounts for 6% and 0% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.6 million for schools serving Avon, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Avon's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.6M**<br>$553 per resident (177th of 351) | **2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Avon's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $6,524 (0%) |
| FY2018 | Blue Hills Regional Technical High School | Blue Hills | Core | $44.4M | $2.6M (6%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Avon's share of the final cost was $5.3 million against its share of the approved budget of $5 million (over by $227,000); the local share moved from $2.4 million to $2.7 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Avon has $859,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.6M**<br>$407,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$859,000**<br>annual program: 2.4 years of its yearly money · 57th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Avon came on average 64 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $181,000 | $0 | $0 | $181,000 |
| FY2018 | $180,000 | $0 | $0 | $361,000 |
| FY2019 | $183,000 | $37,000 | $279,000 | $580,000 |
| FY2020 | $184,000 | $18,000 | $0 | $783,000 |
| FY2021 | $185,000 | $0 | $0 | $968,000 |
| FY2022 | $185,000 | $80,000 | $475,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2023 | $183,000 | $0 | $290,000 | $1M |
| FY2024 | $184,000 | $93,000 | $228,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | $183,000 | $48,000 | $662,000 | $654,000 |
| FY2026 | $260,000 | $131,000 | $128,000 | $917,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $258,000 | $0 | $58,000 | $1.1M |

The full list of the six bridges in Avon in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Avon received $5.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 22% more than the $4.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Avon ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $480,000 in earmarks placed in Avon, $45,000 (9%) went to organizations rather than to Avon's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Avon** this town | **46** | **$10,665** | **$1,049** | **$101** | **3.02** | **3.0%** |
| Hubbardston peer | 59 | $16,583 | $264 | $66.58 | 0.33 | 2.3% |
| Ashby peer | 56 | $15,057 | $337 | $62.29 | 0.63 | 2.3% |
| West Bridgewater peer | 41 | $10,584 | $177 | $65.30 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Southampton peer | 49 | $11,984 | $317 | $22.65 | 1.74 | 2.9% |
| Westminster peer · best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Berkley lowest in class of 30 | 51 | $12,903 | $95.35 | $13.91 | 0.18 | 2.7% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Ayer

Town · Middlesex County · 8,645 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

37th Middlesex · Danillo A. Sena

STATE SENATE

Middlesex and Worcester · James B. Eldridge

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Ayer Shirley School District, shared with Shirley

Nashoba Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Westford

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Ayer scores 45 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 80 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**45** / 100

162nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 40 | 44 | 52 |

Rank under other weightings: 139th to 200th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Ayer received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 43 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**80** / 100

82nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | 77 | 75 | 85 |

Rank under other weightings: 77th to 88th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

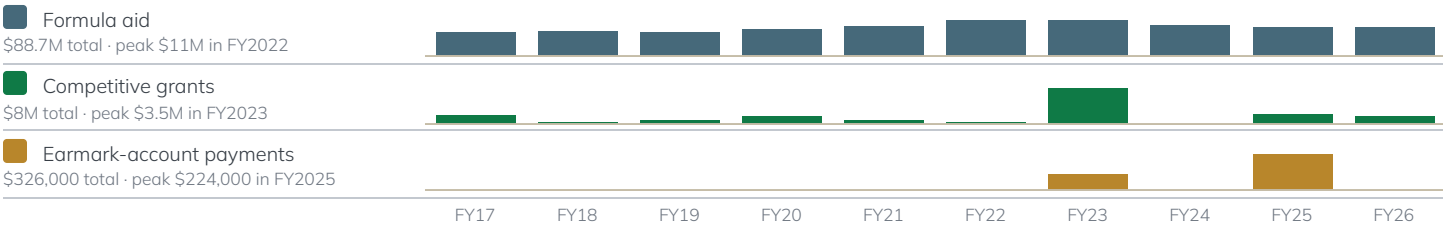
Ayer received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 80 stays between 78 and 81 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Ayer's town government and school districts received $88.7 million in formula aid and $8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$88.7M** | **$8M** | **$326,000** |
| $10,265 per resident (170th of 351) · gross | $930 per resident (81st of 351) | $37.71 per resident (120th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Ayer peaked in FY2023 at $3.5 million, 43% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $8.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Ayer received $150,000 in local earmarks to its government, $970,000 placed in the city or town and $1.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$150,000** | **$970,000** | **$1.1M** | **No** |
| $17.35 per resident (229th of 351) | $112 per resident (55th of 351) · 85% to organizations | $130 per resident (46th of 351) · 73% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: ten clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $150,000 went to Ayer's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $820,000 went to organizations in Ayer or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Ayer but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $150,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $150,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Ayer (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Ayer, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $250,000 | "the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority for further improvements to the Depot square portion of the Ayer rail trail commuter parking project" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2021 | $150,000 | "Clear Path for Veterans New England, Inc. in Devens for building renovations to an outreach and wellness service center due to increased client need and enhanced social distancing necessitated by the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $150,000 | "advanced manufacturing and technology training programs at the Mount Wachusett Community College Devens campus" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2019 | $120,000 | "Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Inc., in Devens" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the town of Ayer to remediate the Kiddie Junction playground located at Pirone park" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 11 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Ayer received 1.63 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**40.6**<br>291st of 351 · 4.7 per 1,000 residents (249th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.4M**<br>scored exposure $4.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**49**<br>266th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**8.9 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,645**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.28**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.63; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**110 acres**<br>1.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$26,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$238**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$35,546**<br>FY2017–2025 · 79th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN AYER

## Ayer has 138 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 225 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**138 acres**<br>2.4% of Ayer's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**225 acres**<br>3.9% of Ayer's land · 17 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**183 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 138 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 6 | 112 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 3 | 24 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 106 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 7 | 95 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 6 | 214 |
| Conservation restriction | 11 | 183 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 6 | 112 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ayer Game Farm | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 102 | |
| Nashua River Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | |
| Northeast District HQ | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 16 | |
| Ayer Game Farm | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 4 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 53.3 miles of public road in Ayer, the state maintains 4.0 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.0 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 38.7 | 73% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.2 | 8% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $150,000 | “advanced manufacturing and technology training programs at the Mount Wachusett Community College Devens campus” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Ayer $1.2 million and takes back $115,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.2 million** | **$115,000** | **$1.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $990,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $62,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $65,000 |
| State Owned Land | $26,000 |
| Public Libraries | $25,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $35,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,909 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $8,260 |
| MBTA | $51,000 |
| Regional Transit | $17,000 |

### COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.4% of Ayer’s general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 30.1% in FY2006.

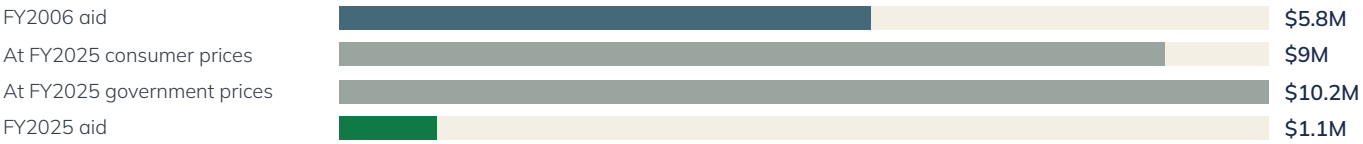
### STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **30.1%** | **3.7%** | **3.4%** | **3.0%** |
| $5.8M of $19.4M · median town 14.1% | $873,000 of $23.8M · median town 12.2% | $1.1M of $31.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 23.2% · median town 10.0% |

Ayer’s own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $4.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town’s assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Ayer's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 88.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 89.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5.8 million in FY2006 to $1.1 million in FY2025, –81.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+22.0%** | **+54.3%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $1.3M to $1.6M · all towns +54.0% | $2.8M to $4.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Ayer's health insurance would have been $1.62 million in FY2025; it was $1.59 million, $37,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.49 million in FY2025; it was $4.31 million, $821,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+42%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Ayer's government came to $100,000, 34.9% of the $287,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $100,000 | 34.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $920,000 | 3.2 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.1M | 3.7 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Ayer's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 54th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.1M** | **$11.4M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **–20%** |
| 54th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Ayer has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Ayer Shirley and Nashoba Valley; Ayer accounts for 59% and 7% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $118,000 for schools serving Ayer, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Ayer's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$118,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $13.63 per resident (273rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Ayer's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Nashoba Valley Technical High School | Nashoba Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Windows/Doors) | $1.6M | $118,000 (7%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Ayer's share of the final cost was $251,000 against its share of the approved budget of $267,000 (under by $15,000); the local share moved from $149,000 to $142,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Ayer has $492,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges


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## rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.7M**<br>$632,000 of it one-time supplements | **$2.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$492,000**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 269th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **8**<br>three rated poor; likely about $3.7M of work on those ($1.8M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **1**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$337,000**<br>bridges $337,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Ayer came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Ayer owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $243,000 | $0 | $239,000 | $243,000 |
| FY2018 | $245,000 | $0 | $466,000 | $24,000 |
| FY2019 | $244,000 | $49,000 | $591 | $316,000 |
| FY2020 | $243,000 | $24,000 | $494,000 | $257,000 |
| FY2021 | $253,000 | $0 | $447,000 | $62,000 |
| FY2022 | $257,000 | $126,000 | $0 | $445,000 |
| FY2023 | $263,000 | $0 | $467,000 | $241,000 |
| FY2024 | $268,000 | $144,000 | $374,000 | $279,000 |
| FY2025 | $266,000 | $72,000 | $496,000 | $122,000 |
| FY2026 | $412,000 | $217,000 | $259,000 | $492,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $422,000 | $0 | $0 | $914,000 |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Ayer in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Ayer received $9.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 43% more than the $6.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Ayer ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $970,000 in earmarks placed in Ayer, $820,000 (85%) went to organizations rather than to Ayer's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ayer** this town | **45** | **$10,265** | **$930** | **$112**† | **1.63** | **3.1%** |
| Fairhaven peer | 47 | $10,747 | $508 | $12.58† | 0.36 | 2.8% |
| Carver peer | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |
| Plainville peer | 39 | $9,512 | $160 | $41.02 | 0.68 | 3.3% |
| Easthampton peer | 41 | $9,515 | $1,083 | $51.82 | 3.73 | 2.9% |
| Shirley peer | 48 | $11,957 | $554 | $23.80 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Lanesborough lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Barnstable

City · Barnstable County · 49,568 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

2nd Barnstable · Kip A. Diggs 78% of residents
5th Barnstable · Steven George Xiarhos 22% of residents

Barnstable is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Barnstable Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown and three others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Barnstable scores 27 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 38 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**27** / 100

340th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 28 | 29 | 23 |

Rank under other weightings: 327th to 343rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Barnstable received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 25 and 28 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**38** / 100

236th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 41 | 43 | 32 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 229th to 244th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

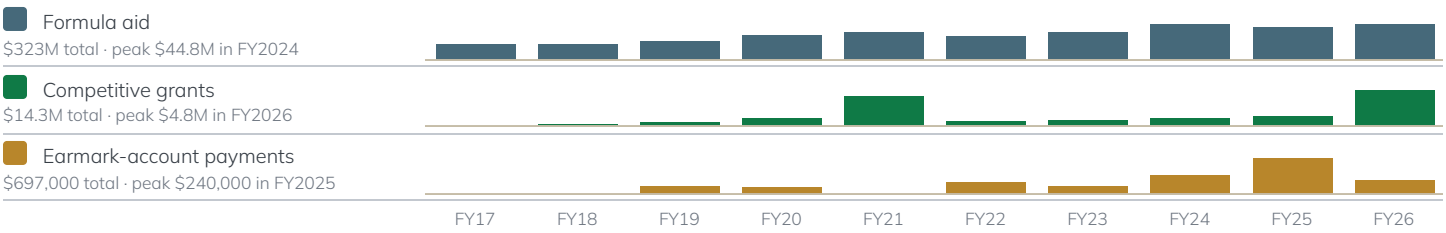
Barnstable received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 36 and 40 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Barnstable's town government and school districts received $323 million in formula aid and $14.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$323M** | **$14.3M** | **$697,000** |
| $6,526 per resident (314th of 351) · gross | $289 per resident (214th of 351) | $14.05 per resident (234th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Barnstable peaked in FY2026 at $4.8 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $90.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Barnstable received $838,000 in local earmarks to its government, $3.4 million placed in the city or town and $3.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$838,000** | **$3.4M** | **$3.5M** | **No** |
| $16.91 per resident (232nd of 351) | $69.38 per resident (114th of 351) · 76% to organizations | $71.52 per resident (119th of 351) · 73% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 56 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $838,000 went to Barnstable's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2.6 million went to organizations in Barnstable or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Barnstable but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $106,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $106,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Barnstable (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Barnstable, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (58 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $200,000 | "the Cape Cod commission for a collaboration with Barnstable county on a needs assessment related to early education on Cape Cod and the Islands" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $150,000 | "the city known as the town of Barnstable to support the development and operation of a municipal housing resource initiative to improve housing access for the local workforce" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the city known as the town of Barnstable for the downtown Hyannis pedestrian improvements projects including the great streets project and the installation of a new traffic signal at the Barnstable high school entrance on West Main street" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the Housing Assistance Corporation for the development of housing and project feasibility studies to expedite the creation of more year-round housing, and for technical assistance to homeowners who are building new accessory dwelling units for year-round rentals" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the city known as the town of Barnstable for hiring staff for the city's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 58 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Barnstable received 74% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**354.0**<br>4th of 351 · 7.1 per 1,000 residents (154th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$19.2M**<br>scored exposure $11.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**119**<br>79th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**59.9 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**19%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**61,856**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.58**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.74; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**417 acres**<br>1.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$211,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$505**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$30,330**<br>FY2017–2025 · 105th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BARNSTABLE

## Barnstable has 418 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 293 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**418 acres**<br>1.1% of Barnstable's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**293 acres**<br>0.8% of Barnstable's land · 36 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,532 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

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| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
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| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 66 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 16 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 31 | 200 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 76 |
| Conservation restriction | 170 | 1,532 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 52 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 4 | 13 |


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| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hyannis Ponds WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 357 | |
| Barnstable State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 49 | |
| Barnstable Harbor Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 6 | |
| Bearse Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5 | |
| Barnstable Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |
| Shubael Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

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### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $86,000 | “Cape Cod Community College for an inter-campus transit program to provide bus service between Cape Cod Community College, Bridgewater State…” |
| FY2022 | $20,000 | “the purpose of facilitating Americans with Disabilities Act compliance for the armory in the town of Hyannis” |

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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $26.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $2.1M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $879,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $191,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $403,000 |
| State Owned Land | $216,000 |
| Public Libraries | $112,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $1.4M |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $4.5M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $596,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $27,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $90,000 |
| Regional Transit | $705,000 |
| Special Education | $13,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.8M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $9M |


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STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BARNSTABLE

## State programs also awarded $2.7 million to organizations in Barnstable other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Housing Assistance Corporation nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $354,000 |
| FY2027 | County Of Barnstable regional body | EEA Eco One Stop FY27 (climate/resilience grants) | $247,000 |
| FY2022 | Cotuit Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2019 | Cape Cod Art Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2023 | Atlantic Apartment nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $125,000 |
| FY2022 | Tales of Cape Cod nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $120,000 |
| FY2016 | Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra Conservatory of Music and Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $114,000 |
| FY2022 | Family Table Collaborative regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $55,000 |
| FY2023 | Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District, Inc. regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $50,000 |
| FY2019 | John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2023 | Friends of the Schoolhouse nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $46,000 |
| FY2023 | Bread + Roses Bookstore and Cafe nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $36,000 |
| FY2024 | John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2025 | Cahoon Museum of American Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2017 | Cape Cod Symphony & Conservatory of Music and Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 23 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $908,000 in 8 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 16.0% of Barnstable's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 12.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12.4%** | **11.2%** | **16.0%** | **8.0%** |
| $13.4M of $109M · median town 14.1% | $15.5M of $138M · median town 12.2% | $31.3M of $196M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.3% · median town 10.0% |

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**Barnstable's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 50.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 33.7% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $13.4 million in FY2006 to $31.3 million in FY2025, +133.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $3.5 million of Barnstable's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+45.9%** | **+47.9%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $7.1M to $10.4M · all towns +54.0% | $19.6M to $29.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Barnstable's health insurance would have been $8.91 million in FY2025; it was $10.4 million, $1.50 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $24.5 million in FY2025; it was $29.1 million, $4.52 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Barnstable's government came to $478,000, 14.6% of the $3.28 million rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $478,000 | 14.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.8M | 85.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.9M | 88.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Barnstable's required school contribution is 3.6% of median household income, 14th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$27.3M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$71.7M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.6%**<br>14th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+101%**<br>after inflation |

Barnstable runs its own school district and also belongs to Cape Cod; Barnstable accounts for 28% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $13.6 million for schools serving Barnstable, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Barnstable's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.6M**<br>$275 per resident (217th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Barnstable's share |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $1.5M (28%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $12.1M (28%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Barnstable; Barnstable's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.5 million. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Barnstable's share of the final cost was $33 million against its share of the approved budget of $36.5 million (under by $3.5 million); the local share moved from $24.3 million to $20 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Barnstable has $12.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$29.5M**<br>$5.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$14.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$12.1M**<br>annual program: 3.0 years of its yearly money · 26th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**8**<br>one rated poor; about $14.5M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Barnstable came on average 57 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Barnstable owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Barnstable owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $2M | $0 | $0 | $2M |
| FY2018 | $2M | $0 | $0 | $4M |
| FY2019 | $2M | $400,000 | $3.4M | $6.3M |
| FY2020 | $2M | $200,000 | $7.9M | $7.3M |
| FY2021 | $2M | $0 | $5.1M | $4.2M |
| FY2022 | $2M | $1.2M | $678,000 | $6.7M |
| FY2023 | $2M | $0 | $1.3M | $7.3M |
| FY2024 | $2M | $1.2M | $1.9M | $8.6M |
| FY2025 | $2M | $539,000 | $1,491 | $11.1M |
| FY2026 | $3.2M | $1.8M | $4M | $12.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $3.2M | $0 | $0 | $15.2M |

The full list of the 19 bridges in Barnstable in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Barnstable received $20.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 68% of the $29.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Barnstable ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3.4 million in earmarks placed in Barnstable, $2.6 million (76%) went to organizations rather than to Barnstable's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Barnstable** this town | **27** | **$6,526** | **$289** | **$69.38**† | **0.74** | **3.6%** |
| Beverly peer | 27 | $6,643 | $218 | $69.85 | 0.97 | 3.1% |
| Dartmouth peer | 28 | $6,506 | $296 | $16.50 | 0.73 | 3.6% |
| Norwood peer | 34 | $7,831 | $166 | $22.99 | 0.33 | 3.0% |
| Saugus peer | 29 | $7,158 | $98.00 | $42.11 | 0.36 | 3.3% |
| Woburn peer | 31 | $6,812 | $255 | $85.34† | 0.44 | 3.5% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Yarmouth lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Barre

Town · Worcester County · 5,572 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Quabbin Regional School District**, shared with Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham

**Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden, Hubbardston and nine others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Barre scores 63 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 26 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**63** / 100

30th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 66 | 60 | 59 | 66 |

Rank under other weightings: 28th to 35th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Barre received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 63 stays between 61 and 65 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**26** / 100

285th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 23 | 26 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 272nd to 296th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

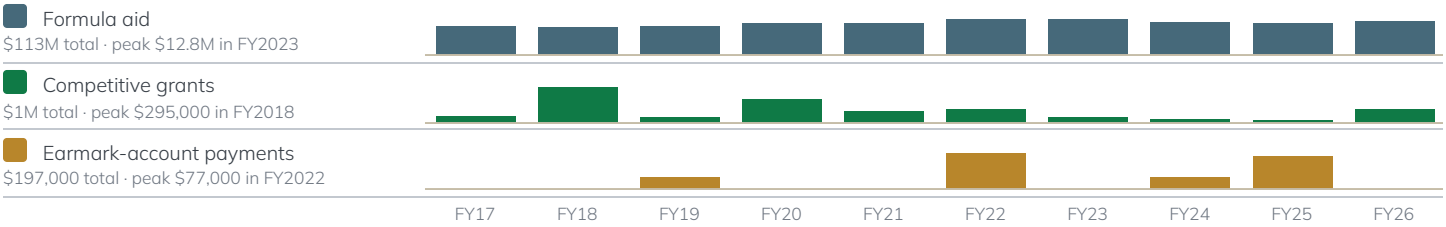
Barre received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 26 and 27 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Barre's town government and school districts received $113 million in formula aid and $1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$113M** | **$1M** | **$197,000** |
| $20,237 per resident (25th of 351) · gross | $183 per resident (263rd of 351) | $35.41 per resident (126th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Barre peaked in FY2018 at $295,000, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Barre received $125,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$125,000** | **$125,000** | **$125,000** | **No** |
| $22.43 per resident (199th of 351) | $22.43 per resident (266th of 351) | $22.43 per resident (268th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Barre's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Barre, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $70,000 | "the purchase of a new pickup truck for the fire department in the town of Barre" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $30,000 | "the 250th anniversary celebration in the town of Barre" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $25,000 | "the town of Barre for the Barre fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Barre received 33% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**97.7**<br>100th of 351 · 17.5 per 1,000 residents (64th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16.5M**<br>scored exposure $7.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**106**<br>107th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**44.3 sq mi**<br>29% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,572**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.63**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.33; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,674 acres**<br>9.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$131,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$49.15**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,094**<br>FY2017–2025 · 322nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BARRE

## Barre has 8,235 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,565 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**8,235 acres**<br>29.0% of Barre's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,565 acres**<br>16.1% of Barre's land · 182 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**928 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,687 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 119 | 8,235 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 76 | 7,804 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 23 | 610 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 135 | 3,492 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 24 | 462 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 340 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 15 | 928 |
| Conservation restriction | 37 | 1,687 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 9 | 369 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 11 | 4,927 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 58 | 2,322 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 555 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ware River Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 5,146 | |
| Moose Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 893 | |
| Prince River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 801 | |
| Raccoon Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 518 | |
| Barre Falls WMA | DCR Water Supply Protection | 271 | |
| Phillipston WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 235 | |
| Barre State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 175 | |
| Quabbin Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 58 | |
| Ware River Access - Barre | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 54 | |
| Ware River Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 44 | |
| Quabbin Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 41 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 117.3 miles of public road in Barre, the state maintains 17.9 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.2 | 7% |
| DCR | 9.7 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 97.7 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.7 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Barre $1.4 million and takes back $24,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.4 million** | **$24,000** | **$1.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 2% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $53,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $38,000 |
| State Owned Land | $135,000 |
| Public Libraries | $18,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,545 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $10,000 |
| Regional Transit | $12,000 |

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| FY2025 | East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $80,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2024 | Coldbrook Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $11,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2021 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission regional body | MassTrails Grants | $4,741 (shared seven ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.6%** | **10.0%** | **9.1%** | **9.0%** |
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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+2.2%** | **+59.7%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $436,000 to $446,000 · all towns +54.0% | $805,000 to $1.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

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LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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SCHOOLS

## Barre's required school contribution is 2.1% of median household income, 299th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.2M** | **$4.6M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.1%** | **–8%** |
| 299th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Barre has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Quabbin and Montachusett; Barre accounts for 38% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $632,000 for schools serving Barre, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Barre's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$632,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $113 per resident (234th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Barre's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Hubbardston Center School | Quabbin | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.6M | $632,000 (38%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Barre's share of the final cost was $971,000 against its share of the approved budget of $1.1 million (under by $167,000); the local share moved from $506,000 to $397,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Barre has $2.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.9M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.7M**<br>annual program: 2.5 years of its yearly money · 46th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**10**<br>three rated poor; about $6.1M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Barre came on average 34 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Barre owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

**Barre owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

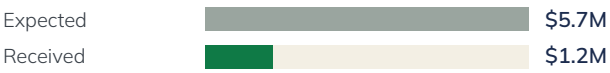
Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $439,000 | $0 | $344,000 | $313,000 |
| FY2018 | $432,000 | $0 | $0 | $745,000 |
| FY2019 | $431,000 | $86,000 | $0 | $1.3M |
| FY2020 | $432,000 | $43,000 | $944,000 | $793,000 |
| FY2021 | $432,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $431,000 | $326,000 | $679,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2023 | $429,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $654,000 |
| FY2024 | $428,000 | $393,000 | $270,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2025 | $427,000 | $220,000 | $25,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2026 | $750,000 | $473,000 | $308,000 | $2.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $749,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.5M |

The full list of the 19 bridges in Barre in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Barre received $1.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 21% of the $5.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Barre ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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## nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Barre** this town | **63** | **$20,237** | **$183** | **$22.43** | **0.33** | **2.1%** |
| Monson peer | 55 | $15,493 | $338 | $14.84 | 2.33 | 2.6% |
| Dalton peer | 58 | $17,590 | $490 | $27.97† | 1.32 | 2.7% |
| Williamstown peer | 21 | $5,059 | $141 | $20.49† | 1.38 | 2.4% |
| Blackstone peer | 51 | $14,382 | $190 | $90.57 | 0.82 | 2.6% |
| Shirley peer | 48 | $11,957 | $554 | $23.80 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Bernardston lowest in class of 30 | 55 | $15,799 | $1,227 | $0 | 0.44 | 2.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Becket

Town · Berkshire County · 1,962 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Central Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Becket scores 51 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 96 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**51** / 100

120th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 49 | 46 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 104th to 136th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Becket received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 49 and 53 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**96** / 100

16th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 97 | 93 | 98 |

Rank under other weightings: 15th to 19th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

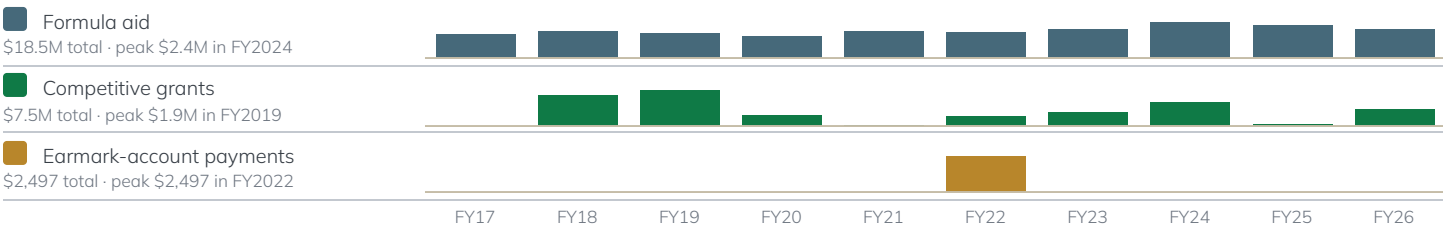
Becket received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 96 stays between 95 and 97 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Becket's town government and school districts received $18.5 million in formula aid and $7.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $18.5M | $7.5M | $2,497 |
| $9,450 per resident (197th of 351) · gross | $3,826 per resident (23rd of 351) | $1.27 per resident (322nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Becket peaked in FY2019 at $1.9 million, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in Becket in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,497 in payments to Becket's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Becket.

Becket is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Becket's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Becket's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hatfield | $10,000 | $10,000 | $10,000 | $3.01 |
| Leverett | $115,000 | $215,000 | $215,000 | $134 |
| Sheffield | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Lee | $125,000 | $125,000 | $125,000 | $21.86 |
| Hancock | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Becket received 2.09 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**56.4**<br>224th of 351 · 28.7 per 1,000 residents (42nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.7M**<br>scored exposure $3.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**144**<br>49th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**4**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**46.1 sq mi**<br>15% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**46%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,814**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.24**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.09; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,329 acres**<br>14.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$81,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$18.66**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,792**<br>FY2017–2025 · 189th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BECKET

## Becket has 4,516 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,909 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,516 acres**<br>15.3% of Becket's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,909 acres**<br>9.9% of Becket's land · 41 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**913 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 52 | 4,516 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 22 | 3,944 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 28 | 1,901 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 308 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 700 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 7 | 341 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 913 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | 3,127 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 11 | 817 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| October Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,805 | |
| Becket State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 684 | |
| Shales Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 308 | |
| Otis State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 222 | |
| Farmington River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 208 | |
| Appalachian Trail Corridor | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 175 | |
| Walnut Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 88 | |
| Shaker Mill Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 26 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 85.3 miles of public road in Becket, the state maintains 25.2 (30%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 25.2 | 30% |
| Town-accepted | 56.4 | 66% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.6 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Becket $323,000 and takes back $16,000 in assessments and charges, a net $307,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$323,000** | **$16,000** | **$307,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $77,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $122,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $25,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $13,000 |
| State Owned Land | $81,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,205 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $849 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,560 |
| Regional Transit | $245 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $13,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BECKET

## State programs also awarded $2.1 million to organizations in Becket other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Becket. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Sherwood Forest Lake District nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $703,000 |
| FY2017 | Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2020 | Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2016 | Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $158,000 |
| FY2025 | Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2018 | Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $60,000 |
| FY2017 | Sherwood Forest Lake District nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $52,000 |
| FY2022 | Becket Arts Center of the Hilltowns nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $40,000 |
| FY2016 | Becket Arts Center of the Hilltowns nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $23,000 |
| FY2022 | Department Of Conservation and Recreation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2021 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,690 (shared five ways) |
| FY2025 | Becket Arts Center of the Hilltowns nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 23 awards; the web page lists all of them.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.3% of Becket's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 4.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.1%** | **4.5%** | **3.3%** | **3.2%** |
| $172,000 of $4.2M · median town 14.1% | $241,000 of $5.3M · median town 12.2% | $295,000 of $9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.1% · median town 10.0% |

Becket's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $560,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Becket's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 10.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 1.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $172,000 in FY2006 to $295,000 in FY2025, +71.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+42.4%** | **+45.3%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $358,000 to $510,000 · all towns +54.0% | $691,000 to $1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Becket's health insurance would have been $447,000 in FY2025; it was $510,000, $63,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $863,000 in FY2025; it was $1.00 million, $141,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Becket's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $152,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Becket's required school contribution is 3.5% of


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## median household income, 17th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$644,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$2.5M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.5%**<br>17th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–41%**<br>after inflation |

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.7 million for schools serving Becket, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Becket's share<br>**$3.7M**<br>$1,900 per resident (93rd of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Becket's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Wahconah Regional High School | Central Berkshire | Core | $31.3M | $3.7M (12%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.9M**<br>$964,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$734,000**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 276th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**20**<br>five rated poor; likely about $4.8M of work on those ($3.7M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**4**<br>of six town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$547,000**<br>bridges $342,000 · dams $0 · culverts $205,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $242,000 | $0 | $318,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $238,000 | $0 | $432,000 | $11 |
| FY2019 | $238,000 | $48,000 | $240,000 | $45,000 |
| FY2020 | $237,000 | $24,000 | $0 | $306,000 |
| FY2021 | $237,000 | $0 | $321,000 | $353,000 |
| FY2022 | $236,000 | $188,000 | $0 | $777,000 |
| FY2023 | $234,000 | $0 | $361,000 | $650,000 |
| FY2024 | $234,000 | $267,000 | $347,000 | $804,000 |
| FY2025 | $234,000 | $167,000 | $675,000 | $530,000 |
| FY2026 | $421,000 | $271,000 | $487,000 | $734,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $420,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The full list of the 53 bridges in Becket in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Benton Hill Road over Center Pond Brook source | $65,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Benton Hill Road over Center Pond Brook source | $75,000 |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Benton Hill Road over Center Pond Brook source | $65,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Becket received $7.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 36% more than the $5.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Becket is one of three municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Becket** this town | **51** | **$9,450** | **$3,826** | **$0** | **2.09** | **3.5%** |
| Hatfield peer | 32 | $6,480 | $1,299 | $3.01 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| Leverett peer | 47 | $11,884 | $1,674 | $134 | 1.95 | 2.9% |
| Sheffield peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |
| Lee peer | 39 | $7,783 | $1,292 | $21.86 | 2.91 | 3.1% |
| Hancock peer | 43 | $9,560 | $360 | $0 | 0.91 | 2.9% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |

SOURCES

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**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Bedford

Town · Middlesex County · 14,727 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

21st Middlesex · Kenneth I. Gordon

STATE SENATE

Third Middlesex · Michael J. Barrett

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Bedford Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Billerica, Burlington, Tewksbury and Wilmington

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Bedford scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 44 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**42** / 100

192nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 56 | 31 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 160th to 226th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Bedford received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 38 and 46 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**44** / 100

210th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 60 | 28 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 197th to 227th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

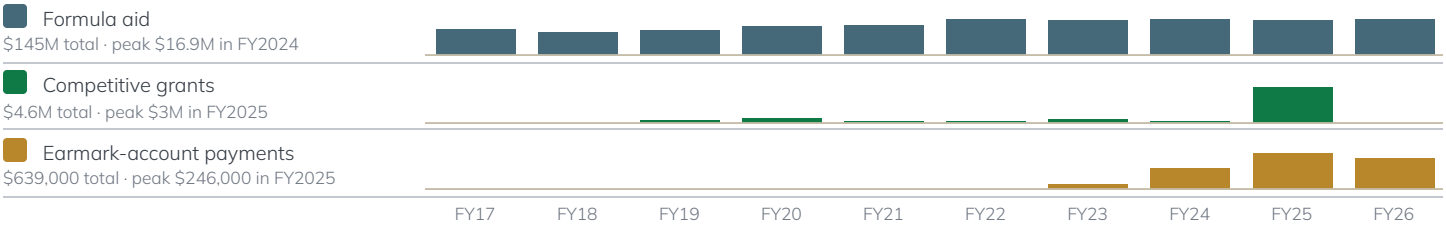
Bedford received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 39 and 49 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Bedford's town government and school districts received $145 million in formula aid and $4.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$145M** | **$4.6M** | **$639,000** |
| $9,879 per resident (183rd of 351) · gross | $313 per resident (202nd of 351) | $43.39 per resident (99th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Bedford peaked in FY2025 at $3 million, 66% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $17.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Bedford received $250,000 in local earmarks to its government, $270,000 placed in the city or town and $270,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$250,000** | **$270,000** | **$270,000** | **No** |
| $16.98 per resident (231st of 351) | $18.33 per resident (278th of 351) · 7% to organizations | $18.33 per resident (279th of 351) · 7% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $250,000 went to Bedford's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $20,000 went to organizations in Bedford or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Bedford, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "accessible playground equipment in the town of Bedford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "a performance platform to be used for cultural events in the town of Bedford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "youth programs at Dennison memorial community center in city of New Bedford; provider further, that not less than $200,000 shall be expended for a reserve to assist the town of Bedford for the education of children in families employed by the federal government on military reservations who attend…" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "polyfluoroalkyl substances remediation in the towns of Burlington and Bedford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the town of Bedford for the Elm Brook Footbridge Replacement" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Bedford received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**72.9**<br>180th of 351 · 5.0 per 1,000 residents (235th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.4M**<br>scored exposure $3.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**53**<br>249th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.7 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,766**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.64**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.99; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**683 acres**<br>7.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$1.7M**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$2,460**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$46,863**<br>FY2017–2025 · 40th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BEDFORD

## No state conservation land is mapped in Bedford; 47 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**47 acres**<br>0.5% of Bedford's land · 7 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**499 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 9 | 931 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 47 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 72 |
| Conservation restriction | 40 | 499 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state agencies | 2 | 613 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 182 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 136 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 85.3 miles of public road in Bedford, the state maintains 4.9 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.9 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 72.0 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.4 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Bedford $10.6 million and takes back $490,000 in assessments and charges, a net $10.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.6 million** | **$490,000** | **$10.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $7.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $26,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $168,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $82,000 |
| State Owned Land | $1.7M |
| Public Libraries | $43,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,490 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $9,078 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,560 |
| MBTA | $382,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $60,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $26,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BEDFORD

## State programs also awarded $36,000 to organizations in Bedford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Bedford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $36,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 8.2% of Bedford's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.7%** | **8.5%** | **8.2%** | **7.8%** |
| $5.6M of $58M · median town 14.1% | $6.8M of $79.4M · median town 12.2% | $9.6M of $117M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.2% · median town 10.0% |

Bedford's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $187,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Bedford's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 9.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 2.6% below grown by the government price index.**





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Gross state aid went from $5.6 million in FY2006 to $9.6 million in FY2025, +70.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.8 million of Bedford's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+70.3%** | **+67.4%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $5.7M to $9.7M · all towns +54.0% | $10.1M to $16.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Bedford's health insurance would have been $7.11 million in FY2025; it was $9.70 million, $2.59 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $12.6 million in FY2025; it was $16.9 million, $4.28 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Bedford's government came to $225,000, 5.6% of the $4.00 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $225,000 | 5.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $245,000 | 6.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $245,000 | 6.1% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Bedford's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 91st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$6.9M** | **$29.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **+16%** |
| 91st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Bedford runs its own school district and also belongs to Shawsheen Valley; Bedford accounts for 4% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Bedford, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Bedford has $2.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.8M** | **$5.6M** | **$2.3M** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.3 years of its yearly money · 60th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **7** | **2** | **$0** |
| two rated poor; likely about $3.5M of work on those ($2.6M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of three town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Bedford came on average 33 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Bedford owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Bedford owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $628,000 | $0 | $1.7M | $1,474 |
| FY2018 | $622,000 | $0 | $338,000 | $285,000 |
| FY2019 | $631,000 | $126,000 | $421,000 | $758,000 |
| FY2020 | $635,000 | $63,000 | $1.1M | $1.2M |
| FY2021 | $644,000 | $0 | $203,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2022 | $652,000 | $240,000 | $693,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2023 | $664,000 | $0 | $331,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2024 | $651,000 | $305,000 | $1.6M | $1.5M |
| FY2025 | $637,000 | $166,000 | $531,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2026 | $866,000 | $414,000 | $712,000 | $2.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $856,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.2M |

The full list of the 21 bridges in Bedford in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Bedford received $4.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 58% of the $8.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Bedford ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $270,000 in earmarks placed in Bedford, $20,000 (7%) went to organizations rather than to Bedford's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bedford** this town | **42** | **$9,879** | **$313** | **$18.33** | **0.99** | **2.9%** |
| Ipswich peer | 28 | $6,449 | $237 | $49.75 | 0.55 | 2.3% |
| Lynnfield peer · best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Duxbury peer | 34 | $8,178 | $182 | $32.03 | 1.56 | 2.7% |
| Canton peer | 29 | $6,511 | $84.68 | $28.65 | 0.29 | 2.9% |
| Newburyport peer | 33 | $6,797 | $442 | $77.12 | 0.78 | 2.0% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Belchertown

Town · Hampshire County · 15,393 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**7th Hampden** · Aaron L. Saunders

STATE SENATE

**Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester** · Jacob R. Oliveira

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Belchertown Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Oakham, Palmer, Ware and Warren

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Belchertown scores 49 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 52 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**49** / 100

132nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 48 | 49 | 47 |

Rank under other weightings: 116th to 143rd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Belchertown received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 48 and 50 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**52** / 100

185th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 47 | 62 | 47 |

Rank under other weightings: 168th to 198th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

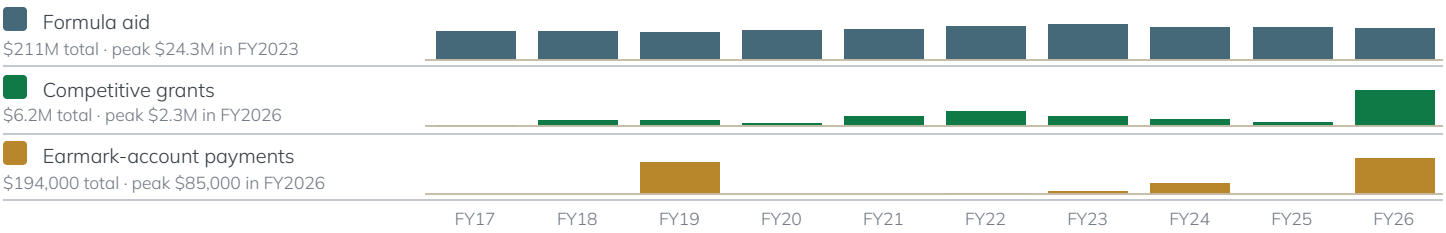
Belchertown received more than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 49 and 55 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Belchertown's town government and school districts received $211 million in formula aid and $6.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$211M** | **$6.2M** | **$194,000** |
| $13,722 per resident (100th of 351) · gross | $401 per resident (169th of 351) | $12.57 per resident (242nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Belchertown peaked in FY2026 at $2.3 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $9.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Belchertown received $210,000 in local earmarks to its government, $235,000 placed in the city or town and $235,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$210,000** | **$235,000** | **$235,000** | **No** |
| $13.64 per resident (251st of 351) | $15.27 per resident (290th of 351) · 11% to organizations | $15.27 per resident (291st of 351) · 11% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $210,000 went to Belchertown's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Belchertown or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Belchertown, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $75,000 | "the construction of a splash park in the town of Belchertown" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $60,000 | "the Belchertown fire department for the purchase and operation of a utility terrain vehicle" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Belchertown for a feasibility study to ascertain estimated costs for building upgrades and potential uses of the municipally owned Franklin school building" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the Belchertown Little League, Inc. for field renovations" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the town of Belchertown for the Mass central rail trail" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Belchertown received 2.92 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**133.2**<br>45th of 351 · 8.7 per 1,000 residents (124th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.4M**<br>scored exposure $3.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**210**<br>8th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**52.6 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**15,393**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**4.98**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.92; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,661 acres**<br>4.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$269,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$162**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,546**<br>FY2017–2025 · 260th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BELCHERTOWN

## Belchertown has 4,682 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,836 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,682 acres**<br>13.9% of Belchertown's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,836 acres**<br>14.4% of Belchertown's land · 243 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**478 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,117 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 25 | 4,682 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 18 | 7,507 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 131 | 3,042 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 58 | 1,109 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 54 | 685 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 155 | 4,500 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 18 | 478 |
| Conservation restriction | 37 | 2,117 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 6,079 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 8 | 875 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 334 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 5 | 220 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quabbin Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 3,206 | |
| Herman Covey WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,086 | |
| Mount Holyoke Range State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 331 | |
| UMass Experimental Forest | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 47 | |
| Cadwell Memorial Forest | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 7 | |
| Red Bridge State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Bachelor Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |
| Warner Pine Grove Memorial Cemetery | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 163.5 miles of public road in Belchertown, the state maintains 23.2 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 15.2 | 9% |
| DCR | 8.0 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 130.1 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 8.2 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Belchertown $19.9 million and takes back $2.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $17.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$19.9 million** | **$2.1 million** | **$17.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $15.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $296,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.7M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $108,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $236,000 |
| State Owned Land | $269,000 |
| Public Libraries | $47,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,376 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| Regional Transit | $100,000 |
| Special Education | $14,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $965,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BELCHERTOWN

## State programs also awarded $359,000 to organizations in Belchertown other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Belchertown. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Belchertown Community Alliance, inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $275,000 |
| FY2023 | Belchertown Community Alliance, inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $55,000 |
| FY2020 | Mill Valley Snowmobile Club of Belchertown nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $29,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 31.9% of Belchertown's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 41.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **41.3%** | **39.4%** | **31.9%** | **28.7%** |
| $14.1M of $34.2M · median town 14.1% | $17.9M of $45.4M · median town 12.2% | $18.3M of $57.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 40.8% · median town 10.0% |

Belchertown's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Belchertown's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 16.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 26.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $14.1 million in FY2006 to $18.3 million in FY2025, +29.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.1 million of Belchertown's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+28.8%** | **+51.1%** | **7 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $4M to $5.2M · all towns +54.0% | $7.2M to $10.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Belchertown's health insurance would have been $5.02 million in FY2025; it was $5.18 million, $157,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.05 million in FY2025; it was $10.9 million, $1.90 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Belchertown's government came to $125,000, 10.8% of the $1.16 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $125,000 | 10.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $125,000 | 10.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $125,000 | 10.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Belchertown's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 237th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$15.9M** | **$16.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **–6%** |
| 237th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Belchertown runs its own school district and also belongs to Pathfinder; Belchertown accounts for 17% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Belchertown, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Belchertown has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one


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## bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9.7M**<br>$1.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$7.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.4M**<br>annual program: 0.9 years of its yearly money · 236th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**23**<br>one rated poor; about $3.8M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$3M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $3M |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Belchertown came on average 11 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Belchertown owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $630,000 | $0 | $750,000 | $103,000 |
| FY2018 | $625,000 | $0 | $718,000 | $9,420 |
| FY2019 | $627,000 | $125,000 | $581,000 | $181,000 |
| FY2020 | $626,000 | $63,000 | $638,000 | $232,000 |
| FY2021 | $624,000 | $0 | $811,000 | $45,000 |
| FY2022 | $626,000 | $434,000 | $621,000 | $483,000 |
| FY2023 | $630,000 | $0 | $843,000 | $271,000 |
| FY2024 | $630,000 | $406,000 | $1.1M | $184,000 |
| FY2025 | $632,000 | $175,000 | $504,000 | $486,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $654,000 | $859,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $2.4M |

The full list of the 27 bridges in Belchertown in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Hop Brook Culvert Replacement source | $2.8M |
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Warren Wright Road over Hop Brook source | $150,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Warren Wright Road over Hop Brook source | $92,000 |
| FY2018 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Town-wide Road Stream Crossing Assessment and Climate Change Adaptation Plan source | $151,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Belchertown received $6.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 94% of the $7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Belchertown ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $235,000 in earmarks placed in Belchertown, $25,000 (11%) went to organizations rather than to Belchertown's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Belchertown** this town | **49** | **$13,722** | **$401** | **$15.27** | **2.92** | **2.5%** |
| South Hadley peer | 40 | $9,190 | $458 | $31.82 | 1.61 | 2.5% |
| Ludlow peer | 42 | $10,596 | $407 | $132† | 1.85 | 2.8% |
| Blackstone peer | 51 | $14,382 | $190 | $90.57 | 0.82 | 2.6% |
| Williamstown peer | 21 | $5,059 | $141 | $20.49† | 1.38 | 2.4% |
| Oxford peer | 52 | $13,864 | $491 | $15.69 | 1.37 | 2.7% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Bellingham

Town · Norfolk County · 17,410 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

8th Worcester · Michael J. Soter

STATE SENATE

Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex · Rebecca L. Rausch

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Bellingham Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville and four others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Bellingham scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 67 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**39** / 100

225th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 43 | 37 | 38 |

Rank under other weightings: 214th to 237th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Bellingham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 38 and 40 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**67** / 100

124th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 69 | 69 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 119th to 129th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

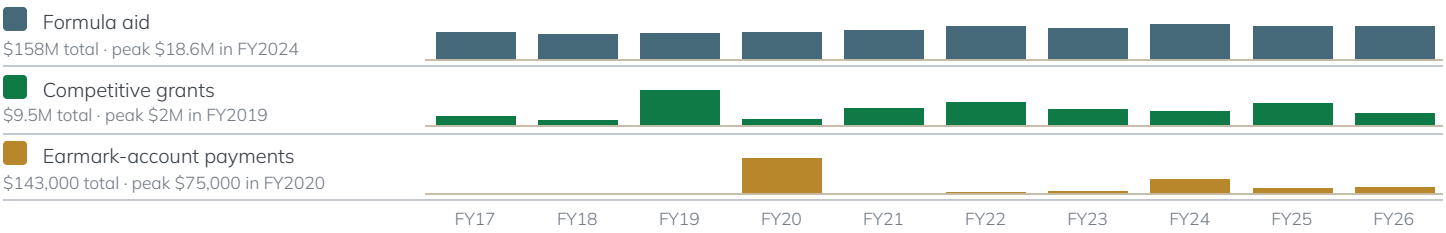
Bellingham received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 67 stays between 66 and 68 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Bellingham's town government and school districts received $158 million in formula aid and $9.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$158M** | **$9.5M** | **$143,000** |
| $9,082 per resident (217th of 351) · gross | $546 per resident (131st of 351) | $8.21 per resident (268th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Bellingham peaked in FY2019 at $2 million, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Bellingham received $405,000 in local earmarks to its government, $405,000 placed in the city or town and $430,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$405,000** | **$405,000** | **$430,000** | **No** |
| $23.24 per resident (193rd of 351) | $23.24 per resident (263rd of 351) | $24.67 per resident (261st of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Bellingham's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Clauses that name Bellingham but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $25,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $25,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Bellingham (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Bellingham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (16 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $65,000 | "senior center parking lot improvements in the town of Bellingham" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the replacement of playground equipment in the town common in the town of Bellingham" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "the purchase of new turnout gear for the Bellingham fire department in the town of Bellingham" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $35,000 | "handicap accessibility improvements at Silver Lake park in the town of Bellingham" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $35,000 | "the town of Bellingham for updates to the Bellingham senior center's kitchen facilities and to make the senior center the emergency management facility for the town and senior population" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 16 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Bellingham received 1.24 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**92.6**<br>115th of 351 · 5.3 per 1,000 residents (217th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.7M**<br>scored exposure $3.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**78**<br>172nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.3 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**17,410**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.38**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.24; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**10 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$1,638**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$160**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$35,086**<br>FY2017–2025 · 81st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BELLINGHAM

## Bellingham has 31 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 192 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**31 acres**<br>0.3% of Bellingham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**192 acres**<br>1.6% of Bellingham's land · 11 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**96 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**120 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 31 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 15 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 50 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 4 | 116 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 26 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 6 | 125 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 96 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 120 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 15 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Southern New England Trunkline Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 31 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 101.3 miles of public road in Bellingham, the state maintains 5.8 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.8 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 92.6 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.8 | 3% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $12,000 | “the Franklin, Medway, and Bellingham Army Corps of Engineers flood plain and wildlife habitat” |
| FY2017 | $12,000 | “develop a recreation management plan for the Franklin, Medway, and Bellingham Army Corps of Engineers flood plain and wildlife habitat” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Bellingham $14.2 million and takes back $5.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.2 million** | **$5.2 million** | **$9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 37% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $460,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $307,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $40,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $155,000 |
| State Owned Land | $1,638 |
| Public Libraries | $48,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $137,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $87,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,984 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $25,000 |
| Regional Transit | $184,000 |
| Special Education | $1,144 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $3.7M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BELLINGHAM

## State programs also awarded $98,000 to organizations in Bellingham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Franklin & Bellingham Rail Trail Committee nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $33,000 |
| FY2025 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) regional body | MassTrails Grants | $33,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2025 | Franklin Bellingham Rail Trail Committee nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,132 (shared two ways) |

A further $23,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 15.9% of Bellingham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 27.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **27.5%** | **21.0%** | **15.9%** | **10.5%** |
| $12.1M of $43.9M · median town 14.1% | $12.6M of $60.1M · median town 12.2% | $13.3M of $83.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 24.7% · median town 10.0% |

Bellingham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $570,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Bellingham's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 28.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 36.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $12.1 million in FY2006 to $13.3 million in FY2025, +10.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.5 million of Bellingham's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+36.0%** | **+25.2%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $10.7M to $14.5M · all towns +54.0% | $13.4M to $16.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Bellingham's health insurance would have been $13.3 million in FY2025; it was $14.5 million, $1.19 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $16.8 million in FY2025; it was $16.8 million, $37,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Bellingham's government came to $325,000, 8.4% of the $3.85 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $325,000 | 8.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $325,000 | 8.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $350,000 | 9.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Bellingham's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 88th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$11.1M** | **$23.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **–2%** |
| 88th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Bellingham runs its own school district and also belongs to Norfolk County and Blackstone Valley; Bellingham accounts for 7% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $339,000 for schools serving


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## Bellingham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Bellingham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$339,000**<br>$19.46 per resident (268th of 351) | **2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Bellingham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $174,000 (6%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $47,000 (6%) |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $117,000 (7%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Bellingham has $1.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$8M**<br>$1.4M of it one-time supplements | **$5.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.9M**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 133rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
| **15**<br>one rated poor; likely about $891,000 of work on those ($427,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **1**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Bellingham came on average 15 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Bellingham owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $541,000 | $0 | $1.3M | $25,000 |
| FY2018 | $544,000 | $0 | $426,000 | $143,000 |
| FY2019 | $543,000 | $109,000 | $549,000 | $246,000 |
| FY2020 | $541,000 | $54,000 | $655,000 | $185,000 |
| FY2021 | $539,000 | $0 | $133,000 | $591,000 |
| FY2022 | $538,000 | $308,000 | $502,000 | $936,000 |
| FY2023 | $540,000 | $0 | $353,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2024 | $541,000 | $317,000 | $1.4M | $568,000 |
| FY2025 | $539,000 | $149,000 | $644,000 | $612,000 |
| FY2026 | $847,000 | $476,000 | $0 | $1.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $847,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.8M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Bellingham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Bellingham received $9.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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years, 89% more than the $5.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Bellingham ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bellingham** this town | **39** | **$9,082** | **$546** | **$23.24** | **1.24** | **3.0%** |
| Grafton peer | 36 | $9,020 | $459 | $36.42 | 1.97 | 2.9% |
| Wilbraham peer | 44 | $12,134 | $123 | $109† | 0.42 | 3.1% |
| Millbury peer | 44 | $9,909 | $648 | $53.29 | 1.09 | 2.5% |
| Tyngsborough peer | 42 | $10,115 | $758 | $44.22 | 2.20 | 3.2% |
| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Belmont

Town · Middlesex County · 27,175 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24th Middlesex · David M. Rogers | Suffolk and Middlesex · William N. Brownsberger | Belmont Public Schools, the town's own district | Metropolitan Area Planning Council |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Belmont scores 32 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 27 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**32** / 100

289th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 52 | 23 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 261st to 320th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Belmont received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 27 and 37 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**27** / 100

282nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 41 | 29 | 16 |

Rank under other weightings: 267th to 303rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

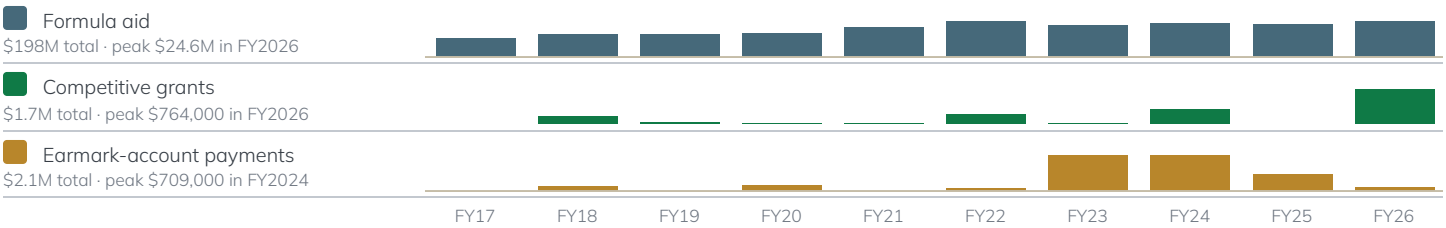
Belmont received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 22 and 32 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Belmont's town government and school districts received $198 million in formula aid and $1.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $198M | $1.7M | $2.1M |
| $7,271 per resident (278th of 351) · gross | $63.18 per resident (344th of 351) | $77.49 per resident (37th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Belmont peaked in FY2026 at $764,000, 45% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $9.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Belmont received $2.7 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.7 million placed in the city or town and $2.9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $2.7M | $2.7M | $2.9M | No |
| $101 per resident (21st of 351) | $101 per resident (65th of 351) | $105 per resident (69th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 26 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Belmont's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Clauses that name Belmont but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $120,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $120,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Belmont (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Belmont, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (27 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $750,000 | "the town of Belmont for environmental remediation and environmental compliance costs, including the cost of natural refrigerants and related capital project expenses" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $400,000 | "the recruitment, retention and compensation of kindergarten assistants in public schools in the town of Belmont" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $125,000 | "the town of Belmont to redesign the intersections of Winter street at Concord avenue and Mill street at Concord avenue" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $120,000 | "the closure and demolition of Skip Viglirolo ice rink in the town of Belmont" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "sidewalk repairs in Belmont" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 27 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Belmont received 65% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**74.7**<br>174th of 351 · 2.7 per 1,000 residents (325th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.2M**<br>scored exposure $636,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**18**<br>330th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**4.6 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**27,377**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.31**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.65; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$30,849**<br>FY2017–2025 · 102nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BELMONT

## Belmont has 66 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 144 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**66 acres**<br>2.2% of Belmont's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**144 acres**<br>4.8% of Belmont's land · 3 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**142 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 9 | 66 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 10 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 133 |
| Conservation restriction | 17 | 142 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beaver Brook North Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 32 | |
| Alewife Brook Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 19 | |
| Beaver Brook Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 84.8 miles of public road in Belmont, the state maintains 1.9 (2%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.9 | 2% |
| Town-accepted | 74.8 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 8.0 | 9% |


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STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
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| **$16.8 million** | **$2.4 million** | **$14.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 14% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $13.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $61,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $16,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $76,000 |
| Public Libraries | $62,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $13,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $17,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $37,000 |
| MBTA | $2.1M |
| Special Education | $15,000 |
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Awards to named organizations (the town’s share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | National Association for Armenian Studies and Research nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2021 | National Association for Armenian Studies and Research nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | Mystic River Watershed Association nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $74,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | National Association for Armenian Studies & Research nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $10,000 |
| FY2021 | National Association for Armenian Studies and Research nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.9% of Belmont’s general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.9%** | **9.3%** | **9.9%** | **8.4%** |
| $7.8M of $65.4M · median town 14.1% | $9M of $95.8M · median town 12.2% | $15.2M of $154M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.4% · median town 10.0% |


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### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+41.6%** | **+43.1%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $15.1M to $21.4M · all towns +54.0% | $19.2M to $27.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Belmont's health insurance would have been $18.9 million in FY2025; it was $21.4 million, $2.52 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $24 million in FY2025; it was $27.5 million, $3.49 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Belmont's government came to $2.6 million, 41.3% of the $6.28 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $2.6M | 41.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.6M | 41.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.7M | 43.2% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Belmont's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 182nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$12.9M** | **$49.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+27%** |
| 182nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Belmont runs its own school district.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $80.6 million for schools serving Belmont, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Belmont's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$80.6M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,968 per resident (54th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Belmont's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Belmont High School | Belmont | Core | $80.6M | $80.6M |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Belmont has $2.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.7M** | **$4.5M** | **$2.5M** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.2 years of its yearly money · 64th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **2** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $535,000 | $0 | $0 | $535,000 |
| FY2018 | $543,000 | $0 | $1.7M | $11 |
| FY2019 | $542,000 | $108,000 | $0 | $651,000 |
| FY2020 | $541,000 | $54,000 | $543,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2021 | $542,000 | $0 | $696,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2022 | $541,000 | $249,000 | $1M | $842,000 |
| FY2023 | $546,000 | $0 | $302,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2024 | $547,000 | $293,000 | $802,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | $547,000 | $155,000 | $541,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2026 | $793,000 | $406,000 | $0 | $2.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $794,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.3M |

The full list of the eight bridges in Belmont in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Belmont received $4.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 59% of the $7.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Belmont ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Belmont** this town | **32** | **$7,271** | **$63.18** | **$101** | **0.65** | **2.6%** |
| Wellesley peer | 28 | $6,221 | $46.83 | $85.74 | 0.18 | 1.9% |
| Needham peer · best in class of 30 | 28 | $6,664 | $33.58 | $144† | 0.21 | 2.5% |
| Sudbury peer | 38 | $9,414 | $150 | $47.32 | 0.49 | 2.7% |
| Hingham peer | 30 | $6,498 | $83.05 | $90.15† | 0.24 | 2.2% |
| Winchester peer | 28 | $6,820 | $40.16 | $49.13 | 0.45 | 2.5% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Berkley

Town · Bristol County · 6,829 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
12th Bristol · Norman J. Orrall

**STATE SENATE**
Third Bristol and Plymouth · Kelly A. Dooner

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Berkley Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Somerset Berkley Regional School District**, shared with Somerset
**Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bridgewater, Dighton, Freetown, Middleborough, Raynham, Rehoboth and Taunton

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Berkley scores 51 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 15 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**51** / 100

118th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 61 | 45 | 48 |

Rank under other weightings: 101st to 132nd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Berkley received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 48 and 53 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**15** / 100

332nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 20 | 13 | 12 |

Rank under other weightings: 330th to 332nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

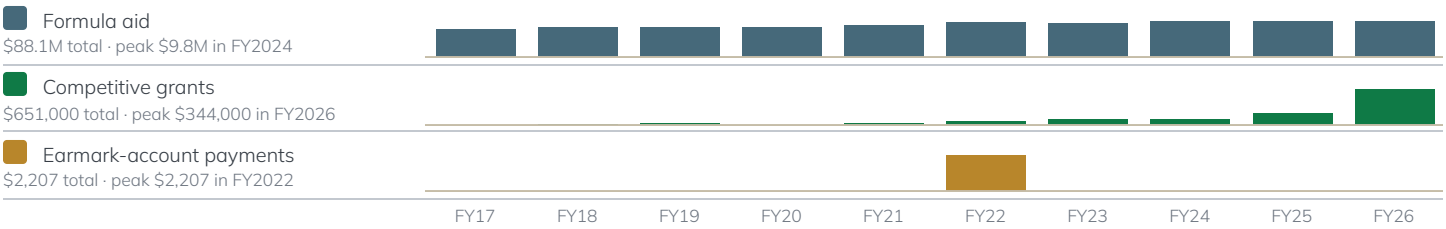
Berkley received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 15 stays between 14 and 16 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Berkley's town government and school districts received $88.1 million in formula aid and $651,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$88.1M** | **$651,000** | **$2,207** |
| $12,903 per resident (113th of 351) · gross | $95.35 per resident (326th of 351) | $0.32 per resident (333rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Berkley peaked in FY2026 at $344,000, 53% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Berkley received $95,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$95,000** | **$95,000** | **$95,000** | **No** |
| $13.91 per resident (248th of 351) | $13.91 per resident (295th of 351) | $13.91 per resident (296th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Berkley's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Berkley, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $30,000 | "enhance services at the Berkley council on aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "Berkley for a sidewalk that would connect the middle school to the town common" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $20,000 | "renovations to the historic library in the town of Berkley" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $10,000 | "enhance services at the Berkley council on aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $10,000 | "enhance services at the Berkley Council on Aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Berkley received 18% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**54.3**<br>235th of 351 · 8.0 per 1,000 residents (138th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.4M**<br>scored exposure $1.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**46**<br>279th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.5 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,879**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.18; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**150 acres**<br>1.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$61,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$406**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,883**<br>FY2017–2025 · 230th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BERKLEY

## Berkley has 157 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,124 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**157 acres**<br>1.5% of Berkley's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,124 acres**<br>10.6% of Berkley's land · 68 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**187 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**107 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 157 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 7 | 78 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 48 | 800 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 13 | 245 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 63 | 1,255 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 9 | 187 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 107 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dighton Rock State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 151 | |
| Berkley State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 63.2 miles of public road in Berkley, the state maintains 5.1 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.1 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 54.2 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.5 | 5% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Berkley $6.5 million and takes back $263,000 in assessments and charges, a net $6.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.5 million** | **$263,000** | **$6.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $4.4M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.1M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $794,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $54,000 |
| State Owned Land | $61,000 |
| Public Libraries | $19,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $106,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $42,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,146 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $6,160 |
| MBTA | $8,089 |
| Regional Transit | $44,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $55,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BERKLEY

## State programs also awarded $4,528 to organizations in Berkley other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Berkley. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $1,500 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 24.6% of Berkley's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 51.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **51.3%** | **34.8%** | **24.6%** | **23.4%** |
| $7.1M of $13.8M · median town 14.1% | $5.8M of $16.8M · median town 12.2% | $6M of $24.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 45.4% · median town 10.0% |

Berkley's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Berkley's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 45.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 51.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.1 million in FY2006 to $6 million in FY2025, −15.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1 million of Berkley's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+34.4%** | **+23.3%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $1M to $1.4M · all towns +54.0% | $2M to $2.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Berkley's health insurance would have been $1.26 million in FY2025; it was $1.36 million, $97,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.46 million in FY2025; it was $2.43 million, $31,000 below the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (–40%), FY2022 (–57%), FY2023 (+168%) and FY2025 (+52%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (–74%) and FY2025 (+227%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Berkley's government came to $95,000, 27.3% of the $348,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $95,000 | 27.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $95,000 | 27.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $95,000 | 27.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Berkley's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 171st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$7M** | **$8.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **–0%** |
| 171st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Berkley runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Somerset Berkley, Bristol Plymouth and Bristol County for others; Berkley accounts for 25%, 8% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $52.3 million for schools serving Berkley, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Berkley's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$52.3M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $7,658 per resident (2nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Berkley's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Berkley Community School | Berkley | Core | $39.5M | $39.5M |
| FY2024 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $20.2M | $1.5M (8%) |
| FY2022 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $126M | $9.5M (8%) |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$6,182 (3%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $1.7M (3%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Berkley; Berkley's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.5 million, $1.5 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Berkley's share of the final cost was $3.4 million against its share of the approved budget of $3.3 million (over by $87,000); the local share moved from $1.6 million to $1.8 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Berkley has $332,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges


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## rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.2M**<br>$976,000 of it one-time supplements | **$3.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$332,000**<br>annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 324th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **2**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Berkley came on average 19 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

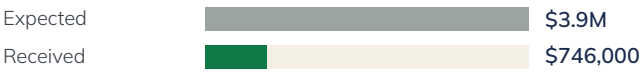
Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $266,000 | $0 | $174,000 | $237,000 |
| FY2018 | $261,000 | $0 | $425,000 | $138,000 |
| FY2019 | $261,000 | $52,000 | $447,000 | $8,374 |
| FY2020 | $262,000 | $26,000 | $76,000 | $221,000 |
| FY2021 | $262,000 | $0 | $162,000 | $320,000 |
| FY2022 | $262,000 | $181,000 | $127,000 | $636,000 |
| FY2023 | $262,000 | $0 | $346,000 | $552,000 |
| FY2024 | $261,000 | $273,000 | $473,000 | $613,000 |
| FY2025 | $260,000 | $176,000 | $793,000 | $257,000 |
| FY2026 | $441,000 | $268,000 | $633,000 | $332,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $440,000 | $0 | $0 | $772,000 |

The full list of the four bridges in Berkley in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Berkley received $746,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 19% of the $3.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Berkley ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Berkley** this town | **51** | **$12,903** | **$95.35** | **$13.91** | **0.18** | **2.7%** |
| Southampton peer | 49 | $11,984 | $317 | $22.65 | 1.74 | 2.9% |
| Paxton peer | 40 | $9,789 | $93.21 | $32.99 | 0.11 | 2.5% |
| Rutland peer | 59 | $17,290 | $124 | $22.03 | 0.61 | 2.2% |
| Georgetown peer | 46 | $10,873 | $155 | $26.52 | 0.60 | 2.7% |
| Halifax peer | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Shutesbury lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $14,882 | $4,462 | $0 | 0.50 | 2.0% |


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Berlin

Town · Worcester County · 3,378 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

12th Worcester · Meghan K. Kilcoyne

STATE SENATE

First Worcester · Robyn K. Kennedy

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Berlin-Boylston Regional School District, shared with Boylston

Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard, Northborough, Southborough and Westborough

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Berlin scores 32 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 62 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**32** / 100

284th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33 | 42 | 30 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 273rd to 291st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Berlin received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 33 stays between 30 and 36 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**62** / 100

143rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | 71 | 59 | 53 |

Rank under other weightings: 132nd to 151st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

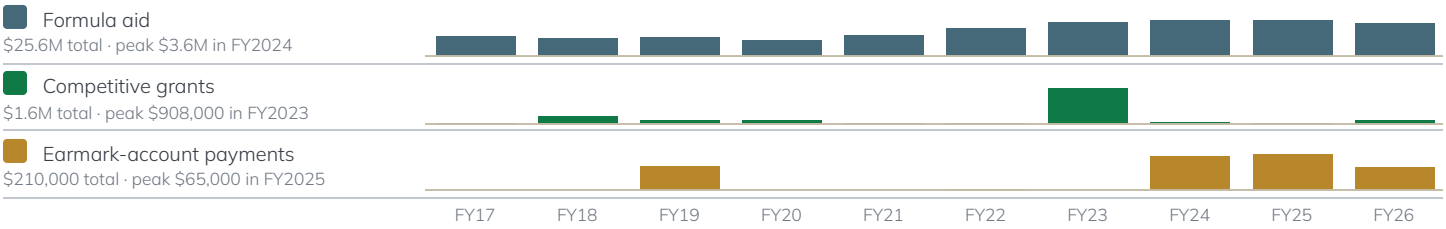
Berlin received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 62 stays between 58 and 65 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Berlin's town government and school districts received $25.6 million in formula aid and $1.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $25.6M | $1.6M | $210,000 |
| $7,567 per resident (272nd of 351) · gross | $464 per resident (148th of 351) | $62.25 per resident (50th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Berlin peaked in FY2023 at $908,000, 58% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Berlin received $293,000 in local earmarks to its government, $353,000 placed in the city or town and $353,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $293,000 | $353,000 | $353,000 | No |
| $86.74 per resident (33rd of 351) | $104 per resident (61st of 351) · 17% to organizations | $104 per resident (72nd of 351) · 17% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $293,000 went to Berlin's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $60,000 went to organizations in Berlin or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Berlin, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $60,000 | "the Worcester Regional Transit Authority for the establishment of a Senior Van and Paratransit Service in the town of Berlin" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the town of Berlin for a firepole and associated construction to provide access from the firehouse dormitories to the apparatus bay" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "public safety equipment for the Berlin fire department" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "an accessible trail system including connecting to the DCR's Rail Trail System as well as handicap nature trails in Berlin" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $40,000 | "the town of Berlin for renovations to the public safety complex" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Berlin received 2.37 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**42.0**<br>284th of 351 · 12.4 per 1,000 residents (82nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.6M**<br>scored exposure $4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**106**<br>107th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.0 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,378**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**4.11**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.37; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$48,634**<br>FY2017–2025 · 39th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BERLIN

## Berlin has 309 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**309 acres**<br>3.7% of Berlin's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**8 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**983 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 54 | 309 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 9 | 47 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 70 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 8 |
| Conservation restriction | 46 | 983 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 9 | 47 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ross Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 206 | |
| Brewer Brook Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 57 | |
| Wachusett Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 46 | |
| Barefoot Brook Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 44.6 miles of public road in Berlin, the state maintains 2.1 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.1 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 42.3 | 95% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.3 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Berlin $310,000 and takes back $47,000 in assessments and charges, a net $262,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$310,000** | **$47,000** | **$262,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 15% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $268,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $33,000 |
| Public Libraries | $8,299 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $44,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,335 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,680 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BERLIN

## State programs also awarded $161,000 to organizations in Berlin other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Berlin. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | OARS, Inc. nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $160,000 |

A further $1,020 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

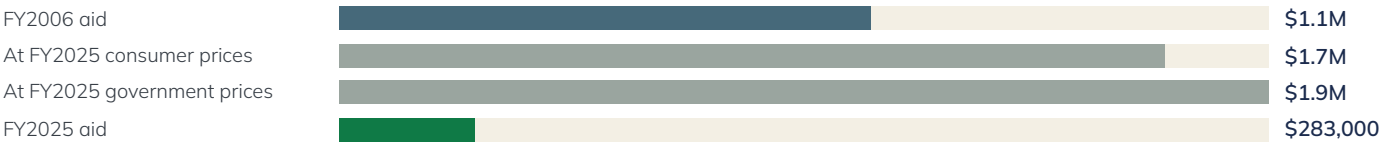
## State aid covered 1.7% of Berlin's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 14.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.0%** | **6.8%** | **1.7%** | **1.4%** |
| $1.1M of $7.9M · median town 14.1% | $805,000 of $11.9M · median town 12.2% | $283,000 of $16.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.6% · median town 10.0% |

Berlin's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Berlin's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 83.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 85.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.1 million in FY2006 to $283,000 in FY2025, −74.5% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–15.3%** | **+21.5%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $747,000 to $633,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.3M to $1.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Berlin's health insurance would have been $932,000 in FY2025; it was $633,000, $300,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.58 million in FY2025; it was $1.54 million, $43,000 below the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (–43%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Berlin's reported health insurance fell from $747,000 in FY2016 to $633,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $243,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $303,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $303,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Berlin's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 170th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2M** | **$4.7M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+26%** |
| 170th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Berlin has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Berlin-Boylston and Assabet Valley; Berlin accounts for 40% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.2 million for schools serving Berlin, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Berlin's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $341 per resident (204th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Berlin's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Boylston Elementary School | Berlin Boylston | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.9M | $1.2M (40%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Berlin has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.2M** | **$1.4M** | **$1.5M** |
| $791,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 3.0 years of its yearly money · 27th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **14** | **0** | **$0** |
| four rated poor; likely about $3.9M of work on those ($2.8M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Berlin came on average 43 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $193,000 | $0 | $193,000 | $0 |
| FY2018 | $191,000 | $0 | $0 | $191,000 |
| FY2019 | $191,000 | $38,000 | $123,000 | $298,000 |
| FY2020 | $191,000 | $19,000 | $0 | $508,000 |
| FY2021 | $191,000 | $0 | $0 | $699,000 |
| FY2022 | $192,000 | $141,000 | $0 | $1M |
| FY2023 | $193,000 | $0 | $141,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2024 | $193,000 | $231,000 | $519,000 | $989,000 |
| FY2025 | $192,000 | $156,000 | $364,000 | $973,000 |
| FY2026 | $330,000 | $205,000 | $41,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $330,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.8M |

The full list of the 21 bridges in Berlin in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Berlin received $2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 78% of the $2.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Berlin ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $353,000 in earmarks placed in Berlin, $60,000 (17%) went to organizations rather than to Berlin's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Berlin** this town | **32** | **$7,567** | **$464** | **$104** | **2.37** | **2.7%** |
| Essex peer | 32 | $7,261 | $477 | $208 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Boylston peer | 32 | $7,545 | $121 | $68.71 | 0.67 | 2.6% |
| Hadley peer | 38 | $6,882 | $989 | $42.59 | 2.48 | 2.0% |
| Mendon peer | 50 | $13,851 | $425 | $113 | 1.05 | 3.6% |
| Topsfield peer | 34 | $8,832 | $158 | $67.96 | 1.04 | 2.6% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Hinsdale lowest in class of 30 | 44 | $9,786 | $1,790 | $0 | 2.54 | 3.6% |


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Bernardston

Town · Franklin County · 2,164 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

STATE SENATE

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Pioneer Valley Regional School District**, shared with Leyden and Northfield
**Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath and ten others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Bernardston scores 55 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 82 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**55** / 100

83rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 54 | 58 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 61st to 100th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Bernardston received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 54 and 57 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**82** / 100

76th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 85 | 82 | 82 | 80 |

Rank under other weightings: 70th to 77th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

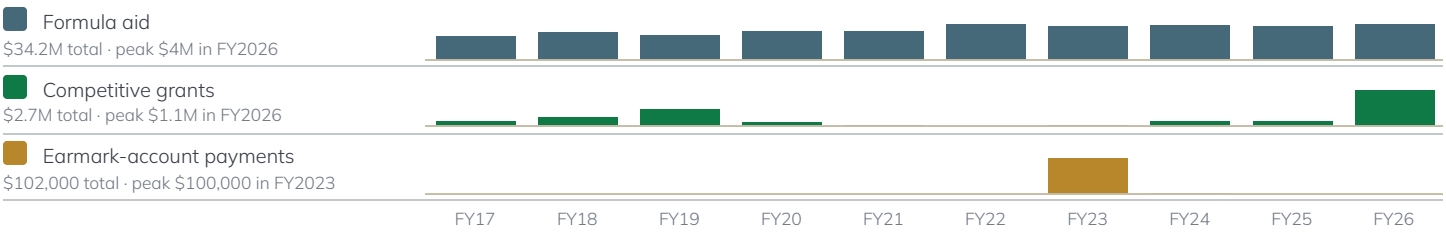
Bernardston received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 82 stays between 81 and 83 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Bernardston's town government and school districts received $34.2 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$34.2M** | **$2.7M** | **$102,000** |
| $15,799 per resident (65th of 351) · gross | $1,227 per resident (65th of 351) | $47.11 per resident (85th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Bernardston peaked in FY2026 at $1.1 million, 43% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Bernardston in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **Yes** |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $102,000 in payments to Bernardston's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Bernardston.

Bernardston is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Bernardston's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Bernardston's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| East Brookfield | $205,000 | $205,000 | $205,000 | $94.64 |
| Lanesborough | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Phillipston | $50,000 | $150,000 | $150,000 | $79.16 |
| Gill | $0 | $88,000 | $88,000 | $50.29 |
| Petersham | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Bernardston received 44% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**41.7**<br>286th of 351 · 19.3 per 1,000 residents (60th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.8M**<br>scored exposure $2.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**51**<br>258th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.4 sq mi**<br>12% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,164**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.44; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,623 acres**<br>10.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$58,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$35.80**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,092**<br>FY2017–2025 · 201st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BERNARDSTON

## Bernardston has 1,797 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,253 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,797 acres**<br>12.0% of Bernardston's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,253 acres**<br>28.4% of Bernardston's land · 104 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**163 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,226 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 32 | 1,797 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 35 | 1,749 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 32 | 2,384 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 48 | 1,137 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 24 | 731 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 48 | 2,255 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 163 |
| Conservation restriction | 11 | 1,226 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 33 | 1,644 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 105 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Satan's Kingdom WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,632 | |
| Shattuck Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 137 | |
| Darwin Scott WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 27 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 57.0 miles of public road in Bernardston, the state maintains 14.9 (26%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.9 | 26% |
| Town-accepted | 41.7 | 73% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.3 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Bernardston $469,000 and takes back $6,244 in assessments and charges, a net $463,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$469,000** | **$6,244** | **$463,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $374,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $30,000 |
| State Owned Land | $58,000 |
| Public Libraries | $7,144 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $607 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,080 |
| Regional Transit | $3,557 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BERNARDSTON

## State programs also awarded $22,000 to organizations in Bernardston other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Bernardston. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Bernardston-Gill-Leyden Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,939 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2025 | Bernardston Gill Leyden Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $5,305 |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.9% of Bernardston's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 13.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.6%** | **6.1%** | **6.9%** | **6.7%** |
| $529,000 of $3.9M · median town 14.1% | $302,000 of $5M · median town 12.2% | $445,000 of $6.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.3% · median town 10.0% |

Bernardston's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.3 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Bernardston's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 45.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 51.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $529,000 in FY2006 to $445,000 in FY2025, −15.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $102,000 of Bernardston's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+74.4%** | **+111.4%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $85,000 to $147,000 · all towns +54.0% | $188,000 to $397,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Bernardston's health insurance would have been $106,000 in FY2025; it was $147,000, $42,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $235,000 in FY2025; it was $397,000, $163,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (+33%) and FY2024 (+30%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Bernardston's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $63,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Bernardston's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 109th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.3M** | **$2.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **+1%** |
| 109th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Bernardston has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Pioneer and Franklin County; Bernardston accounts for 42% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $4.8 million for schools serving Bernardston, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Bernardston's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.8M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,224 per resident (81st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Bernardston's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $4.8M (4%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Bernardston has $734,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.1M** | **$2M** | **$734,000** |
| $775,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 171st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **7** | **0** | **$75,000** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $75,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Bernardston came on average 27 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $188,000 | $0 | $0 | $188,000 |
| FY2018 | $184,000 | $0 | $269,000 | $276,000 |
| FY2019 | $183,000 | $37,000 | $0 | $496,000 |
| FY2020 | $183,000 | $18,000 | $313,000 | $384,000 |
| FY2021 | $183,000 | $0 | $34,000 | $533,000 |
| FY2022 | $183,000 | $139,000 | $489,000 | $366,000 |
| FY2023 | $181,000 | $0 | $334,000 | $213,000 |
| FY2024 | $180,000 | $226,000 | $218,000 | $402,000 |
| FY2025 | $181,000 | $153,000 | $63,000 | $672,000 |
| FY2026 | $319,000 | $202,000 | $459,000 | $734,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $318,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |

The full list of the 25 bridges in Bernardston in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Eden Trl over Mill Brook source | $75,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Bernardston received $2.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 49% of the $5.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Bernardston is one of three municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bernardston** this town | **55** | **$15,799** | **$1,227** | **$0** | **0.44** | **2.9%** |
| East Brookfield peer | 55 | $15,885 | $104 | $94.64 | 0.06 | 3.2% |
| Lanesborough peer · lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |
| Phillipston peer | 50 | $12,743 | $1,191 | $79.16† | 1.39 | 2.9% |
| Gill peer | 40 | $9,063 | $224 | $50.29† | 0.47 | 2.3% |
| Petersham peer | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Beverly

City · Essex County · 42,665 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

6th Essex · Hannah Bowen and Jerald A. Parisella (until May 2025)

STATE SENATE

Second Essex · Joan B. Lovely

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Beverly Public Schools**, the city's own district

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Beverly scores 27 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 37 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**27** / 100

336th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 26 | 31 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 312th to 340th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Beverly received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 26 and 28 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**37** / 100

240th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 37 | 40 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 231st to 248th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

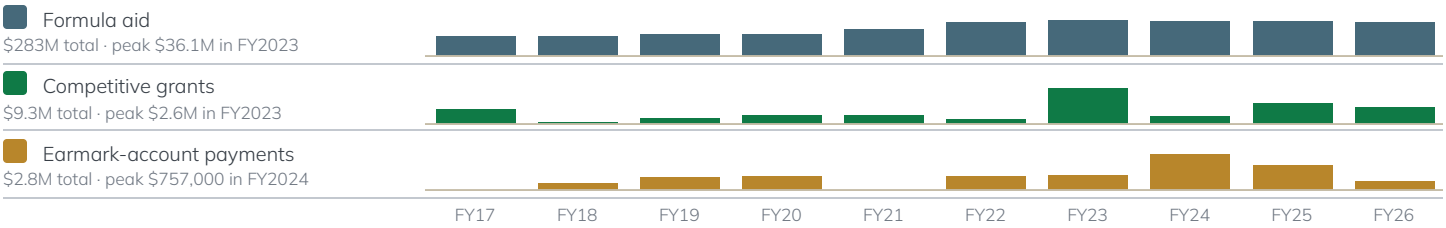
Beverly received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 37 stays between 36 and 38 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Beverly's town government and school districts received $283 million in formula aid and $9.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$283M** | **$9.3M** | **$2.8M** |
| $6,643 per resident (308th of 351) · gross | $218 per resident (243rd of 351) | $65.68 per resident (45th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Beverly peaked in FY2023 at $2.6 million, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $31.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Beverly received $2.5 million in local earmarks to its government, $3 million placed in the city or town and $3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$2.5M** | **$3M** | **$3M** | **No** |
| $59.30 per resident (57th of 351) | $69.85 per resident (113th of 351) · 15% to organizations | $69.85 per resident (122nd of 351) · 15% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 25 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $2.5 million went to Beverly's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $450,000 went to organizations in Beverly or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Beverly, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (25 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "road and sidewalk repair and improvements on Elliott street in the city of Beverly" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $250,000 | "address traffic and safety issues on Route 62 in the city of Beverly" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "the renovation of Gillis park in the city of Beverly" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "the city of Beverly for the construction of pickleball courts" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "the city of Beverly for facility upgrades and improvements to the Beverly public library" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 25 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Beverly received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**130.7**<br>51st of 351 · 3.1 per 1,000 residents (315th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3.7M**<br>scored exposure $3.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**121**<br>75th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.1 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**42,755**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.79**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.97; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$4,892**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$4,844**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,023**<br>FY2017–2025 · 182nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BEVERLY

## No state conservation land is mapped in Beverly; 1 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of Beverly's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**10 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**420 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 1 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 7 | 87 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 10 |
| Conservation restriction | 41 | 420 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 153.6 miles of public road in Beverly, the state maintains 11.5 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.5 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 130.1 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 12.0 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Beverly $26.1 million and takes back $2.8 million in assessments and charges, a net $23.4 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$26.1 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$2.8 million**<br>11% of what is sent | Net<br>**$23.4 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $163,000 |
| Smart Growth School Reimbursement | $507,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $868,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $7.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $321,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $258,000 |
| State Owned Land | $5,012 |
| Public Libraries | $114,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $98,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $15,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $26,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $72,000 |
| MBTA | $1.1M |
| Special Education | $15,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $758,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $693,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BEVERLY

## State programs also awarded $1.3 million to organizations in Beverly other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | The Cabot nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2021 | Historic Beverly nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | The Cabot nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $160,000 |
| FY2027 | Montserrat College of Art Gallery nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $106,000 |
| FY2024 | Cabot Performing Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $104,000 |
| FY2022 | Montserrat College of Art Gallery nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |

A further $419,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.6% of Beverly's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 15.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.8%** | **12.6%** | **13.6%** | **12.4%** |
| $15.5M of $98.1M · median town 14.1% | $14.9M of $118M · median town 12.2% | $23.5M of $173M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.0% · median town 10.0% |

Beverly's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $863,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Beverly's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 2.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 13.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $15.5 million in FY2006 to $23.5 million in FY2025, +51.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.5 million of Beverly's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+52.1%** | **+45.5%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $20.7M to $31.4M · all towns +54.0% | $27.1M to $39.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Beverly's health insurance would have been $25.8 million in FY2025; it was $31.4 million, $5.62 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $33.8 million in FY2025; it was $39.4 million, $5.59 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Beverly's government came to $2.4 million, 22.6% of the $10.8 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $2.4M | 22.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.9M | 26.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.9M | 26.8% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Beverly's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 62nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$16.5M** | **$55.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **+50%** |
| 62nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Beverly runs its own school district and also belongs to Essex North Shore; Beverly accounts for 14% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $91,000 for schools serving Beverly, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Beverly's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$91,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2.12 per resident (275th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Beverly's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $91,000 (14%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Beverly's share of the final cost was $138,000 against its share of the approved budget of $210,000 (under by $72,000); the local share moved from $119,000 to $82,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Beverly has $1.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.7M** | **$11.6M** | **$1.6M** |
| $2.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.8 years of its yearly money · 250th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **3**<br>one rated poor; likely about $4.5M of work on those ($2.9M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Beverly came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.1M | $1 |
| FY2018 | $1M | $0 | $899,000 | $147,000 |
| FY2019 | $1M | $209,000 | $1.5M | $372,000 |
| FY2020 | $1M | $105,000 | $270,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2021 | $1M | $0 | $1.4M | $882,000 |
| FY2022 | $1M | $433,000 | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2023 | $1M | $0 | $1.8M | $426,000 |
| FY2024 | $1M | $530,000 | $1.7M | $278,000 |
| FY2025 | $1M | $287,000 | $692,000 | $919,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.5M | $728,000 | $1.6M | $1.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.5M | $0 | $0 | $3M |

The full list of the 16 bridges in Beverly in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Beverly received $16.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $16 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Beverly ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3 million in earmarks placed in Beverly, $450,000 (15%) went to organizations rather than to Beverly's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Beverly** this town | **27** | **$6,643** | **$218** | **$69.85** | **0.97** | **3.1%** |
| Barnstable peer | 27 | $6,526 | $289 | $69.38† | 0.74 | 3.6% |
| Dartmouth peer | 28 | $6,506 | $296 | $16.50 | 0.73 | 3.6% |
| Norwood peer | 34 | $7,831 | $166 | $22.99 | 0.33 | 3.0% |
| Saugus peer | 29 | $7,158 | $98.00 | $42.11 | 0.36 | 3.3% |
| Weymouth peer | 39 | $8,687 | $450 | $104 | 2.15 | 2.8% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Yarmouth lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Billerica

Town · Middlesex County · 42,003 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
22nd Middlesex · Marc T. Lombardo

**STATE SENATE**
Fourth Middlesex · Cindy F. Friedman

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Billerica Public Schools, the town's own district
Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bedford, Burlington, Tewksbury and Wilmington

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Northern Middlesex Council Of Governments

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Billerica scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 9 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**39** / 100

220th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 48 | 36 | 37 |

Rank under other weightings: 205th to 234th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Billerica received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 37 and 41 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**9** / 100

349th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 12 | 8 | 8 |

Rank under other weightings: 346th to 349th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

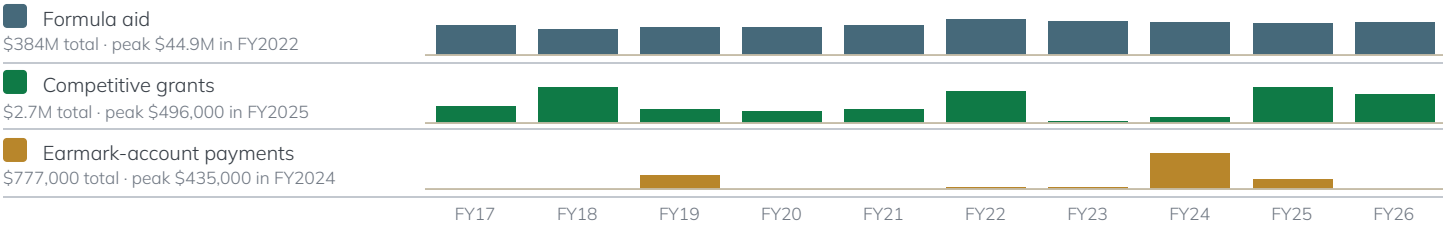
Billerica received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 9 stays between 8 and 10 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Billerica's town government and school districts received $384 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $384M | $2.7M | $777,000 |
| $9,140 per resident (213th of 351) · gross | $64.58 per resident (342nd of 351) | $18.50 per resident (211th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Billerica were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $28.2 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Billerica received $570,000 in local earmarks to its government, $904,000 placed in the city or town and $904,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $570,000 | $904,000 | $904,000 | No |
| $13.57 per resident (252nd of 351) | $21.52 per resident (274th of 351) · 37% to organizations | $21.52 per resident (275th of 351) · 37% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 32 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $570,000 went to Billerica's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $334,000 went to organizations in Billerica or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Billerica, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (32 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $85,000 | "the Billerica council on aging for improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $75,000 | "the design and construction of the Lexington and Glad Valley project in the town of Billerica" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "the construction of the Yankee Doodle Bike Path in Billerica" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "a grant to the town of Billerica for the Yankee Doodle Bike Path" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $45,000 | "the restoration and renovation of the Clara Sexton House in Billerica center in the town of Billerica" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 32 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Billerica received 29% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**200.6**<br>14th of 351 · 4.8 per 1,000 residents (246th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$24.3M**<br>scored exposure $9.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**104**<br>112th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**25.6 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**42,024**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.45**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.29; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**335 acres**<br>2.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$263,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$784**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$30,699**<br>FY2017–2025 · 103rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BILLERICA

## Billerica has 340 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 250 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**340 acres**<br>2.1% of Billerica's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**250 acres**<br>1.5% of Billerica's land · 25 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**49 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**195 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 37 | 340 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 9 | 335 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 54 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 104 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 92 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 10 | 254 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 49 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 195 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 324 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 11 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Billerica State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 283 | |
| Warren H. Manning State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 41 | |
| Governor Thomas Dudley Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | |
| Governor Thomas Dudley Park | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5 | |
| Concord River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 232.4 miles of public road in Billerica, the state maintains 11.8 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.8 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 197.2 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 23.4 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Billerica $30.8 million and takes back $5.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $25.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$30.8 million** | **$5.7 million** | **$25.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 19% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $22.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $73,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $7.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $200,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $572,000 |
| State Owned Land | $263,000 |
| Public Libraries | $109,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $3.4M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $124,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $15,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $49,000 |
| Regional Transit | $366,000 |
| Special Education | $1,549 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $514,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.3M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BILLERICA

## State programs also awarded $462,000 to organizations in Billerica other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Billerica. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | OARS, Inc. nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $250,000 |
| FY2023 | Middlesex Canal Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Northern Middlesex Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $12,000 (shared eight ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.5% of Billerica's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+42.1%** | **+41.5%** | **3 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $18.8M to $26.8M · all towns +54.0% | $29M to $41M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

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SCHOOLS

## Billerica's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 150th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$23.9M** | **$62.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **–13%** |
| 150th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Billerica runs its own school district and also belongs to Shawsheen Valley; Billerica accounts for 36% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Billerica, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.9M**<br>$3.2M of it one-time supplements | **$12.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$4.2M**<br>annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 152nd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **10**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$214,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $214,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.3M | $0 | $4.5M | $717,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.3M | $0 | $526,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2019 | $1.3M | $260,000 | $1.3M | $2M |
| FY2020 | $1.3M | $129,000 | $1.7M | $1.8M |
| FY2021 | $1.3M | $0 | $896,000 | $2.2M |
| FY2022 | $1.3M | $659,000 | $878,000 | $3.3M |
| FY2023 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.1M | $3.5M |
| FY2024 | $1.3M | $722,000 | $4.2M | $1.4M |
| FY2025 | $1.3M | $362,000 | $1.2M | $1.9M |
| FY2026 | $2M | $1.1M | $721,000 | $4.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2M | $0 | $0 | $6.2M |

The full list of the 30 bridges in Billerica in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Flowing Toward Resilience: Climate Change and Hydraulic Capacity of Culverts source | $130,000 |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Queensland Road over Unknown / Nashua Rd over Unknown source | $85,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Billerica received $3.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 36% of the $10.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Billerica ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $904,000 in earmarks placed in Billerica, $334,000 (37%) went to organizations rather than to Billerica's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Billerica** this town | **39** | **$9,140** | **$64.58** | **$21.52** | **0.29** | **2.7%** |
| Arlington peer | 32 | $7,131 | $184 | $64.10 | 0.96 | 2.2% |
| Chelmsford peer | 31 | $7,630 | $194 | $41.84 | 0.37 | 3.1% |
| Braintree peer · best in class of 30 | 39 | $9,109 | $142 | $117 | 0.55 | 3.4% |
| Wilmington peer | 42 | $9,651 | $202 | $31.68 | 0.32 | 2.7% |
| Melrose peer | 35 | $7,621 | $417 | $63.68 | 2.22 | 2.7% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

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**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Blackstone

Town · Worcester County · 9,255 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

8th Worcester · Michael J. Soter

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Blackstone-Millville Regional School District**, shared with Millville
**Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville and four others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Blackstone scores 51 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 32 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**51** / 100

114th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 48 | 52 | 52 |

Rank under other weightings: 100th to 129th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Blackstone received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 50 and 52 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**32** / 100

261st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 27 | 38 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 250th to 271st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

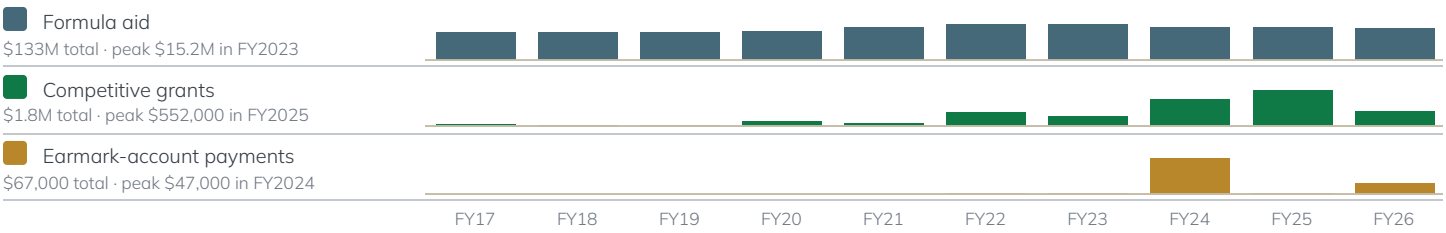
Blackstone received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 30 and 34 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Blackstone's town government and school districts received $133 million in formula aid and $1.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$133M** | **$1.8M** | **$67,000** |
| $14,382 per resident (87th of 351) · gross | $190 per resident (257th of 351) | $7.20 per resident (273rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Blackstone peaked in FY2025 at $552,000, 31% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Blackstone received $470,000 in local earmarks to its government, $838,000 placed in the city or town and $838,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$470,000** | **$838,000** | **$838,000** | **No** |
| $50.73 per resident (80th of 351) | $90.57 per resident (80th of 351) · 44% to organizations | $90.57 per resident (92nd of 351) · 44% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 15 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $470,000 went to Blackstone's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $369,000 went to organizations in Blackstone or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Blackstone, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (15 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for its sustainability for tomorrow program, operated in conjunction with Whittier Farms, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $200,000 | "the replacement of a failing culvert in the town of Blackstone" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $83,000 | "the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for the removal and replacement of an underground storage tank" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "Daniels Farm in the town of Blackstone for restoration of historic buildings" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "a new standby generator and public safety upgrades for the town of Blackstone" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 15 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Blackstone received 82% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**41.1**<br>290th of 351 · 4.4 per 1,000 residents (263rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$19.4M**<br>scored exposure $11.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**69**<br>200th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**11.1 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,255**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.97**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.82; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**288 acres**<br>4.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$47,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$163**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,554**<br>FY2017–2025 · 207th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BLACKSTONE

## Blackstone has 306 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 422 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**306 acres**<br>4.3% of Blackstone's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**422 acres**<br>5.9% of Blackstone's land · 19 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**130 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 16 | 306 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 25 | 293 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 118 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 14 | 303 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 130 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 7 | 227 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 18 | 66 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quisset WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 242 | |
| Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 38 | |
| Southern New England Trunkline Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 27 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 47.1 miles of public road in Blackstone, the state maintains 2.1 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.1 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 41.1 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.0 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Blackstone $2.1 million and takes back $56,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.1 million** | **$56,000** | **$2.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $162,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $90,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $49,000 |
| State Owned Land | $47,000 |
| Public Libraries | $29,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $40,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,694 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $14,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BLACKSTONE

## State programs also awarded $325,000 to organizations in Blackstone other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Blackstone. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Blackstone Watershed Collaborative nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $250,000 |
| FY2025 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) regional body | MassTrails Grants | $33,000 (shared three ways) |

A further $42,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.5% of Blackstone's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.2%** | **7.9%** | **7.5%** | **7.3%** |
| $1.4M of $15.1M · median town 14.1% | $1.5M of $19.2M · median town 12.2% | $2.1M of $28M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.1% · median town 10.0% |

Blackstone's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $8.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Blackstone's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 3.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 13.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.4 million in FY2006 to $2.1 million in FY2025, +50.5% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+48.8%** | **+96.3%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $538,000 to $800,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.2M to $2.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Blackstone's health insurance would have been $671,000 in FY2025; it was $800,000, $129,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.44 million in FY2025; it was $2.26 million, $824,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+33%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Blackstone's government came to $454,000, 173.1% of the $263,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $454,000 | 173.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $823,000 | 3.1 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $823,000 | 3.1 times | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Blackstone's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 174th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$9.9M** | **$9.7M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **–8%** |
| 174th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Blackstone has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Blackstone, Blackstone-Millville and Blackstone Valley; Blackstone accounts for 100%, 75% and 5% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $61.8 million for schools serving Blackstone, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Blackstone's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$61.8M** | **4** | **$8.66B** |
| $6,677 per resident (4th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Blackstone's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Blackstone-Millville Regional High School | Blackstone Millville | Core | $78.3M | $58.9M (75%) |
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $147,000 (5%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $40,000 (5%) |
| FY2019 | Millville Elementary School | Blackstone Millville | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $925,000 | $696,000 (75%) |
| FY2018 | John F. Kennedy Elementary School | Blackstone Millville | Accelerated Repair (Partial Windows/Doors; Boiler) | $2.6M | $2M (75%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Blackstone's share of the final cost was $3.4 million against its share of the approved budget of $4.8 million (under by $1.5 million); the local share moved from $2.1 million to $1.5 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Blackstone has $678,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.4M**<br>$620,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$678,000**<br>annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 189th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**9**<br>one rated poor; about $5.6M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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**Blackstone owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $235,000 | $0 | $408,000 | $62,000 |
| FY2018 | $234,000 | $0 | $343,000 | $10 |
| FY2019 | $235,000 | $47,000 | $0 | $282,000 |
| FY2020 | $235,000 | $23,000 | $95,000 | $445,000 |
| FY2021 | $234,000 | $0 | $448,000 | $231,000 |
| FY2022 | $232,000 | $137,000 | $110,000 | $490,000 |
| FY2023 | $229,000 | $0 | $487,000 | $232,000 |
| FY2024 | $230,000 | $139,000 | $329,000 | $272,000 |
| FY2025 | $229,000 | $65,000 | $318,000 | $248,000 |
| FY2026 | $365,000 | $209,000 | $144,000 | $678,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $364,000 | $0 | $0 | $1M |

The full list of the 23 bridges in Blackstone in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

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| Williamstown peer | 21 | $5,059 | $141 | $20.49† | 1.38 | 2.4% |
| Monson peer | 55 | $15,493 | $338 | $14.84 | 2.33 | 2.6% |
| Belchertown peer | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |
| Dudley peer | 60 | $17,447 | $442 | $36.88 | 1.55 | 2.5% |
| Shirley peer | 48 | $11,957 | $554 | $23.80 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Lanesborough lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Blandford

Town · Hampden County · 1,156 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Hampden · Nicholas A. Boldyga | Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark | Gateway Regional School District, shared with Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery and Russell | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Blandford scores 52 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 96 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**52** / 100

105th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 57 | 48 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 90th to 114th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Blandford received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 50 and 55 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**96** / 100

18th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 98 | 90 | 97 |

Rank under other weightings: 14th to 20th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

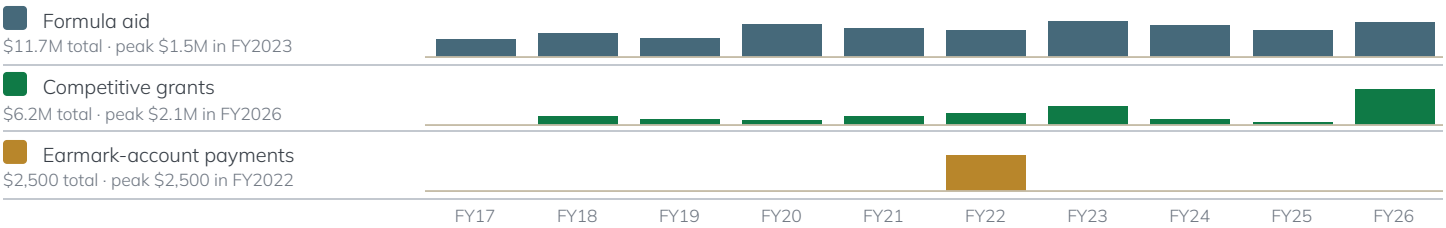
Blandford received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 96 stays between 95 and 97 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Blandford's town government and school districts received $11.7 million in formula aid and $6.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $11.7M | $6.2M | $2,500 |
| $10,142 per resident (173rd of 351) · gross | $5,405 per resident (14th of 351) | $2.16 per resident (312th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Blandford peaked in FY2026 at $2.1 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Blandford in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,500 in payments to Blandford's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Blandford.

Blandford is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Blandford's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Blandford's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Worthington | $60,000 | $60,000 | $60,000 | $58.77 |
| West Stockbridge | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Chesterfield | $0 | $225,000 | $225,000 | $213 |
| Richmond | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Leverett | $115,000 | $215,000 | $215,000 | $134 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Blandford received 80% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**64.0**<br>204th of 351 · 55.4 per 1,000 residents (19th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.1M**<br>scored exposure $1.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**148**<br>42nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**51.6 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**6%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,230**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.17**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.80; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,146 acres**<br>6.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$40,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$18.57**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$45,893**<br>FY2017–2025 · 44th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BLANDFORD

## Blandford has 2,772 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,950 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,772 acres**<br>8.4% of Blandford's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,950 acres**<br>15.0% of Blandford's land · 95 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,267 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 20 | 2,772 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 6 | 1,884 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 58 | 3,825 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 22 | 832 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 15 | 294 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 59 | 3,098 |
| Conservation restriction | 27 | 2,267 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 1,884 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chester-Blandford State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,870 | |
| Tolland State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 754 | |
| Stage Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 148 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 86.3 miles of public road in Blandford, the state maintains 18.1 (21%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 18.1 | 21% |
| Town-accepted | 64.1 | 74% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.7 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Blandford $315,000 and takes back $2,051 in assessments and charges, a net $313,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$315,000** | **$2,051** | **$313,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $78,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $165,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $27,000 |
| State Owned Land | $40,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,397 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $425 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,420 |
| Regional Transit | $206 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BLANDFORD

## State programs also awarded $150,000 to organizations in Blandford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Blandford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Blandford Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $95,000 |
| FY2022 | Blandford Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2024 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $9,400 (shared five ways) |
| FY2020 | Blandford Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.0% of Blandford's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.4%** | **5.4%** | **7.0%** | **6.8%** |
| $171,000 of $2M · median town 14.1% | $210,000 of $3.9M · median town 12.2% | $298,000 of $4.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.2% · median town 10.0% |

Blandford's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $452,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Blandford's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 12.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 0.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $171,000 in FY2006 to $298,000 in FY2025, +74.2% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–2.4%** | **+160.7%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $67,000 to $66,000 · all towns +54.0% | $121,000 to $316,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Blandford's health insurance would have been $84,000 in FY2025; it was $66,000, $18,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $151,000 in FY2025; it was $316,000, $165,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+32%), FY2021 (+30%) and FY2024 (+30%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (–35%), FY2020 (–37%), FY2021 (+68%), FY2024 (+41%) and FY2025 (–42%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Blandford's reported health insurance fell from $67,000 in FY2016 to $66,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Blandford's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 203rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$546,000** | **$1.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+23%** |
| 203rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Blandford has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Blandford and Gateway; Blandford accounts for 100% and 13% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Blandford, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Blandford has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.3M** | **$2.5M** | **$1.3M** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 108th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **14** | **1** | **$472,000** |
| one rated poor; likely about $476,000 of work on those ($228,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of two town-owned dams | bridges $472,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Blandford owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $257,000 | $0 | $0 | $257,000 |
| FY2018 | $260,000 | $0 | $317,000 | $220,000 |
| FY2019 | $260,000 | $52,000 | $0 | $532,000 |
| FY2020 | $258,000 | $26,000 | $562,000 | $520,000 |
| FY2021 | $258,000 | $0 | $413,000 | $365,000 |
| FY2022 | $257,000 | $211,000 | $92,000 | $741,000 |
| FY2023 | $256,000 | $0 | $639,000 | $358,000 |
| FY2024 | $258,000 | $286,000 | $405,000 | $497,000 |
| FY2025 | $257,000 | $173,000 | $0 | $927,000 |
| FY2026 | $469,000 | $306,000 | $329,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $468,000 | $0 | $25,000 | $1.8M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Blandford in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Blandford received $6.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.2 times the $2.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Blandford is one of five municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Blandford** this town | **52** | **$10,142** | **$5,405** | **$0** | **0.80** | **2.6%** |
| Worthington peer | 45 | $10,665 | $2,563 | $58.77 | 0.59 | 2.8% |
| West Stockbridge peer · lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $9,304 | $478 | $0 | 0.46 | 2.4% |
| Chesterfield peer | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |
| Richmond peer | 40 | $8,072 | $776 | $0 | 0.19 | 2.2% |
| Leverett peer | 47 | $11,884 | $1,674 | $134 | 1.95 | 2.9% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Bolton

Town · Worcester County · 5,737 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

3rd Middlesex · Kate Hogan

STATE SENATE

First Worcester · Robyn K. Kennedy

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Nashoba Regional School District, shared with Lancaster and Stow
Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Acton, Arlington, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Needham and Stow

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Bolton scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 76 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**35** / 100

258th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 55 | 26 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 223rd to 288th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Bolton received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 29 and 41 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**76** / 100

90th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 75 | 87 | 76 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 82nd to 108th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

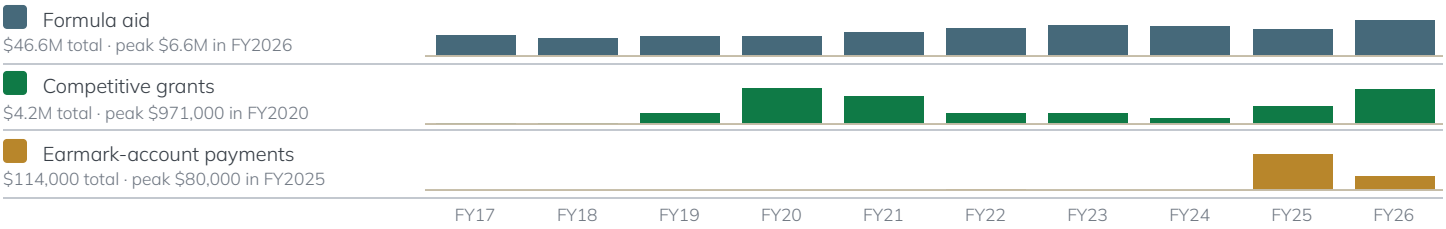
Bolton received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 76 stays between 72 and 79 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Bolton's town government and school districts received $46.6 million in formula aid and $4.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $46.6M | $4.2M | $114,000 |
| $8,127 per resident (247th of 351) · gross | $737 per resident (105th of 351) | $19.95 per resident (204th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Bolton peaked in FY2020 at $971,000, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Bolton received $340,000 in local earmarks to its government, $360,000 placed in the city or town and $360,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $340,000 | $360,000 | $360,000 | No |
| $59.26 per resident (58th of 351) | $62.75 per resident (134th of 351) · 6% to organizations | $62.75 per resident (141st of 351) · 6% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $340,000 went to Bolton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $20,000 went to organizations in Bolton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Bolton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the development and engineering of a second means of egress for the Florence Sawyer school building complex in the town of Bolton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "culvert repair and replacement in the town of Bolton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "rural infrastructure improvements to the town of Bolton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "culvert design, repair and replacement in Bolton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $20,000 | "Bolton Community Fund, Inc. for the continuation of the Bolton 5K and Fun Run Festival" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Bolton received 1.64 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**61.5**<br>213th of 351 · 10.7 per 1,000 residents (98th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$767,000**<br>scored exposure $67,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**114**<br>87th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**19.9 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,737**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.87**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.64; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**535 acres**<br>4.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$21,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$38.94**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,848**<br>FY2017–2025 · 172nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BOLTON

## Bolton has 610 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,869 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**610 acres**<br>4.8% of Bolton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,869 acres**<br>14.6% of Bolton's land · 61 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**223 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**746 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 21 | 610 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 425 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 11 | 298 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 30 | 1,026 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 20 | 545 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 40 | 809 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 10 | 223 |
| Conservation restriction | 105 | 746 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 4 | 425 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bolton Flats WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 535 | |
| Delaney Flood Control Site | DCR and Fish and Game | 75 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 66.1 miles of public road in Bolton, the state maintains 4.5 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.5 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 61.5 | 93% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.2 | 0% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Bolton $377,000 and takes back $83,000 in assessments and charges, a net $294,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$377,000** | **$83,000** | **$294,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 22% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $3,547 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $274,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $20,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $43,000 |
| State Owned Land | $21,000 |
| Public Libraries | $16,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $69,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,197 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $3,526 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,220 |
| Regional Transit | $5,714 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

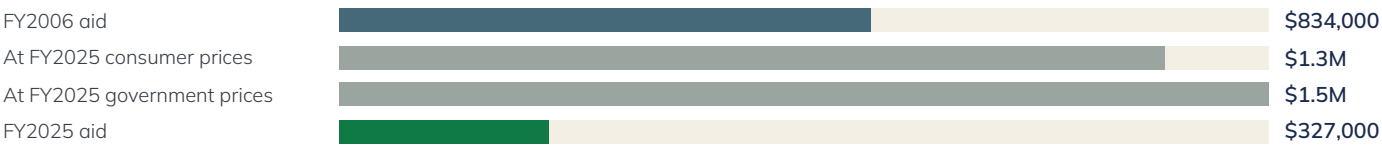
## State aid covered 1.1% of Bolton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 5.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5.4%** | **3.0%** | **1.1%** | **0.8%** |
| $834,000 of $15.4M · median town 14.1% | $657,000 of $21.5M · median town 12.2% | $327,000 of $30.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.4% · median town 10.0% |

Bolton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Bolton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 74.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 77.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $834,000 in FY2006 to $327,000 in FY2025, –60.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $432,000 of Bolton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+86.3%** | **+115.2%** | **8 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $372,000 to $694,000 · all towns +54.0% | $829,000 to $1.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Bolton's health insurance would have been $465,000 in FY2025; it was $694,000, $229,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.04 million in FY2025; it was $1.79 million, $749,000 above the path.


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LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Bolton's government came to $340,000, 105.8% of the $321,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $340,000 | 105.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $340,000 | 105.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $340,000 | 105.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Bolton's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 120th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$3.3M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$11.5M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.8%**<br>120th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+33%**<br>after inflation |

Bolton has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Bolton, Nashoba and Minuteman; Bolton accounts for 100%, 33% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $26.6 million for schools serving Bolton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Bolton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$26.6M**<br>$4,636 per resident (11th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Bolton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Nashoba Regional High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Nashoba | Core | $14.9M | $5M (33%) |
| FY2024 | Nashoba Regional High School | Nashoba | Core | $64.8M | $21.6M (33%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Bolton; Bolton's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $5 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Bolton has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.7M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 154th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Bolton came on average 38 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $289,000 | $0 | $579,000 | $33,000 |
| FY2018 | $283,000 | $0 | $96,000 | $220,000 |
| FY2019 | $290,000 | $58,000 | $61,000 | $508,000 |
| FY2020 | $291,000 | $29,000 | $0 | $827,000 |
| FY2021 | $291,000 | $0 | $72,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2022 | $291,000 | $205,000 | $30,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | $290,000 | $0 | $719,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $290,000 | $292,000 | $794,000 | $947,000 |
| FY2025 | $289,000 | $183,000 | $0 | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $493,000 | $302,000 | $917,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $493,000 | $0 | $163,000 | $1.6M |

The full list of the 18 bridges in Bolton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Bolton received $4.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.0 times the $2.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Bolton ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $360,000 in earmarks placed in Bolton, $20,000 (6%) went to organizations rather than to Bolton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bolton** this town | **35** | **$8,127** | **$737** | **$62.75** | **1.64** | **2.8%** |
| West Newbury peer | 48 | $10,655 | $574 | $38.12 | 0.91 | 2.1% |
| Boxford peer | 40 | $9,338 | $156 | $74.78 | 0.46 | 2.6% |
| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Middleton peer | 30 | $6,815 | $154 | $32.88 | 0.83 | 2.6% |
| Sherborn peer | 39 | $9,422 | $708 | $109 | 0.88 | 2.7% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

FAIRNESS INDEX CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

STATE MONEY CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

EARMARKS General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

SCHOOLS DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

SCHOOL BUILDINGS Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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SUFFOLK COUNTY

# Boston

City · Suffolk County · 666,442 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

### STATE HOUSE

5th Suffolk · Christopher J. Worrell 7% of residents
8th Suffolk · Jay D. Livingstone 7% of residents
14th Suffolk · Rob Consalvo 7% of residents
15th Suffolk · Samantha Montaño 7% of residents
7th Suffolk · Chynah Tyler 7% of residents
6th Suffolk · Russell E. Holmes 7% of residents
4th Suffolk · David Biele 6% of residents
3rd Suffolk · Aaron Michlewitz 6% of residents
1st Suffolk · Adrian C. Madaro 6% of residents
13th Suffolk · Daniel J. Hunt 6% of residents
9th Suffolk · John Francis Moran 6% of residents
17th Suffolk · Kevin G. Honan 6% of residents
10th Suffolk · William F. MacGregor 6% of residents
18th Suffolk · Michael J. Moran 6% of residents
12th Suffolk · Brandy Fluker-Reid 5% of residents
2nd Suffolk · Daniel J. Ryan 5% of residents

Boston is split among 16 House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

### STATE SENATE

First Suffolk · Nick Collins 27% of residents
Second Suffolk · Liz Miranda 27% of residents
Suffolk and Middlesex · William N. Brownsberger 16% of residents
Third Suffolk · Lydia Edwards 15% of residents
Norfolk and Suffolk · Michael F. Rush 12% of residents
Middlesex and Suffolk · Sal N. DiDomenico 3% of residents

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Boston Public Schools, the city's own district

### REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Boston scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 21 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

### ALL STATE AID

**42** / 100

191st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 38 | 52 | 39 |

Rank under other weightings: 162nd to 233rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Boston received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 40 and 44 under every weighting tested.

### DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**21** / 100

310th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 22 | 19 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 301st to 313th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

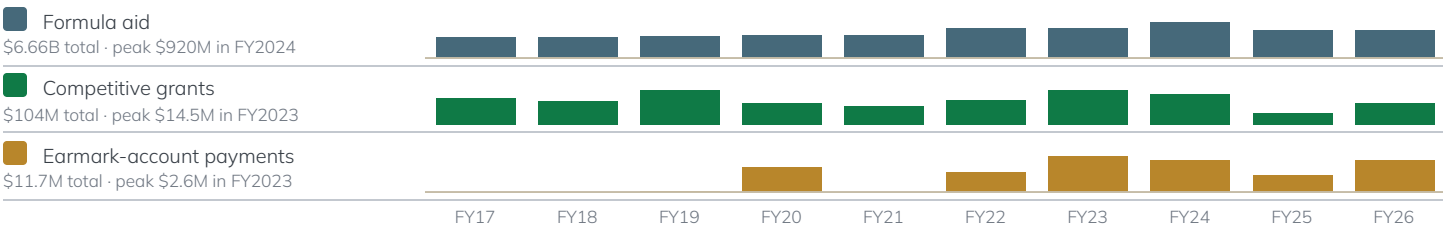
Boston received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 21 stays between 21 and 22 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Boston's town government and school districts received $6.66 billion in formula aid and $104 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $6.66B | $104M | $11.7M |
| $9,995 per resident (177th of 351) · gross | $157 per resident (283rd of 351) | $17.49 per resident (217th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Boston were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.34 billion, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Boston received $16 million in local earmarks to its government, $253 million placed in the city or town and


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## $278 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$16M** | **$253M** | **$278M** | **No** |
| $23.94 per resident (189th of 351) | $379 per resident (3rd of 351) · 94% to organizations | $416 per resident (5th of 351) · 85% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 1,277 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $16 million went to Boston's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $237 million went to organizations in Boston or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Boston but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $12.9 million, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $24.9 million in 62 clauses for state facilities located in Boston (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.

Every local earmark in Boston, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (1,339 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $3.3M | "the Juvenile Court Mental Health Advocacy Project administered by Health Law Advocates, Inc. to increase access to mental health treatment for at-risk children and adolescents involved in or diverted from juvenile courts" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $3.3M | "the Juvenile Court Mental Health Advocacy Project administered by Health Law Advocates, Inc. to increase access to mental health treatment for at-risk children and adolescents involved in or diverted from juvenile courts" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $3.1M | "the Boston, Cambridge and Everett fire department hazardous material response teams" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $3M | "not less than $3,000,000 to Franciscan Hospital for Children, Inc. above base rates, to compensate for high-complexity pediatric care" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2025 | $3M | "not less than $3,000,000 to Franciscan Hospital for Children, Inc. above base r" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |

Printed: the 5 largest of 1,339 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Boston received 53% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**792.1**<br>1st of 351 · 1.2 per 1,000 residents (347th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$816M**<br>scored exposure $380M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**80**<br>166th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**48.3 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**676,492**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.34**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.53; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**155 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$722,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$4,653**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$69,464**<br>FY2017–2025 · 17th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BOSTON

## Boston has 2,513 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 33 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| State conservation and recreation land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions | Conservation restrictions |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2,513 acres** | **33 acres** | **0 acres** | **286 acres** |
| 8.1% of Boston's land | 0.1% of Boston's land · 3 parcels | state farmland program | all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 382 | 2,513 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 0 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 33 |
| Conservation restriction | 19 | 286 |


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State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stony Brook Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 598 | |
| Neponset River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 346 | |
| Charles River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 274 | |
| Boston Harbor Islands State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 188 | |
| Belle Isle Marsh Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 175 | |
| Old Harbor Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 153 | |
| Brook Farm | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 149 | |
| Franklin Park Zoo | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 83 | |
| Constitution Beach | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 82 | |
| Southwest Corridor Park | State: Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority | 57 | |
| Dorchester Shores Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 56 | |
| Hancock Woods | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 48 | |
| Chestnut Hill Reservation | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 44 | |
| West Roxbury Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 36 | |
| Morton Street | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 32 | |
| Mother Brook Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 30 | |
| Morrissey Boulevard | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 21 | |
| Neponset Valley Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 17 | |
| Havey Beach | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | |
| Bremen Street Park | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 13 | |
| Piers Park | State: MASSPORT | 11 | |
| Sherrin And Dale Street Playground | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | |
| Unnamed state land | DCR Water Supply Protection | 6 | |
| McMorrow Playground | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Olmsted Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Harborside Walkway | State: MASSPORT | 5 | |
| New Charles River Dam | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Paul Revere Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Museum Of Science | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Private First Class Robert M. Devine Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| East Boston Memorial Park | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 3 | |
| Camp Meigs | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Roxbury Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Dorchester Shores Reservation | State: Massachusetts Department of Transportation | 3 | |
| Corporal Joseph E. Johnson Playground | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Birmingham Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Melnea A. Cass Recreational Complex | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Charles River Reservation | State: Department of Capital Asset Management | 2 | |
| State House Grounds | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 2 | |
| Toohig Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Lieutenant James C Reilly Memorial Recreation Center | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 2 | |
| Southwest Corridor Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Frederick Douglas Emmons John Gerald Horrigan and Matthew J ONeil Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| City Square Park | State: Massachusetts Highway Department | 1 | |
| Richardson Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Prince Street Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Steriti Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Al Festa Little League Field | State: MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY | 1 | |
| Gallivan Boulevard | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Chelsea Creek Beach | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |


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| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| South Street Community Garden | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 0 | |
| Baker Chocolate Factory | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |
| Reilly Pool | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 0 | |
| Scarmella / Maverick Square | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 0 | |
| Kelly Outdoor Skating Rink | State: Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority | 0 | |
| John W McCormack Memorial Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |
| Valenti Square | State: Massachusetts Turnpike Authority | 0 | |
| Endicott Triangle | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 0 | |
| Charles River Reservation | State: Department of Transportation | 0 | |
| Constitution Beach | State: Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 936.1 miles of public road in Boston, the state maintains 85.9 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 43.3 | 5% |
| DCR | 42.7 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 790.2 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 49.9 | 5% |


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STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $1.5M | “costs associated with Project Evolve at the Suffolk county jail in the city of Boston” |
| FY2026 | $1.3M | “not less than $1,300,000 of said funds shall be expended for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to operate a demonstration of ferry…” |
| FY2026 | $507,000 | “erect fencing along the Birmingham parkway in the Brighton section of the city of Boston” |
| FY2026 | $400,000 | “the department of state police Troop H for capital expenditures and to conduct dedicated patrols along the Southwest Corridor park in the Back Bay…” |
| FY2026 | $190,000 | “the Boston Welcome Back Center at Bunker Hill Community College to assist internationally-educated nurses in their efforts to become licensed to…” |
| FY2026 | $175,000 | “the department of conservation and recreation for the design, planning and construction of Havey beach in the West Roxbury section of the city of…” |
| FY2026 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | “city square park in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston for infrastructure improvements, maintenance and green space preservation” |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | “directed patrols in the South Boston section of the city of Boston including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M street beach, Marine…” |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | “the payroll costs of the department of state police to perform directed patrols and traffic enforcement functions on the Harry Truman parkway…” |
| FY2025 | $1M | “the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority for the operation of a ferry service from Lewis Wharf Mall in the East Boston section of the city of Boston…” |
| FY2025 | $500,000 | “the Behavioral Health Integrated Resources For Children (BIRCh) Project at the University of Massachusetts at Boston for the operation of its…” |
| FY2025 | $500,000 | “Roxbury Community College's for its Center for Economic and Social Justice for workforce and small business development within the clean energy sector” |
| FY2025 | $190,000 | “the Boston Welcome Back Center at Bunker Hill Community College to assist internationally-educated nurses to become licensed to practice in…” |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | “the purpose of planting new trees and beautifying the Jamaicaway from the intersection of Jamaicaway and Pond street in the Jamaica Plain section of…” |
| FY2025 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | “the department of state police Troop H to conduct dedicated patrols along the Southwest Corridor park in the Back Bay, Roxbury and South End sections…” |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | “the Africana Studies department at the University of Massachusetts at Boston for a program of community organizing, outreach and civic engagement…” |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | “the Dorchester Armory in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston to provide event safety” |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | “the directed patrols in the South Boston section of the city of Boston including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M street beach…” |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | “the payroll costs of the state police to perform directed patrols and traffic enforcement functions on the Harry Truman parkway, Neponset Valley…” |
| FY2024 | $700,000 | “the MBTA for the operation of a ferry service from Lewis Wharf Mall in East Boston to Long Wharf in the North End section of the city of Boston” |
| FY2024 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, Quincy, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2024 | $200,000 | “the Dorchester Armory in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston” |
| FY2024 | $190,000 | “the Boston Welcome Back Center at Bunker Hill Community College to assist internationally-educated nurses to become licensed to practice in the…” |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | “the Africana studies department at the University of Massachusetts at Boston for a community organizing, outreach and civic engagement program…” |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | “directed patrols in in the South Boston section of the city of Boston, including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M street beach…” |
| FY2024 | $35,000 | “the payroll costs of the state police to perform directed patrols and traffic enforcement functions on the Harry Truman parkway, Neponset Valley…” |
| FY2023 | $1M | “the MBTA for the operation of a ferry service from Lewis Wharf Mall in East Boston section of the city of Boston to Long Wharf in the North End…” |
| FY2023 | $250,000 | “conduct a feasibility study for a pedestrian and bicycle access from the Readville section of the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston and the…” |


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| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere, Winthrop and Quincy, the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of…” |
| FY2023 | $125,000 | “the Africana Studies department at the University of Massachusetts at Boston for a program of community organizing, outreach and civic engagement…” |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | “lighting improvements to the Steriti Memorial rink on Commercial street in the city of Boston” |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | “the directed patrols in the South Boston section of the city of Boston including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M street beach…” |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | “directed patrols at Constitution beach in the East Boston section of the city of Boston” |
| FY2022 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | “the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police force for dedicated patrols at red line stations south of South Station in the city of Boston” |
| FY2022 | $62,000 | “the redesign of the intersection of VFW parkway and South street in the town of Brookline and VFW parkway and Church street in the West Roxbury…” |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | “the state police Troop H dedicated to patrols at state parks and beaches in the Dorchester, Mattapan and Hyde Park sections of the city of Boston” |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | “directed patrols in the South Boston section of the city of Boston including, but not limited to, Day boulevard, Carson beach, M street beach and…” |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | “the department of conservation and recreation for the site cleanup and initial design phase for Doyle playground, located in the Hyde Park section of…” |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | “assistance in preserving and protecting the Fowl meadow in the Readville section of the city of Boston, an area of critical environmental concern” |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | “directed patrols at Constitution beach in the East Boston section of the city of Boston” |
| FY2021 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2020 | $500,000 | “the intersection of Veterans of Foreign Wars parkway and South street in Brookline and Veterans of Foreign Wars parkway and Church street in the West…” |
| FY2020 | $150,000 | “the maintenance and beautification of the West Roxbury parkway located in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston” |
| FY2020 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the Dorchester, East Boston and South Boston sections of the city of Boston, in the cities of Lynn, Quincy and Revere…” |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | “conduct a study to determine proper, safe and realistic land uses for department land in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston, including but not…” |
| FY2020 | $25,000 | “the restoration and repair of the Speaker John F. Thompson center, located in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston” |
| FY2020 | $25,000 | “Camp Meigs memorial park in the Readville section of the city of Boston” |
| FY2020 | $25,000 | “the H-6 station in the South Boston section of the city of Boston for the purpose of additional beach patrols in the South Boston, Dorchester, and…” |
| FY2019 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | “conduct a study on the department of conservation and recreation land in Charlestown” |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | “upgrades to the Neponset Greenway in Mattapan” |
| FY2018 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | “a comprehensive statewide study, conducted by the University of Massachusetts at Boston, relative to the early education and care workforce in the…” |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | “a study on the department’s wooded land adjacent to the department’s Kennedy playground and garden in Mattapan” |
| FY2017 | $225,000 | “the Metropolitan Beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Boston $549 million and takes back $426 million in assessments and charges, a net $123 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$549 million** | **$426 million** | **$123 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 78% of what is sent | receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $254M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $46M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $239M |
| Regional Public Libraries | $4.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $1.4M |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $1.2M |
| State Owned Land | $722,000 |
| Public Libraries | $1.5M |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Suffolk County Retirement | $2.9M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $298,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $283,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $408,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2.5M |
| MBTA | $103M |
| Special Education | $1M |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $4.8M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $311M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BOSTON

## State programs also awarded $115 million to organizations in Boston other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Boston. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $5M |
| FY2022 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $4M |
| FY2024 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $4M |
| FY2025 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $4M |
| FY2025 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $4M |
| FY2027 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $4M |
| FY2027 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $4M |
| FY2027 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $3.5M |
| FY2022 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $3.5M |
| FY2025 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $3.2M |
| FY2024 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $2.8M |
| FY2025 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $2.6M |
| FY2023 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $2.4M |
| FY2023 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $2M |
| FY2027 | Boston Planning & Development Agency nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $2M |

Printed: the 15 largest of 251 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $21.6 million in 109 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.9% of Boston's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 25.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **25.5%** | **13.9%** | **10.9%** | **2.8%** |
| $554M of $2.17B · median town 14.1% | $427M of $3.07B · median town 12.2% | $522M of $4.78B · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 17.5% · median town 10.0% |

**Boston's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 39.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 46.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $554 million in FY2006 to $522 million in FY2025, –5.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $21 million of Boston's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+45.0%** | **+30.6%** | **6 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $385M to $558M · all towns +54.0% | $710M to $927M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Boston's health insurance would have been $480 million in FY2025; it was $558 million, $77.4 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $887 million in FY2025; it was $927 million, $40.7 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+37%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Boston's government came to $10.2 million, 5.9% of the $173 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $10.2M | 5.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $207M | 119.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $225M | 129.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Boston's required school contribution is 3.7% of median household income, 11th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$245M** | **$1.01B** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.7%** | **–6%** |
| 11th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Boston runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $213 million for schools serving Boston, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Boston's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$213M** | **36** | **$8.66B** |
| $319 per resident (210th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Boston's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Samuel Adams Elementary School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $10.5M | $10.5M |
| FY2026 | Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $874,000 | $874,000 |
| FY2026 | Richard J. Murphy K-8 School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.9M | $1.9M |
| FY2026 | Hugh Roe O'Donnell Elementary School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $661,000 | $661,000 |
| FY2026 | Edward Everett Elementary School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.4M | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | Lyndon Pilot Academy | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $3.8M | $3.8M |
| FY2026 | Gardner Pilot Academy | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $2.6M | $2.6M |
| FY2024 | William E. Carter School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Boston | Core | $4.3M | $4.3M |
| FY2024 | The English High School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $5.9M | $5.9M |
| FY2024 | Josiah Quincy Upper School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Boston | Core | $8.5M | $8.5M |
| FY2024 | Jeremiah E. Burke High School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $846,000 | $846,000 |
| FY2024 | Dr. William Henderson Upper School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.7M | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | Dennis C. Haley School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2023 | William E. Russell Elementary School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $2.4M | $2.4M |
| FY2023 | Rafael Hernández K-8 School | Boston | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $3.5M | $3.5M |

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**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $12.9 million to grants for two projects serving Boston, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the three projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $5 million against an approved budget of $7.1 million (under by $2.1 million); the local share moved from $3.1 million to $2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Boston has $55.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$192M**<br>$22.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$118M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$55.4M**<br>annual program: 2.8 years of its yearly money · 30th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**43**<br>four rated poor; about $107M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Boston came on average 41 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Boston owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $14.5M | $0 | $15.9M | $10.8M |
| FY2018 | $14.7M | $0 | $3.5M | $24.6M |
| FY2019 | $14.7M | $2.9M | $16.8M | $30.5M |
| FY2020 | $14.7M | $1.5M | $9.1M | $42.5M |
| FY2021 | $14.8M | $0 | $11.4M | $45.8M |
| FY2022 | $14.9M | $2.6M | $5.7M | $57.7M |
| FY2023 | $14.9M | $0 | $22.1M | $50.5M |
| FY2024 | $15M | $5.7M | $12.8M | $58.4M |
| FY2025 | $15.1M | $4M | $29.6M | $47.9M |
| FY2026 | $17.7M | $6.2M | $16.4M | $55.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $17.7M | $0 | $0 | $73.1M |

The full list of the 507 bridges in Boston in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Boston received $490 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 32% more than the $371 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Boston ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $253 million in earmarks placed in Boston, $237 million (94%) went to organizations rather than to Boston's government.

No Massachusetts municipality is close to Boston in size. The peers below are the nearest on population and need and should be read loosely.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Boston** this town | **42** | **$9,995** | **$157** | **$379**† | **0.53** | **3.7%** |
| Cambridge peer | 33 | $6,322 | $64.05 | $65.33† | 0.22 | 1.7% |
| Quincy peer | 32 | $7,723 | $176 | $103† | 0.82 | 3.0% |
| Somerville peer | 40 | $7,819 | $474 | $26.26† | 2.18 | 1.7% |
| Waltham peer | 28 | $6,149 | $102 | $54.73† | 0.45 | 2.8% |
| Barnstable peer | 27 | $6,526 | $289 | $69.38† | 0.74 | 3.6% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Yarmouth lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Bourne

Town · Barnstable County · 20,323 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**5th Barnstable** · Steven George Xiarhos 61% of residents

**3rd Barnstable** · David T. Vieira 39% of residents

Bourne is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Plymouth and Barnstable** · Dylan A. Fernandes

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Bourne Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Falmouth, Marion, Sandwich and Wareham

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Bourne scores 29 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 25 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**29** / 100

315th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 30 | 34 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 289th to 330th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Bourne received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 29 stays between 27 and 31 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**25** / 100

298th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 29 | 21 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 289th to 300th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

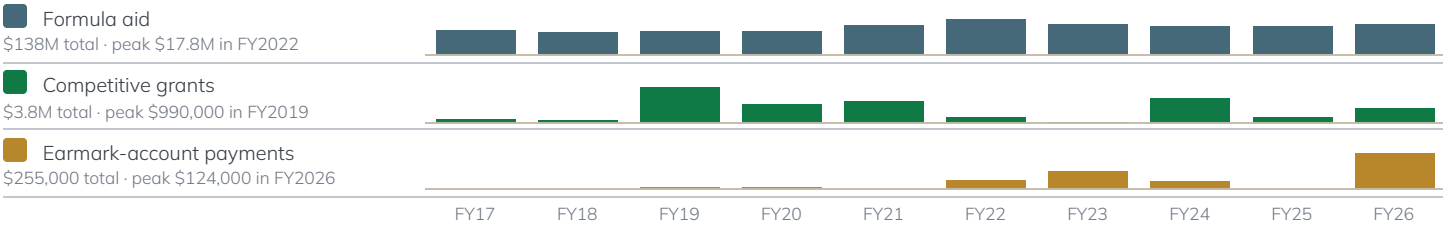
Bourne received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 25 stays between 23 and 26 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Bourne's town government and school districts received $138 million in formula aid and $3.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$138M** | **$3.8M** | **$255,000** |
| $6,777 per resident (304th of 351) · gross | $185 per resident (261st of 351) | $12.55 per resident (243rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Bourne peaked in FY2019 at $990,000, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $19.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Bourne received $237,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.1 million placed in the city or town and $6.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$237,000** | **$1.1M** | **$6.1M** | **No** |
| $11.68 per resident (261st of 351) | $55.96 per resident (151st of 351) · 79% to organizations | $298 per resident (8th of 351) · 15% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 19 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $237,000 went to Bourne's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $900,000 went to organizations in Bourne or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Bourne but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $4.8 million, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $4.9 million in three clauses for state facilities located in Bourne (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Bourne, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (22 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $4.8M | "Cape Cod and Islands Community Mental Health Center, also known as Pocasset Mental Health Center, for mental health services and operations" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2026 | $150,000 | "a coastal water quality and natural resource monitoring program in Buzzards bay and Vineyard sound administered by the Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "a coastal water quality and natural resource monitoring program in Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound administered by Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "a coastal water quality and natural resource monitoring program in Buzzards bay and Vineyard sound administered by Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "a coastal water quality and natural resource monitoring program in Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound administered by the Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 22 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Bourne received 51% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**99.5**<br>97th of 351 · 4.9 per 1,000 residents (240th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5.7M**<br>scored exposure $3.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**44**<br>284th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**40.7 sq mi**<br>34% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**17%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**24,756**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.01**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.51; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**10,812 acres**<br>41.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$1.1M**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$100**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$27,769**<br>FY2017–2025 · 119th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BOURNE

## Bourne has 9,029 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 658 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**9,029 acres**<br>34.7% of Bourne's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**658 acres**<br>2.5% of Bourne's land · 80 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**332 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 38 | 9,029 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 9,813 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 114 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 55 | 436 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 21 | 108 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 19 | 448 |
| Conservation restriction | 55 | 332 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Military Division | 1 | 9,740 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 37 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 5 | 36 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 1 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Camp Edwards WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 8,725 | |
| Shawme-Crowell State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 155 | |
| Scusset Beach State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 85 | |
| Southeast District HQ | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 32 | |
| Frances A. Crane WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 21 | |
| Mass Maritime Academy Recreational Fields | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 10 | |
| Great Herring Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 189.5 miles of public road in Bourne, the state maintains 30.6 (16%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 30.6 | 16% |
| Town-accepted | 98.4 | 52% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 36.3 | 19% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $4.8M | “Cape Cod and Islands Community Mental Health Center, also known as Pocasset Mental Health Center, for mental health services and operations” |
| FY2025 | $72,000 | “the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for classroom seating” |
| FY2024 | $55,000 | “the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for equipment and technology upgrades to the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Bourne $10.7 million and takes back $6.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $4.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.7 million** | **$6.2 million** | **$4.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 59% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $181,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $911,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $131,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $202,000 |
| State Owned Land | $1.1M |
| Public Libraries | $47,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $432,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $1.9M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $182,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,056 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $43,000 |
| Regional Transit | $158,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.2M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.3M |


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STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BOURNE

## State programs also awarded $1.1 million to organizations in Bourne other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Bourne. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Bourne Recreation Authority nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $487,000 |
| FY2018 | with Joint Base Cape Cod nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $35,000 (shared four ways) |

A further $571,000 in 5 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.1% of Bourne's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.1%** | **13.3%** | **11.1%** | **4.6%** |
| $8.4M of $46.4M · median town 14.1% | $8.1M of $60.7M · median town 12.2% | $9.9M of $88.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.1% · median town 10.0% |

Bourne's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $847,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Bourne's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 24.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 33.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.4 million in FY2006 to $9.9 million in FY2025, +17.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.1 million of Bourne's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+41.2%** | **+45.3%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $9.7M to $13.7M · all towns +54.0% | $12.7M to $18.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Bourne's health insurance would have been $12.1 million in FY2025; it was $13.7 million, $1.59 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $15.8 million in FY2025; it was $18.4 million, $2.58 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Bourne's government came to $213,000, 5.3% of the $4.01 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $213,000 | 5.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $888,000 | 22.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1M | 25.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Bourne's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 99th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$6.8M** | **$23.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **+7%** |
| 99th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |


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Bourne runs its own school district and also belongs to Upper Cape Cod; Bourne accounts for 25% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $18.2 million for schools serving Bourne, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Bourne's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.2M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $897 per resident (155th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Bourne's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Bourne Middle School | Bourne | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.4M | $2.4M |
| FY2019 | Bourne High School | Bourne | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $716,000 | $716,000 |
| FY2017 | James F. Peebles Elementary School | Bourne | Core | $15.2M | $15.2M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $36.2 million against an approved budget of $42 million (under by $5.8 million); the local share moved from $26.2 million to $21.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Bourne has $3.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.9M** | **$4.3M** | **$3.6M** |
| $1.5M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 3.1 years of its yearly money · 24th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **2** | **2** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | of three town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Bourne came on average 52 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Bourne owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $616,000 | $0 | $568,000 | $616,000 |
| FY2018 | $610,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2019 | $608,000 | $122,000 | $456,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2020 | $607,000 | $61,000 | $379,000 | $2.6M |
| FY2021 | $605,000 | $0 | $447,000 | $3.1M |
| FY2022 | $603,000 | $327,000 | $2.5M | $2.2M |
| FY2023 | $600,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | $600,000 | $345,000 | $314,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2025 | $603,000 | $167,000 | $136,000 | $2.6M |
| FY2026 | $932,000 | $516,000 | $439,000 | $3.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $931,000 | $0 | $0 | $4.5M |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Bourne in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Bourne received $6.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 50% of the $13.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Bourne ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.1 million in earmarks placed in Bourne, $900,000 (79%) went to organizations rather than to Bourne's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bourne** this town | **29** | **$6,777** | **$185** | **$55.96**† | **0.51** | **2.9%** |
| Dennis peer | 25 | $4,788 | $436 | $12.61† | 0.90 | 2.4% |
| Marshfield peer · best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Mashpee peer | 26 | $6,045 | $173 | $12.51† | 0.72 | 2.8% |
| Westport peer | 30 | $6,951 | $107 | $52.17 | 0.45 | 3.2% |
| Brewster peer | 35 | $6,965 | $860 | $28.79† | 2.03 | 2.6% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Boxborough

Town · Middlesex County · 5,496 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37th Middlesex · Danillo A. Sena | Middlesex and Worcester · James B. Eldridge | Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, shared with Acton | Metropolitan Area Planning Council |

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Boxborough scores 34 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 38 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**34** / 100

267th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 49 | 29 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 247th to 279th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Boxborough received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 30 and 39 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**38** / 100

235th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 52 | 34 | 29 |

Rank under other weightings: 224th to 248th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

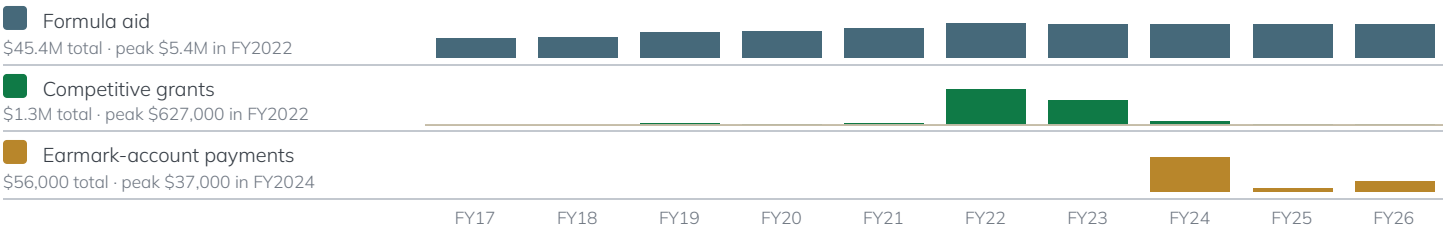
Boxborough received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 34 and 42 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Boxborough's town government and school districts received $45.4 million in formula aid and $1.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $45.4M | $1.3M | $56,000 |
| $8,257 per resident (243rd of 351) · gross | $231 per resident (235th of 351) | $10.20 per resident (258th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Boxborough peaked in FY2022 at $627,000, 49% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Boxborough received $240,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $240,000 | $240,000 | $240,000 | No |
| $43.67 per resident (94th of 351) | $43.67 per resident (184th of 351) | $43.67 per resident (189th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Boxborough's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Boxborough, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the town of Boxborough for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator at the Boxborough public library" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 (split two ways) | "the Acton-Boxborough regional school district to establish a welcome center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "the historic restoration of the Levi Wetherbee farm located on Middle road in the town of Boxborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $40,000 | "the design and construction of improvements at Liberty field in the town of Boxborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Boxborough received 36% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**33.7**<br>318th of 351 · 6.1 per 1,000 residents (186th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**57**<br>236th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.3 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,496**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.13**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.36; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**20 acres**<br>0.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$5,650**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$289**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$42,972**<br>FY2017–2025 · 50th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BOXBOROUGH

## Boxborough has 20 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 259 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**20 acres**<br>0.3% of Boxborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**259 acres**<br>3.9% of Boxborough's land · 39 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**36 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**365 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 20 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 18 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 8 | 64 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 11 | 130 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 20 | 65 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 15 | 262 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 36 |
| Conservation restriction | 21 | 365 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 18 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boxborough Station WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 20 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 41.2 miles of public road in Boxborough, the state maintains 7.0 (17%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.0 | 17% |
| Town-accepted | 33.7 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.5 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Boxborough $409,000 and takes back $87,000 in assessments and charges, a net $321,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$409,000** | **$87,000** | **$321,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 21% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $33,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $341,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $4,966 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $7,873 |
| State Owned Land | $5,738 |
| Public Libraries | $16,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $39,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,177 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $3,378 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $540 |
| MBTA | $34,000 |
| Regional Transit | $8,013 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

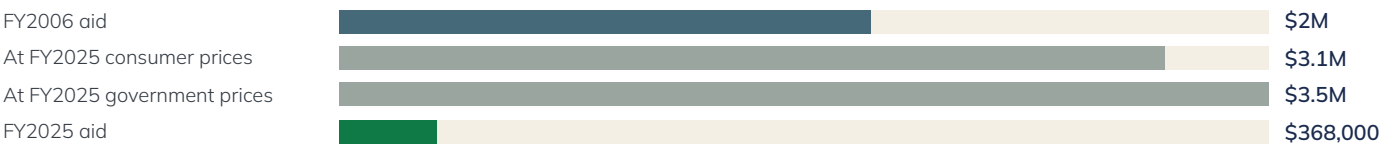
## State aid covered 1.3% of Boxborough's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 12.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12.0%** | **2.9%** | **1.3%** | **1.0%** |
| $2M of $16.7M · median town 14.1% | $544,000 of $19M · median town 12.2% | $368,000 of $28.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 11.0% · median town 10.0% |

Boxborough's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.3 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

### Boxborough's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 88.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 89.5% below grown by the government price index.




Gross state aid went from $2 million in FY2006 to $368,000 in FY2025, –81.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $284,000 of Boxborough's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+69.0%** | **+90.8%** | **8 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $610,000 to $1M · all towns +54.0% | $1.4M to $2.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Boxborough's health insurance would have been $762,000 in FY2025; it was $1.03 million, $269,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.77 million in FY2025; it was $2.71 million, $935,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Boxborough's government came to $140,000, 33.3% of the $421,000 rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $140,000 | 33.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $140,000 | 33.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $140,000 | 33.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Boxborough's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 122nd highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$3.4M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$9.3M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.8%**<br>122nd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+32%**<br>after inflation |

Boxborough has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Boxborough and Acton-Boxborough; Boxborough accounts for 100% and 17% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $6.7 million for schools serving Boxborough, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Boxborough's share<br>**$6.7M**<br>$1,210 per resident (137th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Boxborough's share |
| FY2020 | C.T. Douglas Elementary School | Acton Boxborough | Core | $38M | $6.7M (17%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Boxborough has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3M**<br>$523,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.2M**<br>annual program: 3.2 years of its yearly money · 21st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Boxborough came on average 38 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $214,000 | $0 | $74,000 | $214,000 |
| FY2018 | $215,000 | $0 | $0 | $429,000 |
| FY2019 | $214,000 | $43,000 | $640,000 | $475,000 |
| FY2020 | $213,000 | $21,000 | $430,000 | $396,000 |
| FY2021 | $204,000 | $0 | $15,000 | $585,000 |
| FY2022 | $206,000 | $113,000 | $346,000 | $558,000 |
| FY2023 | $211,000 | $0 | $280,000 | $490,000 |
| FY2024 | $203,000 | $116,000 | $306,000 | $503,000 |
| FY2025 | $202,000 | $55,000 | $0 | $760,000 |
| FY2026 | $313,000 | $174,000 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $312,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |

The full list of the four bridges in Boxborough in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Boxborough received $1.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 48% of the $3.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Boxborough ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Boxborough** this town | **34** | **$8,257** | **$231** | **$43.67** | **0.36** | **2.8%** |
| Harvard peer | 39 | $8,662 | $563 | $18.05 | 0.96 | 2.1% |
| Mattapoisett peer | 33 | $6,007 | $1,477 | $18.09 | 2.08 | 2.2% |
| Oak Bluffs peer | 51 | $8,440 | $2,606 | $93.40† | 3.64 | 3.0% |
| Edgartown peer · lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |
| Wenham peer | 29 | $6,869 | $147 | $69.20† | 0.80 | 2.5% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Boxford

Town · Essex County · 8,208 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**14th Essex** · Adrianne Pusateri Ramos 67% of residents

**18th Essex** · Tram T. Nguyen 33% of residents

Boxford is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**First Essex and Middlesex** · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Boxford Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Masconomet Regional School District**, shared with Middleton and Topsfield

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Boxford scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 34 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**40** / 100

217th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 59 | 30 | 31 |

Rank under other weightings: 176th to 247th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Boxford received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 34 and 45 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**34** / 100

254th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 51 | 32 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 236th to 263rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

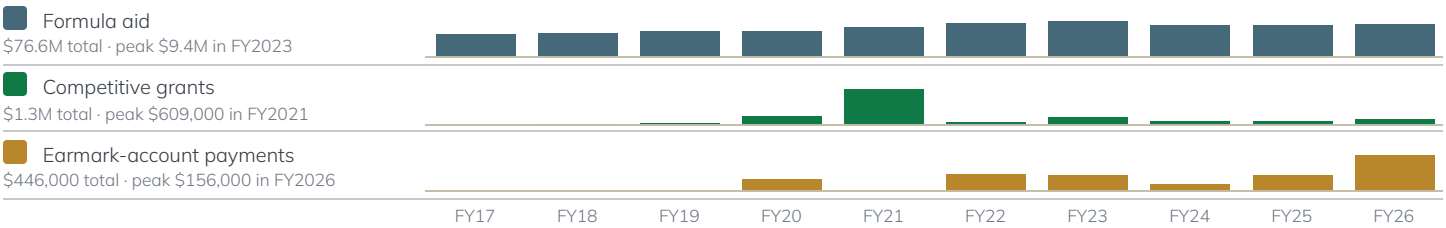
Boxford received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 30 and 39 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Boxford's town government and school districts received $76.6 million in formula aid and $1.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $76.6M | $1.3M | $446,000 |
| $9,338 per resident (203rd of 351) · gross | $156 per resident (285th of 351) | $54.34 per resident (68th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Boxford peaked in FY2021 at $609,000, 48% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Boxford received $573,000 in local earmarks to its government, $614,000 placed in the city or town and $614,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $573,000 | $614,000 | $614,000 | No |
| $69.78 per resident (44th of 351) | $74.78 per resident (104th of 351) · 7% to organizations | $74.78 per resident (112th of 351) · 7% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 16 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $573,000 went to Boxford's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $41,000 went to organizations in Boxford or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Boxford, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (16 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the repair or replacement of culverts in the town of Boxford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "the town of Boxford for any costs related to the replacement of a department of public works tractor" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "the town of Boxford for the procurement of vehicle stabilizers and UTV for the Boxford fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "the town of Boxford for the construction of a combined community and senior center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Boxford to drill a new well to serve the town hall, library and police station" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 16 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Boxford received 46% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**89.7**<br>123rd of 351 · 10.9 per 1,000 residents (94th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.3M**<br>scored exposure $723,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**136**<br>56th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.6 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,208**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.55**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.46; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,074 acres**<br>7.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$275,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$256**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,838**<br>FY2017–2025 · 206th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BOXFORD

## Boxford has 1,286 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 740 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,286 acres**<br>8.5% of Boxford's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**740 acres**<br>4.9% of Boxford's land · 30 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**200 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**942 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 19 | 1,286 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 1,208 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 10 | 190 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 19 | 540 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 9 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 80 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 6 | 200 |
| Conservation restriction | 52 | 942 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 1,194 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 13 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boxford State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 542 | |
| J. C. Phillips Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 391 | |
| Cleaveland Farm | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 176 | |
| Willowdale State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 114 | |
| Baldpate Pond State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 39 | |
| Georgetown-Rowley State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 25 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 100.5 miles of public road in Boxford, the state maintains 6.1 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.9 | 6% |
| DCR | 0.2 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 89.7 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.8 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Boxford $3.2 million and takes back $244,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.2 million** | **$244,000** | **$3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $2.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $28,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $647,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $25,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $51,000 |
| State Owned Land | $279,000 |
| Public Libraries | $19,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $102,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,434 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,660 |
| Regional Transit | $67,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $68,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BOXFORD

## State programs also awarded $108,000 to organizations in Boxford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Boxford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $108,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.6% of Boxford's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 10.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.4%** | **7.3%** | **6.6%** | **6.2%** |
| $2.5M of $24M · median town 14.1% | $2.3M of $31.4M · median town 12.2% | $2.9M of $43.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.4% · median town 10.0% |

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Gross state aid went from $2.5 million in FY2006 to $2.9 million in FY2025, +14.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $131,000 of Boxford's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

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| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+42.3%** | **+46.9%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $620,000 to $882,000 · all towns +54.0% | $2.1M to $3.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Boxford's health insurance would have been $774,000 in FY2025; it was $882,000, $108,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.61 million in FY2025; it was $3.07 million, $460,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Boxford's government came to $408,000, 155.4% of the $262,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $408,000 | 155.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $442,000 | 168.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $442,000 | 168.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Boxford's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 197th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$4.5M** | **$14.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+0%** |
| 197th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Boxford runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Masconomet and Essex North Shore for others; Boxford accounts for 38% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.1 million for schools serving Boxford, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Boxford's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.1M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $256 per resident (220th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Boxford's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Harry Lee Cole School | Boxford | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $364,000 | $364,000 |
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $15,000 (2%) |
| FY2017 | Spofford Pond Elementary School | Boxford | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Window/Door) | $1.7M | $1.7M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Boxford's share of the final cost was $4.5 million against its share of the approved budget of $5 million (under by $477,000); the local share moved from $3.3 million to $3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Boxford has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.6M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 274th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**10**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$905,000**<br>bridges $600,000 · dams $0 · culverts $305,000 |

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**Boxford owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $417,000 | $0 | $310,000 | $142,000 |
| FY2018 | $416,000 | $0 | $543,000 | $142,000 |
| FY2019 | $415,000 | $83,000 | $508,000 | $159,000 |
| FY2020 | $415,000 | $41,000 | $474,000 | $142,000 |
| FY2021 | $414,000 | $0 | $237,000 | $318,000 |
| FY2022 | $414,000 | $299,000 | $233,000 | $798,000 |
| FY2023 | $411,000 | $0 | $805,000 | $405,000 |
| FY2024 | $411,000 | $376,000 | $924,000 | $268,000 |
| FY2025 | $410,000 | $217,000 | $525,000 | $370,000 |
| FY2026 | $707,000 | $438,000 | $408,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $706,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.8M |

The full list of the 22 bridges in Boxford in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Increasing Watershed Scale Resiliency in Boxford Through Culvert Upgrades in the Howlett Brook Watershed source | $266,000 |
| FY2020 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Increasing Regional Flood Resiliency through Re-Designing Culverts in the Howlett Brook Watershed source | $46,000 |
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Valley Road over Unknown source | $24,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Boxford received $1.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 93% of the $2.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Boxford ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $614,000 in earmarks placed in Boxford, $41,000 (7%) went to organizations rather than to Boxford's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Boxford** this town | **40** | **$9,338** | **$156** | **$74.78** | **0.46** | **2.6%** |
| Middleton peer | 30 | $6,815 | $154 | $32.88 | 0.83 | 2.6% |
| Bolton peer | 35 | $8,127 | $737 | $62.75 | 1.64 | 2.8% |
| Cohasset peer | 32 | $7,092 | $383 | $129† | 0.76 | 2.5% |
| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Southborough peer | 36 | $8,275 | $159 | $31.45 | 0.58 | 2.5% |
| Carlisle lowest in class of 30 | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Boylston

Town · Worcester County · 4,948 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
12th Worcester · Meghan K. Kilcoyne

STATE SENATE
First Worcester · Robyn K. Kennedy

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Berlin-Boylston Regional School District, shared with Berlin

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Boylston scores 32 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 25 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**32** / 100

290th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 39 | 29 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 280th to 297th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Boylston received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 30 and 34 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**25** / 100

292nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 33 | 20 | 23 |

Rank under other weightings: 284th to 298th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

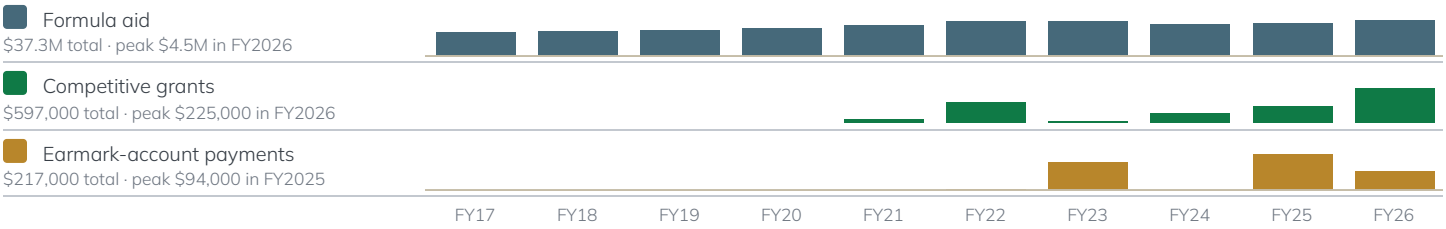
Boylston received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 25 stays between 23 and 28 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Boylston's town government and school districts received $37.3 million in formula aid and $597,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$37.3M** | **$597,000** | **$217,000** |
| $7,545 per resident (273rd of 351) · gross | $121 per resident (311th of 351) | $43.80 per resident (96th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Boylston peaked in FY2026 at $225,000, 38% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Boylston received $340,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$340,000** | **$340,000** | **$340,000** | **No** |
| $68.71 per resident (46th of 351) | $68.71 per resident (117th of 351) | $68.71 per resident (124th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Boylston's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Boylston, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the town of Boylston as compensation for hosting a municipal police training academy" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Boylston for roof replacement at the Boylston elementary school" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the town of Boylston as compensation for hosting a municipal police training academy" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the town of Boylston as compensation for hosting a municipal police training academy" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Boylston as compensation for hosting a municipal police training academy" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Boylston received 67% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**40.0**<br>292nd of 351 · 8.1 per 1,000 residents (136th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.4M**<br>scored exposure $285,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**62**<br>223rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.1 sq mi**<br>22% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**4,948**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.67; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$57,802**<br>FY2017–2025 · 28th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BOYLSTON

## Boylston has 2,758 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 577 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,758 acres**<br>26.8% of Boylston's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**577 acres**<br>5.6% of Boylston's land · 24 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**25 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**214 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 68 | 2,758 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 46 | 1,609 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 7 | 107 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 86 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 384 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 118 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 25 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 214 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 6 | 142 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 46 | 1,609 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wachusett Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 2,758 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 51.7 miles of public road in Boylston, the state maintains 7.8 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.8 | 15% |
| Town-accepted | 40.0 | 77% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.8 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Boylston $560,000 and takes back $63,000 in assessments and charges, a net $497,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$560,000** | **$63,000** | **$497,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $54,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $452,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $2,460 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $39,000 |
| Public Libraries | $13,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $55,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,853 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,420 |
| Regional Transit | $454 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BOYLSTON

## State programs also awarded $1.2 million to organizations in Boylston other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Boylston. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Tower Hill Botanic Garden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Tower Hill Botanic Garden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Tower Hill Botanic Garden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $112,000 |
| FY2018 | Tower Hill Botanic Garden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $92,000 |
| FY2025 | New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $55,000 |
| FY2016 | Tower Hill Botanic Garden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |

A further $534,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 2.5% of Boylston's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.5% in FY2006.

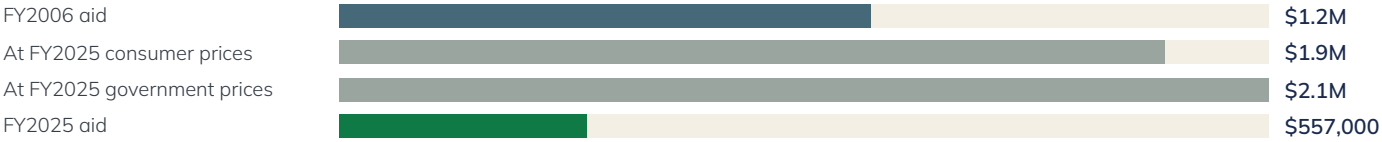
STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.5%** | **6.2%** | **2.5%** | **2.2%** |
| $1.2M of $10.4M · median town 14.1% | $869,000 of $14M · median town 12.2% | $557,000 of $22.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.9% · median town 10.0% |

Boylston's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Boylston's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 69.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 73.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.2 million in FY2006 to $557,000 in FY2025, –53.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $475,000 of Boylston's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–10.5%** | **+40.5%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $858,000 to $767,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.4M to $2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Boylston's health insurance would have been $1.07 million in FY2025; it was $767,000, $304,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.78 million in FY2025; it was $2.01 million, $223,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Boylston's reported health insurance fell from $858,000 in FY2016 to $767,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $290,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $290,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $290,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Boylston's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 206th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.6M** | **$7.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **–3%** |
| 206th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Boylston runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Berlin-Boylston for others; Boylston accounts for 60% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.7 million for schools serving Boylston, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Boylston's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.7M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $350 per resident (202nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Boylston's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Boylston Elementary School | Berlin Boylston | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.9M | $1.7M (60%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Boylston has $200,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.3M** | **$2.7M** | **$200,000** |
| $785,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 345th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **5** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $203,000 | $0 | $168,000 | $35,000 |
| FY2018 | $204,000 | $0 | $263,000 | $6,289 |
| FY2019 | $203,000 | $41,000 | $0 | $250,000 |
| FY2020 | $202,000 | $20,000 | $328,000 | $144,000 |
| FY2021 | $201,000 | $0 | $345,000 | $5 |
| FY2022 | $201,000 | $134,000 | $200,000 | $135,000 |
| FY2023 | $204,000 | $0 | $337,000 | $1,386 |
| FY2024 | $204,000 | $231,000 | $323,000 | $114,000 |
| FY2025 | $204,000 | $159,000 | $214,000 | $263,000 |
| FY2026 | $337,000 | $200,000 | $601,000 | $200,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $338,000 | $0 | $0 | $538,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Boylston received $1.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 68% of the $2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Boylston** this town | **32** | **$7,545** | **$121** | **$68.71** | **0.67** | **2.6%** |
| Mendon peer | 50 | $13,851 | $425 | $113 | 1.05 | 3.6% |
| Essex peer | 32 | $7,261 | $477 | $208 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Hadley peer | 38 | $6,882 | $989 | $42.59 | 2.48 | 2.0% |
| Sterling peer | 34 | $8,083 | $141 | $35.44 | 0.62 | 2.6% |
| Hull peer | 42 | $8,515 | $509 | $61.46† | 1.65 | 1.6% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Hinsdale lowest in class of 30 | 44 | $9,786 | $1,790 | $0 | 2.54 | 3.6% |


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Braintree

City · Norfolk County · 38,899 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

5th Norfolk · Mark J. Cusack

**STATE SENATE**

Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol · William J. Driscoll, Jr. 75% of residents

Norfolk and Plymouth · John F. Keenan 25% of residents

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Braintree Public Schools, the city's own district

Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Avon, Canton, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Norwood, Randolph and Westwood

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Braintree scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 33 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**39** / 100

226th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 44 | 36 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 201st to 240th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Braintree received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 37 and 41 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**33** / 100

257th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 37 | 31 | 35 |

Rank under other weightings: 249th to 261st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

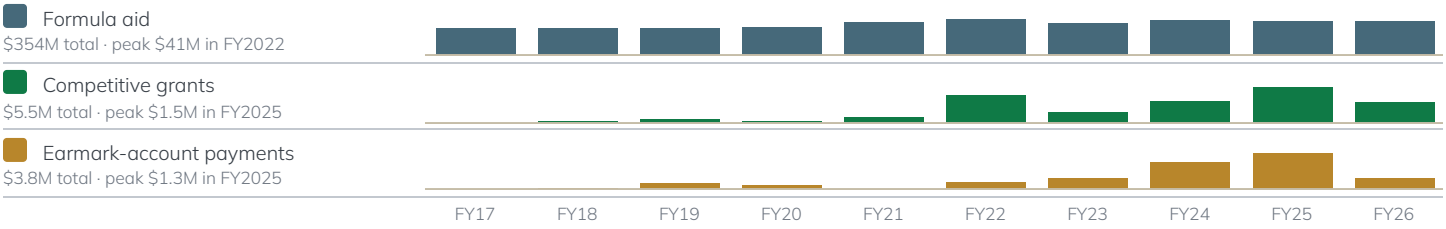
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## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Braintree's town government and school districts received $354 million in formula aid and $5.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $354M | $5.5M | $3.8M |
| $9,109 per resident (216th of 351) · gross | $142 per resident (296th of 351) | $98.08 per resident (25th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Braintree peaked in FY2025 at $1.5 million, 27% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $43.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Braintree received $3.5 million in local earmarks to its government, $4.5 million placed in the city or town and $4.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $3.5M | $4.5M | $4.5M | No |
| $88.98 per resident (29th of 351) | $117 per resident (48th of 351) · 24% to organizations | $117 per resident (54th of 351) · 24% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 47 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $3.5 million went to Braintree's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.1 million went to organizations in Braintree or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Braintree, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (47 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "mental health services in Braintree public schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "One Life at a Time, Inc., located in the city known as the town of Braintree, for the facilitation of access to sober living programs and job training services for people in recovery and associated operational costs" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "One Life at a Time, Inc., located in the city known as the town of Braintree, for the facilitation of access to sober living programs and job training services for people in recovery and associated operational costs" | Enacted organization named with the town |
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Printed: the 5 largest of 47 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Braintree received 55% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**104.6**<br>80th of 351 · 2.7 per 1,000 residents (327th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$20.1M**<br>scored exposure $7.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**106**<br>107th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.8 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**38,899**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.59**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.55; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**46 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$54,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$1,167**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,596**<br>FY2017–2025 · 282nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BRAINTREE

## Braintree has 129 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 59 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**129 acres**<br>1.5% of Braintree's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**59 acres**<br>0.7% of Braintree's land · 5 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**276 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 129 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 3 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 59 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 13 |
| Conservation restriction | 13 | 276 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 3 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blue Hills Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 68 | |
| Town Brook Flood Control | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 62 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 143.1 miles of public road in Braintree, the state maintains 14.1 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.0 | 10% |
| DCR | 0.1 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 104.5 | 73% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 24.5 | 17% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Braintree $30.9 million and takes back $6.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $24.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$30.9 million** | **$6.4 million** | **$24.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 21% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $22.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $211,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $7.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $189,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $187,000 |
| State Owned Land | $54,000 |
| Public Libraries | $103,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $349,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $3.5M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $124,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $14,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $24,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $40,000 |
| MBTA | $998,000 |
| Special Education | $1,013 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $420,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $945,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BRAINTREE

## State programs also awarded $10,000 to organizations in Braintree other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Braintree. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 15.5% of Braintree's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 13.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.5%** | **17.5%** | **15.5%** | **12.7%** |
| $12.2M of $90.8M · median town 14.1% | $21.1M of $120M · median town 12.2% | $28.8M of $186M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 11.6% · median town 10.0% |

Braintree's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $995,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Braintree's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 52.0% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 35.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $12.2 million in FY2006 to $28.8 million in FY2025, +135.8% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+30.6%** | **+116.3%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $18.2M to $23.8M · all towns +54.0% | $17.4M to $37.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Braintree's health insurance would have been $22.8 million in FY2025; it was $23.8 million, $1.04 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $21.8 million in FY2025; it was $37.7 million, $16 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (–44%) and FY2024 (+159%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+32%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost. Flag: in FY2017, FY2022 and FY2023 reported health insurance exceeded all general-fund fixed costs; the health-insurance report includes the employee share for self-insured towns.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Braintree's government came to $3 million, 53.2% of the $5.58 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $3M | 53.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.8M | 68.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.8M | 68.9% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Braintree's required school contribution is 3.4% of median household income, 20th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$22.9M** | **$60.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.4%** | **+6%** |
| 20th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Braintree runs its own school district and also belongs to Blue Hills and Norfolk County; Braintree accounts for 17% and 8% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $86 million for schools serving Braintree, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Braintree's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$86M** | **8** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,211 per resident (82nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Braintree's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Mary E. Flaherty Elementary School | Braintree | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.5M | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | Hollis Elementary School | Braintree | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.1M | $1.1M |
| FY2022 | Liberty Elementary School | Braintree | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.3M | $1.3M |
| FY2022 | Highlands Elementary School | Braintree | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $989,000 | $989,000 |
| FY2020 | South Middle School | Braintree | Core | $32.3M | $32.3M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $130,000 (8%) |
| FY2018 | Blue Hills Regional Technical High School | Blue Hills | Core | $44.4M | $7.4M (17%) |
| FY2017 | East Middle School | Braintree | Core | $41.3M | $41.3M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the six projects closed with a final audit, Braintree's share of the final cost was $107 million against its share of the approved budget of $112 million (under by $5.1 million); the local share moved from $58.3 million to $55.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Braintree has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$13.4M**<br>$2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$10.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.4M**<br>annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 257th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**12**<br>one rated poor; about $7.6M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.2M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $1.2M · culverts $26,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Braintree owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $994,000 | $0 | $1.6M | $39,000 |
| FY2018 | $986,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $235,000 |
| FY2019 | $992,000 | $198,000 | $915,000 | $766,000 |
| FY2020 | $995,000 | $99,000 | $581,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2021 | $986,000 | $0 | $1M | $1.9M |
| FY2022 | $968,000 | $349,000 | $1.9M | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $963,000 | $0 | $1.3M | $981,000 |
| FY2024 | $964,000 | $460,000 | $1.4M | $1M |
| FY2025 | $959,000 | $261,000 | $945,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2026 | $1.3M | $607,000 | $1.8M | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.3M | $0 | $0 | $2.7M |

The full list of the 53 bridges in Braintree in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Armstrong Dam Removal source | $1M |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Stetson St over Smelt Brook source | $26,000 |
| FY2019 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Armstrong Dam and Ames Pond Dam Removal- Final Design and Permitting source | $90,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Armstrong Dam Removal Design source | $75,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.


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| Stoneham peer | 28 | $6,600 | $119 | $85.70 | 1.97 | 2.6% |
| Billerica peer | 39 | $9,140 | $64.58 | $21.52 | 0.29 | 2.7% |
| Foxborough peer | 34 | $8,398 | $121 | $73.28† | 1.08 | 3.7% |
| Westborough peer | 30 | $7,679 | $215 | $21.64 | 1.49 | 3.7% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Holden lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,276 | $103 | $15.70 | 0.39 | 2.6% |

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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Brewster

Town · Barnstable County · 10,420 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**1st Barnstable** · Christopher Richard Flanagan

STATE SENATE

**Cape and Islands** · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Brewster Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Nauset Regional School District**, shared with Eastham, Orleans and Wellfleet

**Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Brewster scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 79 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**35** / 100

256th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 37 | 38 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 235th to 282nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Brewster received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 34 and 37 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**79** / 100

83rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 78 | 82 | 76 | 81 |

Rank under other weightings: 79th to 85th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

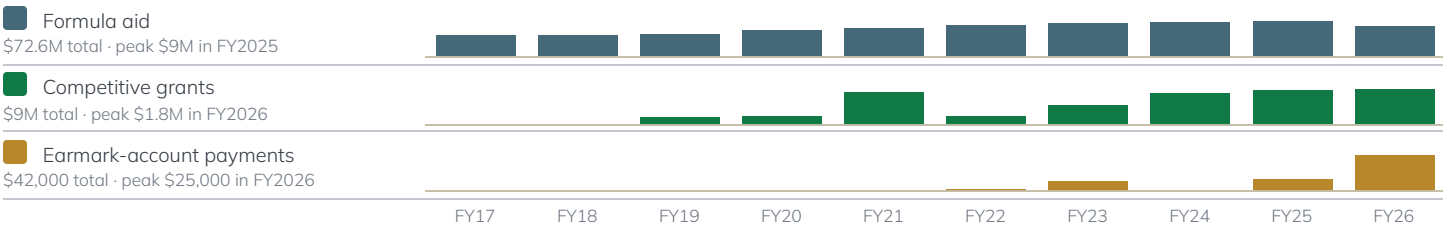
Brewster received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 79 stays between 78 and 81 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Brewster's town government and school districts received $72.6 million in formula aid and $9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$72.6M** | **$9M** | **$42,000** |
| $6,965 per resident (291st of 351) · gross | $860 per resident (85th of 351) | $4.02 per resident (300th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Brewster were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $27 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Brewster received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $300,000 placed in the city or town and $300,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$0** | **$300,000** | **$300,000** | **No** |
| enacted, ten budgets | $28.79 per resident (243rd of 351) · all to organizations | $28.79 per resident (248th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $0 went to Brewster's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $300,000 went to organizations in Brewster or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Brewster, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $125,000 | "Latham Centers, Inc. to address urgent technology upgrades to security, programs and support services for children and adult residents with complex disabilities" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "Latham Centers, Inc. for upgrades to its food service facilities" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "Latham Centers, Inc., to address urgent technology upgrades that will improve security, programs and support services for children and adult residents with Prader-Willi syndrome" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "the Brewster Ponds Coalition, Incorporated. for the installation of enhanced phosphorus removal alternative innovative septic systems, not currently available in Massachusetts, to demonstrate the effectiveness of enhanced phosphorus removal technologies described to prevent cyanobacteria blooms and..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History in the town of Brewster for repairs and improvements to the mobile classroom facility" | Enacted organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Brewster received 2.03 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**56.3**<br>225th of 351 · 5.4 per 1,000 residents (214th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**24**<br>323rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.9 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**42%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**17,775**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.41**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.03; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,970 acres**<br>13.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$602,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$305**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$40,272**<br>FY2017–2025 · 57th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BREWSTER

## Brewster has 2,090 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 37 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,090 acres**<br>14.2% of Brewster's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**37 acres**<br>0.2% of Brewster's land · 16 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,299 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 62 | 2,090 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 61 | 3,852 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 12 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 12 | 23 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 2 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 14 | 149 |
| Conservation restriction | 174 | 1,299 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 60 | 3,851 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 2 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nickerson State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,012 | |
| Cape Cod Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 60 | |
| Brewster State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | |
| Blueberry Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 162.3 miles of public road in Brewster, the state maintains 10.8 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.8 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 56.4 | 35% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 84.3 | 52% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Brewster $2.9 million and takes back $699,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.9 million** | **$699,000** | **$2.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 24% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.5M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $542,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $100,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $114,000 |
| State Owned Land | $616,000 |
| Public Libraries | $24,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $386,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $162,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,651 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,800 |
| Regional Transit | $62,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $74,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BREWSTER

## State programs also awarded $565,000 to organizations in Brewster other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Brewster. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Cape Cod Repertory Theatre Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Cape Cod Repertory Theatre Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $190,000 |
| FY2016 | Cape Cod Repertory Theatre Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2024 | Brewster Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $40,000 |
| FY2021 | The Brewster Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $10,000 |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.2% of Brewster's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.2%** | **4.2%** | **4.2%** | **3.1%** |
| $2.3M of $31.6M · median town 14.1% | $1.8M of $41.7M · median town 12.2% | $2.6M of $61.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.8% · median town 10.0% |

Brewster's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Brewster's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 26.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 34.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.3 million in FY2006 to $2.6 million in FY2025, +14.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $545,000 of Brewster's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+32.9%** | **+37.7%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $3M to $4M · all towns +54.0% | $5.7M to $7.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Brewster's health insurance would have been $3.76 million in FY2025; it was $4.00 million, $243,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $7.13 million in FY2025; it was $7.86 million, $731,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Brewster's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $992,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $175,000 | 17.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $175,000 | 17.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Brewster's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 179th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.6M** | **$12.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+3%** |
| 179th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Brewster runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Nauset and Cape Cod for others; Brewster accounts for 45% and 9% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $24.6 million for schools serving Brewster, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Brewster's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$24.6M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,359 per resident (75th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Brewster's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Nauset Regional High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Nauset | Core | $8.1M | $3.7M (45%) |
| FY2020 | Nauset Regional High School | Nauset | Core | $36.7M | $16.7M (45%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $473,000 (9%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $3.8M (9%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Brewster; Brewster's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $4.1 million, $3.7 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Brewster's share of the final cost was $10.3 million against its share of the approved budget of $11.4 million (under by $1.1 million); the local share moved from $7.6 million to $6.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Brewster has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.7M**<br>$842,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 121st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Brewster came on average 46 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $318,000 | $0 | $175,000 | $318,000 |
| FY2018 | $314,000 | $0 | $31,000 | $633,000 |
| FY2019 | $314,000 | $63,000 | $122,000 | $1M |
| FY2020 | $315,000 | $31,000 | $1M | $685,000 |
| FY2021 | $314,000 | $0 | $16,000 | $983,000 |
| FY2022 | $311,000 | $187,000 | $4,500 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $311,000 | $0 | $187,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2024 | $313,000 | $189,000 | $172,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2025 | $311,000 | $87,000 | $1.8M | $485,000 |
| FY2026 | $496,000 | $286,000 | $28,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $497,000 | $0 | $149,000 | $1.6M |

The full list of the three bridges in Brewster in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Brewster received $9.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $9.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Brewster ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $300,000 in earmarks placed in Brewster went to organizations; none went to Brewster's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brewster** this town | **35** | **$6,965** | **$860** | **$28.79**† | **2.03** | **2.6%** |
| Dennis peer | 25 | $4,788 | $436 | $12.61† | 0.90 | 2.4% |
| Mashpee peer | 26 | $6,045 | $173 | $12.51† | 0.72 | 2.8% |
| Rockport peer | 29 | $6,385 | $408 | $88.56 | 1.27 | 2.1% |
| Hamilton peer | 30 | $8,144 | $188 | $33.29 | 0.53 | 3.4% |
| Harwich peer | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |
| Essex best in class of 30 | 32 | $7,261 | $477 | $208 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Tisbury lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Bridgewater

City · Plymouth County · 28,471 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
8th Plymouth · Dennis C. Gallagher

**STATE SENATE**
Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol · William J. Driscoll, Jr.

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District**, shared with Raynham
**Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berkley, Dighton, Freetown, Middleborough, Raynham, Rehoboth and Taunton

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Bridgewater scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 44 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**40** / 100

218th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 39 | 40 | 39 | 39 |

Rank under other weightings: 207th to 240th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Bridgewater received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 39 and 40 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**44** / 100

215th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 44 | 45 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 205th to 221st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

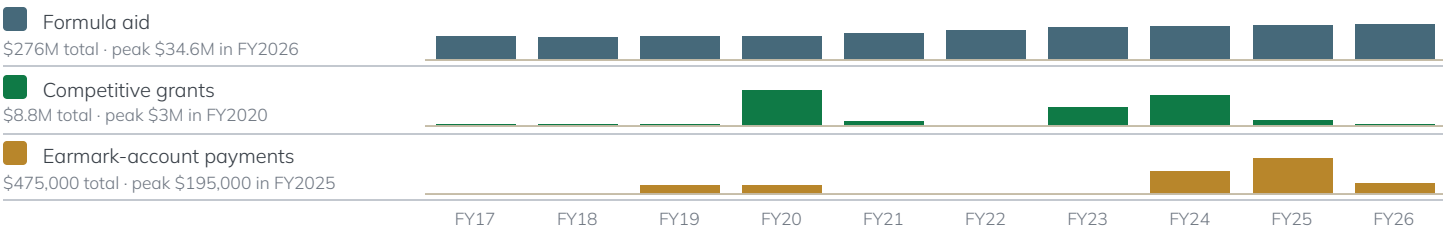
Bridgewater received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 43 and 44 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Bridgewater's town government and school districts received $276 million in formula aid and $8.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$276M** | **$8.8M** | **$475,000** |
| $9,702 per resident (189th of 351) · gross | $309 per resident (204th of 351) | $16.67 per resident (222nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Bridgewater peaked in FY2020 at $3 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $19.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Bridgewater received $420,000 in local earmarks to its government, $620,000 placed in the city or town and $820,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$420,000** | **$620,000** | **$820,000** | **No** |
| $14.75 per resident (244th of 351) | $21.78 per resident (270th of 351) · 32% to organizations | $28.80 per resident (247th of 351) · 24% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 11 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $420,000 went to Bridgewater's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $200,000 went to organizations in Bridgewater or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $200,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Bridgewater (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Bridgewater, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (13 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the Racial Equity and Justice Institute at Bridgewater State University for the expansion of professional development and consultive supports to aid in the closing of educational achievement gaps in higher education" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the Racial Equity and Justice Institute at Bridgewater State University for the expansion of professional development and consultive supports to aid in the closing of racial educational equity gaps in higher education" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the Racial Equity and Justice Institute for the expansion of professional development and consultive support throughout higher education campuses in the commonwealth to aid in the closing of racial educational equity gaps in higher education" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the Racial Equity and Justice Institute for the expansion of professional development and consultive support throughout higher education campuses in the commonwealth to aid in the closing of racial educational equity gaps in higher education" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2024 | $70,000 | "emergency roadway repairs in the city known as the town of Bridgewater" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 13 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Bridgewater received 1.08 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**114.1**<br>69th of 351 · 4.0 per 1,000 residents (277th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$22.3M**<br>scored exposure $7.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**86**<br>152nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**27.2 sq mi**<br>10% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**28,471**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.60**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.08; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,852 acres**<br>16.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$768,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$269**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$22,392**<br>FY2017–2025 · 158th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BRIDGEWATER

## Bridgewater has 1,890 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 581 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,890 acres**<br>10.8% of Bridgewater's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**581 acres**<br>3.3% of Bridgewater's land · 53 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**296 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 53 | 1,890 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 259 | 2,965 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 9 | 94 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 24 | 307 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 20 | 180 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 25 | 462 |
| Conservation restriction | 11 | 296 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Correction and Youth Services | 43 | 1,531 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 144 | 1,109 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 68 | 257 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 68 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hockomock Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 834 | |
| Old Colony Correctional Center Land | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 522 | |
| Taunton River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 366 | |
| Bridgewater State College | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 107 | |
| Bridgewater State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 61 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 135.4 miles of public road in Bridgewater, the state maintains 10.1 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.1 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 114.1 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.0 | 4% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $100,000 | “the Racial Equity and Justice Institute at Bridgewater State University for the expansion of professional development and consultive supports to aid…” |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | “the Racial Equity and Justice Institute at Bridgewater State University for the expansion of professional development and consultive supports to aid…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Bridgewater $6 million and takes back $484,000 in assessments and charges, a net $5.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$6 million** | **$484,000** | **$5.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $190,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $60,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $183,000 |
| State Owned Land | $787,000 |
| Public Libraries | $82,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $77,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $31,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $100,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,830 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $33,000 |
| MBTA | $156,000 |
| Regional Transit | $66,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BRIDGEWATER

## State programs also awarded $310,000 to organizations in Bridgewater other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Bridgewater. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government.


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Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Bridgewater State University nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2019 | The Nature Conservancy, Massachusetts Chapter nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $110,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.5% of Bridgewater's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 13.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.2%** | **9.4%** | **7.5%** | **6.9%** |
| $4.7M of $35.7M · median town 14.1% | $4.7M of $50.1M · median town 12.2% | $5.6M of $73.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.5% · median town 10.0% |

Bridgewater's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $20.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Bridgewater's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 23.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 32.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $4.7 million in FY2006 to $5.6 million in FY2025, +18.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $815,000 of Bridgewater's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+57.9%** | **+79.7%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $2.4M to $3.8M · all towns +54.0% | $5.4M to $9.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Bridgewater's health insurance would have been $2.98 million in FY2025; it was $3.76 million, $786,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $6.74 million in FY2025; it was $9.70 million, $2.96 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Bridgewater's government came to $360,000, 26.1% of the $1.38 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $360,000 | 26.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $560,000 | 40.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $660,000 | 47.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Bridgewater's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 68th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$23M** | **$31.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **+14%** |
| 68th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Bridgewater has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Bridgewater, Bridgewater-Raynham and Bristol Plymouth; Bridgewater accounts for 100%, 62% and 13% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $39.2 million for schools serving Bridgewater, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Bridgewater's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$39.2M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,376 per resident (122nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Bridgewater's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $20.2M | $2.5M (13%) |
| FY2022 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $126M | $15.8M (13%) |
| FY2020 | George H. Mitchell Elementary School | Bridgewater Raynham | Core | $33.8M | $20.9M (62%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Bridgewater; Bridgewater's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $2.5 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Bridgewater has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.5M** | **$8M** | **$1.3M** |
| $1.8M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.8 years of its yearly money · 242nd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **12** | **3** | **$1.8M** |
| one rated poor; about $8.5M of work on those, by planning estimates | of three town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $1.8M · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Bridgewater came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Bridgewater owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $727,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $428,000 |
| FY2018 | $715,000 | $0 | $740,000 | $733,000 |
| FY2019 | $711,000 | $142,000 | $1.2M | $385,000 |
| FY2020 | $714,000 | $71,000 | $652,000 | $519,000 |
| FY2021 | $718,000 | $0 | $363,000 | $874,000 |
| FY2022 | $717,000 | $379,000 | $617,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $719,000 | $0 | $1.6M | $493,000 |
| FY2024 | $718,000 | $409,000 | $515,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | $719,000 | $201,000 | $666,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $597,000 | $1M | $2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $712,000 | $2.4M |

The full list of the 20 bridges in Bridgewater in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | High Street Dam Removal source | $1M |
| FY2022 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | High Street Dam Removal source | $750,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Bridgewater received $9.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 41% more than the $6.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Bridgewater ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $620,000 in earmarks placed in Bridgewater, $200,000 (32%) went to organizations rather than to Bridgewater's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bridgewater** this town | **40** | **$9,702** | **$309** | **$21.78** | **1.08** | **3.0%** |
| North Attleborough peer | 44 | $10,543 | $156 | $39.34 | 1.28 | 2.7% |
| Somerset peer | 47 | $11,729 | $136 | $41.53 | 0.73 | 2.4% |
| Auburn peer | 43 | $11,124 | $134 | $47.46 | 0.32 | 2.6% |
| East Longmeadow peer | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |
| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Middleborough lowest in class of 30 | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Brimfield

Town · Hampden County · 3,705 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Hampden · Todd M. Smola

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Brimfield Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Tantasqua Regional School District**, shared with Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Brimfield scores 50 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 44 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**50** / 100

124th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 54 | 44 | 51 |

Rank under other weightings: 118th to 133rd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Brimfield received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 50 stays between 48 and 51 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**44** / 100

214th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 49 | 34 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 207th to 220th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

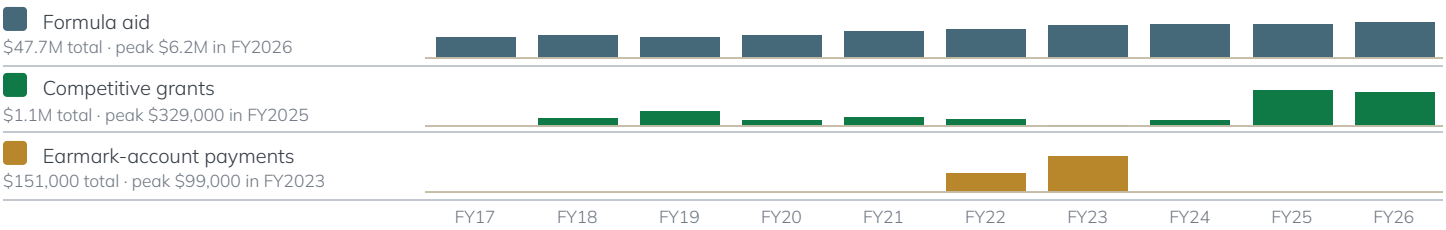
Brimfield received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 41 and 46 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Brimfield's town government and school districts received $47.7 million in formula aid and $1.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$47.7M** | **$1.1M** | **$151,000** |
| $12,874 per resident (114th of 351) · gross | $303 per resident (208th of 351) | $40.66 per resident (108th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Brimfield peaked in FY2025 at $329,000, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Brimfield received $150,000 in local earmarks to its government, $240,000 placed in the city or town and $240,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$150,000** | **$240,000** | **$240,000** | **No** |
| $40.49 per resident (107th of 351) | $64.78 per resident (127th of 351) · 38% to organizations | $64.78 per resident (134th of 351) · 38% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $150,000 went to Brimfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $90,000 went to organizations in Brimfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Brimfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "improvements to the town common in the town of Brimfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "web design and infrastructure improvement for the Brimfield antique show through the Chamber of Central Mass South" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Brimfield for the upgrade and improvement of recreational trails" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "web design and infrastructure improvement for the Brimfield antique show through the Chamber of Central Mass South" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $15,000 | "the Friends of the Brimfield Windmill, Inc. for costs related to the restoration of the Brimfield windmill in the town of Brimfield" | Enacted organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Brimfield received 46% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**64.0**<br>205th of 351 · 17.3 per 1,000 residents (65th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$19.3M**<br>scored exposure $3.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**194**<br>13th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**34.8 sq mi**<br>10% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**6%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,976**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.29**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.46; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,019 acres**<br>9.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$153,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$75.53**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,571**<br>FY2017–2025 · 284th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BRIMFIELD

## Brimfield has 2,150 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,720 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,150 acres**<br>9.7% of Brimfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,720 acres**<br>21.2% of Brimfield's land · 168 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**176 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**490 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 44 | 2,150 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 10 | 1,884 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 89 | 2,889 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 62 | 1,495 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 17 | 336 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 137 | 4,526 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 8 | 176 |
| Conservation restriction | 6 | 490 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | 1,884 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brimfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,150 | |
| Little Alum Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 78.9 miles of public road in Brimfield, the state maintains 14.7 (19%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.7 | 19% |
| Town-accepted | 64.0 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.3 | 0% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Brimfield $2.6 million and takes back $193,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.6 million** | **$193,000** | **$2.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $24,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $506,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $17,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $34,000 |
| State Owned Land | $153,000 |
| Public Libraries | $11,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,101 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,260 |
| Regional Transit | $884 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $56,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $130,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BRIMFIELD

## State programs also awarded $92,000 to organizations in Brimfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

A further $88,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 20.5% of Brimfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 20.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **20.7%** | **19.2%** | **20.5%** | **19.4%** |
| $1.6M of $7.7M · median town 14.1% | $1.7M of $8.9M · median town 12.2% | $2.5M of $12.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 19.7% · median town 10.0% |

Brimfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Brimfield's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 1.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 10.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.6 million in FY2006 to $2.5 million in FY2025, +56.9% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+32.4%** | **+82.1%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $229,000 to $304,000 · all towns +54.0% | $642,000 to $1.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Brimfield's health insurance would have been $286,000 in FY2025; it was $304,000, $17,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $802,000 in FY2025; it was $1.17 million, $367,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Brimfield's government came to $150,000, 2.0 times the $74,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $150,000 | 2.0 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $240,000 | 3.2 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $240,000 | 3.2 times | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Brimfield's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 154th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.7M** | **$4.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+20%** |
| 154th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Brimfield runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Tantasqua for others; Brimfield accounts for 17% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $183,000 for schools serving Brimfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Brimfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$183,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $49.28 per resident (254th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Brimfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Tantasqua Regional Junior High School | Tantasqua | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.1M | $183,000 (17%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Brimfield's share of the final cost was $279,000 against its share of the approved budget of $339,000 (under by $60,000); the local share moved from $156,000 to $126,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Brimfield has $534,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.6M** | **$3.5M** | **$534,000** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 302nd of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **30**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$92,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $92,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Brimfield came on average 16 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Brimfield owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $283,000 | $0 | $206,000 | $212,000 |
| FY2018 | $279,000 | $0 | $429,000 | $61,000 |
| FY2019 | $279,000 | $56,000 | $115,000 | $282,000 |
| FY2020 | $280,000 | $28,000 | $240,000 | $350,000 |
| FY2021 | $280,000 | $0 | $329,000 | $301,000 |
| FY2022 | $280,000 | $213,000 | $311,000 | $484,000 |
| FY2023 | $278,000 | $0 | $719,000 | $43,000 |
| FY2024 | $278,000 | $293,000 | $494,000 | $119,000 |
| FY2025 | $277,000 | $179,000 | $311,000 | $264,000 |
| FY2026 | $489,000 | $310,000 | $528,000 | $534,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $488,000 | $0 | $0 | $1M |

The full list of the 45 bridges in Brimfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Brookfield Road over Sessions Brook source | $92,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Brimfield received $1.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 57% of the $2.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Brimfield ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $240,000 in earmarks placed in Brimfield, $90,000 (38%) went to organizations rather than to Brimfield's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brimfield** this town | **50** | **$12,874** | **$303** | **$64.78** | **0.46** | **2.7%** |
| Williamsburg peer | 41 | $9,541 | $578 | $3.71 | 1.40 | 2.2% |
| Granby peer | 49 | $12,582 | $104 | $26.32† | 0.31 | 2.4% |
| Millville peer | 56 | $14,661 | $545 | $114 | 1.93 | 2.0% |
| Hampden peer | 31 | $7,912 | $119 | $42.46 | 1.10 | 3.0% |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| Halifax best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| Conway lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $12,799 | $405 | $0 | 0.68 | 2.5% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Brockton

City · Plymouth County · 105,386 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**10th Plymouth** · Michelle M. DuBois 43% of residents
**11th Plymouth** · Rita A. Mendes 40% of residents
**9th Plymouth** · Bridget Plouffe 17% of residents

Brockton is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Second Plymouth and Norfolk** · Michael D. Brady

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Brockton Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Brockton scores 72 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 52 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**72** / 100

9th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 66 | 69 | 78 |

Rank under other weightings: 7th to 11th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Brockton received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 72 stays between 69 and 75 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**52** / 100

183rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 41 | 59 | 56 |

Rank under other weightings: 163rd to 198th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

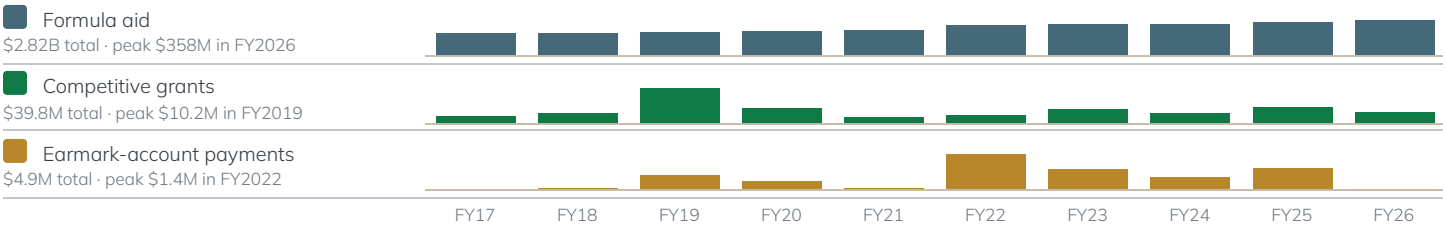
Brockton received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 49 and 56 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Brockton's town government and school districts received $2.82 billion in formula aid and $39.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $2.82B | $39.8M | $4.9M |
| $26,796 per resident (8th of 351) · gross | $378 per resident (180th of 351) | $46.06 per resident (86th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Brockton peaked in FY2019 at $10.2 million, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $102 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Brockton received $4 million in local earmarks to its government, $7.4 million placed in the city or town and $7.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $4M | $7.4M | $7.4M | No |
| $38.26 per resident (119th of 351) | $70.10 per resident (112th of 351) · 45% to organizations | $70.10 per resident (120th of 351) · 45% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 105 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $4 million went to Brockton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $3.4 million went to organizations in Brockton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Brockton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (105 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $550,000 | "paving at Brockton High School in the city of Brockton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $250,000 | "the Brockton public school district" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2021 | $175,000 | "the Plymouth County Children's Advocacy Center" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2020 | $175,000 | "the Plymouth County Children's Advocacy Center" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2019 | $175,000 | "the Plymouth County Children's Advocacy Center for child victims of sexual abuse and assault" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 105 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Brockton received 1.28 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**246.0**<br>7th of 351 · 2.3 per 1,000 residents (332nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$43.3M**<br>scored exposure $13.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**178**<br>22nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**8**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.3 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**105,838**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.74**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.28; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**10 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$2,634**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$257**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$8,017**<br>FY2017–2025 · 337th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BROCKTON

## Brockton has 52 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 296 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**52 acres**<br>0.4% of Brockton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**296 acres**<br>2.2% of Brockton's land · 21 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**111 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 8 | 52 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 2 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 15 | 125 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 170 |
| Conservation restriction | 8 | 111 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 2 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Massasoit Community College Athletic Fields | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 36 | |
| Ames Nowell State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | |
| Manning Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Representative John G Asiaf Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 291.2 miles of public road in Brockton, the state maintains 10.7 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.7 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 245.7 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 32.7 | 11% |

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|---|---|
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| Veterans Benefits | $402,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $462,000 |
| State Owned Land | $2,634 |
| Public Libraries | $347,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $194,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $162,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $28,000 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $44,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $257,000 |
| Regional Transit | $3M |
| Special Education | $55,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $2.4M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $34.4M |

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| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Trinity Financial nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $900,000 |
| FY2024 | NeighborWorks Housing Solutions nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $650,000 |
| FY2025 | Old Colony Planning Council regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $246,000 |
| FY2024 | Fuller Craft Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2027 | Old Colony Planning Council nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $150,000 |
| FY2020 | Fuller Craft Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $140,000 |
| FY2021 | Fuller Craft Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $110,000 |
| FY2025 | Downtown Brockton Association nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2025 | Old Colony Planning Council - Avon nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $41,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Innovative Community Development Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $36,000 |
| FY2019 | Fuller Craft Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

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|---|---|---|---|
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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+159.7%** | **+91.5%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $55.4M to $144M · all towns +54.0% | $79.2M to $152M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Brockton's health insurance would have been $69.2 million in FY2025; it was $144 million, $74.7 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $98.9 million in FY2025; it was $152 million, $52.7 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (+84%), FY2024 (–38%) and FY2025 (+92%); fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (–36%) and FY2025 (+76%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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| Placed in the city or town | $6.6M | 7.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $6.6M | 7.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Brockton's required school contribution is 2.3% of


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## median household income, 274th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$302M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$67.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.3%**<br>274th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+25%**<br>after inflation |

Brockton runs its own school district and also belongs to Southeastern; Brockton accounts for 63% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.2 million for schools serving Brockton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Brockton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.2M**<br>$20.60 per resident (267th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Brockton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Huntington Alternative School | Brockton | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.2M | $2.2M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $2.3 million against an approved budget of $2.9 million (under by $681,000); the local share moved from $771,000 to $543,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Brockton has $7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and eight high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$28.4M**<br>$4.4M of it one-time supplements | **$18.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$7M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 106th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**32**<br>four rated poor; likely about $7M of work on those ($4.1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**8**<br>of 13 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$872,000**<br>bridges $404,000 · dams $468,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $2M | $0 | $1.6M | $2M |
| FY2018 | $2M | $0 | $2.8M | $2.5M |
| FY2019 | $2M | $406,000 | $2.4M | $2.6M |
| FY2020 | $2M | $202,000 | $2.5M | $2.3M |
| FY2021 | $2M | $0 | $2.3M | $2M |
| FY2022 | $2M | $819,000 | $2.3M | $2.6M |
| FY2023 | $2M | $0 | $1.5M | $3.2M |
| FY2024 | $2M | $1M | $3.3M | $3M |
| FY2025 | $2M | $573,000 | $40,000 | $5.5M |
| FY2026 | $2.8M | $1.4M | $2.7M | $7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2.8M | $0 | $0 | $9.9M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Ellis Brett Pond Dam Repair Design source | $250,000 |
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Ellis Brett Pond Dam Repair Design source | $83,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Ellis Brett Pond Dam Repair Design source | $135,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Brockton received $51.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 6% more than the $48.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Brockton ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $7.4 million in earmarks placed in Brockton, $3.4 million (45%) went to organizations rather than to Brockton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brockton** this town | **72** | **$26,796** | **$378** | **$70.10** | **1.28** | **2.3%** |
| Lowell peer | 70 | $24,024 | $384 | $66.99 | 0.82 | 2.3% |
| New Bedford peer | 73 | $27,251 | $466 | $126† | 1.34 | 1.9% |
| Fall River peer | 72 | $25,031 | $426 | $77.65† | 0.89 | 2.0% |
| Lawrence peer | 81 | $35,983 | $392 | $72.86† | 1.09 | 1.0% |
| Springfield peer · best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Brookfield

Town · Worcester County · 3,460 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Brookfield Public Schools, the town's own district
Tantasqua Regional School District, shared with Brimfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Brookfield scores 55 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 88 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

55 / 100

82nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 48 | 55 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 65th to 98th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Brookfield received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 53 and 57 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

88 / 100

49th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 89 | 84 | 90 | 90 |

Rank under other weightings: 45th to 58th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

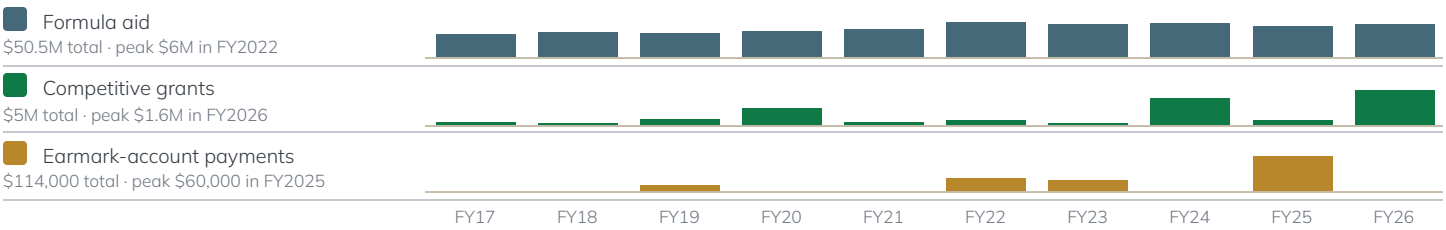
Brookfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 88 stays between 87 and 89 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Brookfield's town government and school districts received $50.5 million in formula aid and $5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $50.5M | $5M | $114,000 |
| $14,600 per resident (81st of 351) · gross | $1,459 per resident (58th of 351) | $33.09 per resident (137th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Brookfield peaked in FY2026 at $1.6 million, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Brookfield received $112,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $112,000 | $112,000 | $112,000 | No |
| $32.37 per resident (150th of 351) | $32.37 per resident (226th of 351) | $32.37 per resident (229th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Brookfield's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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| Every local earmark in Brookfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
| FY2025 | $60,000 | "the purpose of the removal and replacement of failing insulation and drop ceiling tiles at the Brookfield police department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $20,000 | "the town of Brookfield for the town's three hundred and fiftieth anniversary" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $20,000 | "the police department in the town of Brookfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $12,000 | "the town of Brookfield for repairs to the Brookfield fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Brookfield received 2.11 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**36.3**<br>305th of 351 · 10.5 per 1,000 residents (99th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.7M**<br>scored exposure $873,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**59**<br>232nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.5 sq mi**<br>25% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,549**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**5.22**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.11; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,536 acres**<br>25.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$171,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$67.30**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,186**<br>FY2017–2025 · 265th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BROOKFIELD

## Brookfield has 2,674 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 820 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,674 acres**<br>26.9% of Brookfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**820 acres**<br>8.2% of Brookfield's land · 35 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**532 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**135 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

| What the map shows | | |
|---|---|---|
| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
| State conservation and recreation land | 51 | 2,674 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 26 | 1,166 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 7 | 280 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 8 | 237 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 20 | 302 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 42 | 1,084 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 4 | 532 |
| Conservation restriction | 2 | 135 |

| State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records) | | |
|---|---|---|
| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 24 | 1,164 |
| Other state agencies | 2 | 3 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quaboag WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,072 | |
| Wolf Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 994 | |
| Richardson WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 395 | |
| Quacumquasit WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 213 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 40.0 miles of public road in Brookfield, the state maintains 2.7 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.7 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 36.3 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.0 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Brookfield $3.2 million and takes back $132,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.2 million** | **$132,000** | **$3.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $4,728 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $346,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $635,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $24,000 |
| State Owned Land | $171,000 |
| Public Libraries | $12,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $936 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,000 |
| Regional Transit | $9,249 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $83,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $35,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BROOKFIELD

## State programs also awarded $235,000 to organizations in Brookfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Brookfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $150,000 |

A further $85,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 28.9% of Brookfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 35.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **35.1%** | **31.3%** | **28.9%** | **27.3%** |
| $2.2M of $6.4M · median town 14.1% | $2.4M of $7.7M · median town 12.2% | $3.1M of $10.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 32.3% · median town 10.0% |

Brookfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Brookfield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 9.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 19.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.2 million in FY2006 to $3.1 million in FY2025, +40.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $331,000 of Brookfield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+64.7%** | **+84.4%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $438,000 to $721,000 · all towns +54.0% | $778,000 to $1.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Brookfield's health insurance would have been $547,000 in FY2025; it was $721,000, $174,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $972,000 in FY2025; it was $1.44 million, $463,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+34%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Brookfield's government came to $112,000, 39.5% of the $283,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $112,000 | 39.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $112,000 | 39.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $112,000 | 39.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Brookfield's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 242nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$4M** | **$3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+12%** |
| 242nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Brookfield runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Tantasqua for others; Brookfield accounts for 14% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $152,000 for schools serving Brookfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Brookfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$152,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $43.94 per resident (256th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Brookfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Tantasqua Regional Junior High School | Tantasqua | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.1M | $152,000 (14%) |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Brookfield has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.8M**<br>$713,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.2M**<br>annual program: 2.4 years of its yearly money · 56th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**5**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$676,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $676,000 |

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**Brookfield owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $167,000 | $0 | $122,000 | $167,000 |
| FY2018 | $164,000 | $0 | $396,000 | $78,000 |
| FY2019 | $168,000 | $34,000 | $61,000 | $218,000 |
| FY2020 | $168,000 | $17,000 | $61,000 | $396,000 |
| FY2021 | $168,000 | $0 | $0 | $564,000 |
| FY2022 | $168,000 | $121,000 | $517,000 | $380,000 |
| FY2023 | $166,000 | $0 | $256,000 | $290,000 |
| FY2024 | $167,000 | $214,000 | $147,000 | $525,000 |
| FY2025 | $167,000 | $150,000 | $0 | $842,000 |
| FY2026 | $287,000 | $178,000 | $133,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $286,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

The full list of the ten bridges in Brookfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Rice Corner Cross Road Culvert Replacement source | $606,000 |
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Rice Corner Cross Rd over Unnamed Tributary of Quacumquasit source | $70,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Brookfield** this town | **55** | **$14,600** | **$1,459** | **$32.37** | **2.11** | **2.4%** |
| Huntington peer | 63 | $18,322 | $2,918 | $33.78† | 0.25 | 2.5% |
| Hardwick peer | 63 | $20,446 | $849 | $101 | 2.32 | 2.5% |
| North Brookfield peer | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |
| Cheshire peer | 55 | $14,188 | $1,187 | $49.75 | 2.39 | 2.8% |
| West Brookfield peer | 56 | $14,082 | $1,069 | $66.08 | 1.84 | 2.6% |
| Shelburne best in class of 30 | 66 | $14,126 | $8,461 | $182† | 2.94 | 3.0% |
| Granville lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |

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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Brookline

Town · Norfolk County · 63,266 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**15th Norfolk** · Tommy Vitolo 72% of residents
**12th Middlesex** · Greg Schwartz 16% of residents
**17th Suffolk** · Kevin G. Honan 6% of residents
**10th Suffolk** · William F. MacGregor 6% of residents

Brookline is split among four House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk and Middlesex** · Cynthia Stone Creem

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Brookline Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Brookline scores 21 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 6 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**21** / 100

351st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 25 | 23 | 15 |

Rank under other weightings: 347th to 351st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Brookline received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 21 stays between 19 and 23 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**6** / 100

351st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 8 | 9 | 4 |

Rank 351st under every weighting tested.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

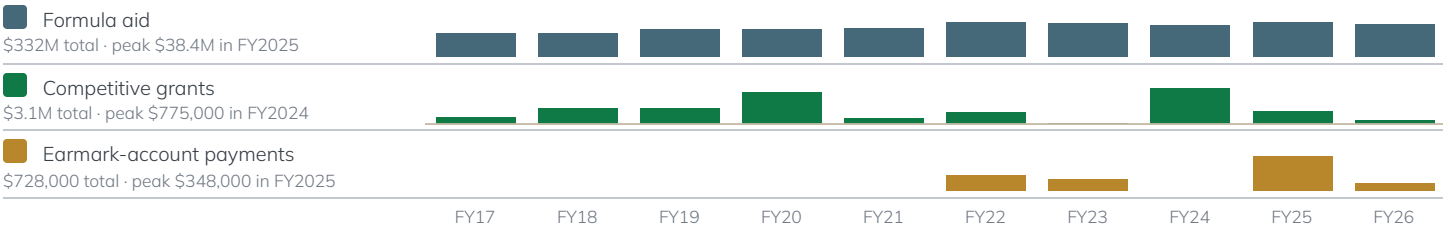
Brookline received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 6 stays between 5 and 7 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Brookline's town government and school districts received $332 million in formula aid and $3.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$332M** | **$3.1M** | **$728,000** |
| $5,242 per resident (341st of 351) · gross | $48.41 per resident (347th of 351) | $11.51 per resident (250th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Brookline peaked in FY2024 at $775,000, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $63.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Brookline received $890,000 in local earmarks to its government, $4.4 million placed in the city or town and $4.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$890,000** | **$4.4M** | **$4.4M** | **No** |
| $14.07 per resident (247th of 351) | $68.98 per resident (116th of 351) · 80% to organizations | $69.97 per resident (121st of 351) · 78% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 54 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $890,000 went to Brookline's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $3.5 million went to organizations in Brookline or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Brookline but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $62,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $62,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Brookline (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Brookline, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (55 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $350,000 | "the Brookline Center for Community Mental Health to expand its Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition (BRYT) program to schools across the commonwealth" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $250,000 | "the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc., to expand the healthy lives program" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc. to expand the healthy lives program" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $250,000 | "the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc. in the town of Brookline to expand the healthy lives program" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $250,000 | "the Brookline Community Mental Health Center, Inc. to expand the Healthy Lives program" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 55 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Brookline received 36% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**93.4**<br>113th of 351 · 1.5 per 1,000 residents (343rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16.4M**<br>scored exposure $4.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**30**<br>315th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**6.8 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**63,945**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.28**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.36; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$37,126**<br>FY2017–2025 · 71st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BROOKLINE

## Brookline has 59 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**59 acres**<br>1.4% of Brookline's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**64 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 59 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 4 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 47 |
| Conservation restriction | 29 | 64 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state agencies | 2 | 4 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lost Pond Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 33 | |
| Hammond Pond Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 26 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 107.4 miles of public road in Brookline, the state maintains 5.5 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.0 | 3% |
| DCR | 2.5 | 2% |
| Town-accepted | 93.4 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 8.4 | 8% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $62,000 | "the redesign of the intersection of VFW parkway and South street in the town of Brookline and VFW parkway and Church street in the West Roxbury..." |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Brookline $27.4 million and takes back $8.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $19.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$27.4 million** | **$8.2 million** | **$19.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 30% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $18.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $45,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $8.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $66,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $24,000 |
| Public Libraries | $159,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $1.1M |
| Air Pollution Districts | $34,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $39,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $96,000 |
| MBTA | $6.5M |
| Special Education | $5,170 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $74,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $265,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BROOKLINE

## State programs also awarded $1.3 million to organizations in Brookline other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Brookline. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Coolidge Corner Theatre Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Coolidge Corner Theatre Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Coolidge Corner Theatre Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Coolidge Corner Theatre Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Coolidge Corner Theatre Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $154,000 |
| FY2023 | Puppet Showplace Theater nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $138,000 |
| FY2021 | Brookline Music School nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2019 | Pine Manor College nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $70,000 |
| FY2026 | Brighter Boston nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2019 | Brookline Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2017 | Puppet Showplace nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $20,000 |
| FY2024 | Brookline Music School nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $17,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.8% of Brookline's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 10.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.6%** | **8.1%** | **6.8%** | **4.7%** |
| $18M of $170M · median town 14.1% | $18.8M of $234M · median town 12.2% | $25M of $365M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.9% · median town 10.0% |

**Brookline's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 10.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 20.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $18 million in FY2006 to $25 million in FY2025, +38.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $3.3 million of Brookline's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+44.5%** | **+63.6%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $30.2M to $43.7M · all towns +54.0% | $54.6M to $89.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Brookline's health insurance would have been $37.7 million in FY2025; it was $43.7 million, $5.94 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $68.2 million in FY2025; it was $89.4 million, $21.2 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Brookline's government came to $790,000, 5.9% of the $13.5 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $790,000 | 5.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.9M | 28.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $4M | 29.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Brookline's required school contribution is 2.0% of median household income, 308th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$17.8M** | **$78.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.0%** | **+13%** |
| 308th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |


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Brookline runs its own school district and also belongs to Norfolk County; Brookline accounts for 0% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $45.4 million for schools serving Brookline, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Brookline's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$45.4M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $718 per resident (165th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Brookline's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | John R. Pierce School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Brookline | Core | $7.6M | $7.6M |
| FY2023 | John R. Pierce School | Brookline | Core | $37.8M | $37.8M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $0 (0%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Brookline; Brookline's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $7.6 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Brookline has $5.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$12.8M** | **$5.8M** | **$5.7M** |
| $1.9M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 3.6 years of its yearly money · 14th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **2** | **1** | **$400,000** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $400,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Brookline came on average 49 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $964,000 | $0 | $938,000 | $964,000 |
| FY2018 | $961,000 | $0 | $616,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2019 | $938,000 | $188,000 | $2M | $2.1M |
| FY2020 | $931,000 | $93,000 | $1.4M | $2.5M |
| FY2021 | $932,000 | $0 | $123,000 | $3.3M |
| FY2022 | $928,000 | $310,000 | $1.2M | $3.3M |
| FY2023 | $920,000 | $0 | $430,000 | $3.8M |
| FY2024 | $930,000 | $449,000 | $388,000 | $4.8M |
| FY2025 | $933,000 | $270,000 | $2.1M | $3.9M |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $558,000 | $0 | $5.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $6.9M |

The full list of the 11 bridges in Brookline in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Brookline Reservoir Dam Repair source | $400,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Brookline received $12.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 55% of the $22.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Brookline ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $4.4 million in earmarks placed in Brookline, $3.5 million (80%) went to organizations rather than to Brookline's government.

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| Watertown peer | 28 | $6,072 | $161 | $34.77† | 0.91 | 1.8% |
| Waltham peer | 28 | $6,149 | $102 | $54.73† | 0.45 | 2.8% |
| Somerville peer | 40 | $7,819 | $474 | $26.26† | 2.18 | 1.7% |
| Woburn peer | 31 | $6,812 | $255 | $85.34† | 0.44 | 3.5% |
| North Andover peer | 26 | $6,381 | $213 | $31.72 | 0.89 | 3.1% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Buckland

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**STATE HOUSE**
1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Mohawk Trail Regional School District, shared with Ashfield, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield and Shelburne
Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath and ten others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

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ALL STATE AID

**59** / 100

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| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
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Rank under other weightings: 33rd to 85th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Buckland received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 55 and 63 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**97** / 100

9th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 97 | 98 | 97 |

Rank under other weightings: 4th to 15th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

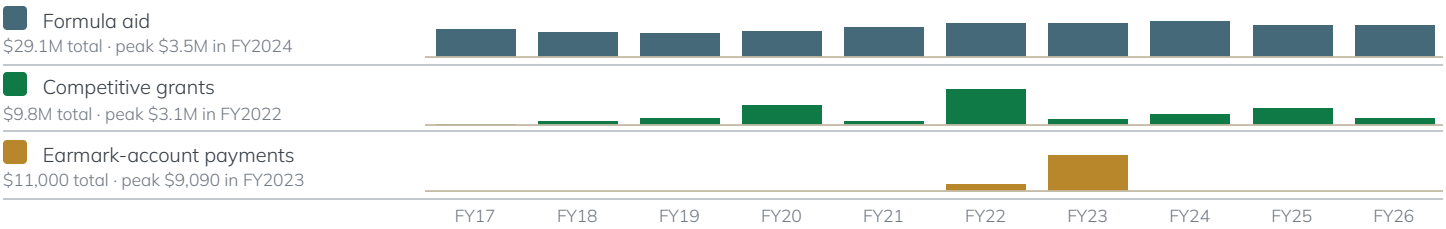
Buckland received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 97 stays between 97 and 98 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Buckland's town government and school districts received $29.1 million in formula aid and $9.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $29.1M | $9.8M | $11,000 |
| $14,272 per resident (88th of 351) · gross | $4,838 per resident (16th of 351) | $5.32 per resident (282nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Buckland peaked in FY2022 at $3.1 million, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Buckland received $12,000 in local earmarks to its government, $112,000 placed in the city or town and $112,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $12,000 | $112,000 | $112,000 | No |
| $6.14 per resident (286th of 351) | $55.26 per resident (153rd of 351) · 89% to organizations | $55.26 per resident (159th of 351) · 89% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $12,000 went to Buckland's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $100,000 went to organizations in Buckland or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Buckland, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the Wilder Homestead property in the town of Buckland to support restoration efforts" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "Red Gate Farm Education Center in the town of Buckland" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $12,000 (split two ways) | "The Senior Center Consortium representing the towns of Ashfield, Buckland, and Shelburne and the western Franklin County region for the design and project management of the renovation, expansion or new construction of the Senior Center in Shelburne Falls" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Buckland received 6.12 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**42.5**<br>280th of 351 · 20.9 per 1,000 residents (56th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.1M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**72**<br>191st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**19.7 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,129**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**5.51**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 6.12; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**152 acres**<br>1.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$4,208**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$27.68**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,276**<br>FY2017–2025 · 318th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BUCKLAND

## Buckland has 314 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,308 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**314 acres**<br>2.5% of Buckland's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,308 acres**<br>18.3% of Buckland's land · 79 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**32 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**759 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 5 | 314 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 220 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 40 | 1,344 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 23 | 606 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 16 | 359 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 72 | 3,645 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 32 |
| Conservation restriction | 30 | 759 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 130 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 91 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hog Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 178 | |
| Buckland State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 92 | |
| Kenneth Dubuque Memorial State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 44 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 49.9 miles of public road in Buckland, the state maintains 6.0 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.0 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 42.5 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.3 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Buckland $461,000 and takes back $8,459 in assessments and charges, a net $452,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$461,000** | **$8,459** | **$452,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 2% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $7,677 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $392,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $27,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $19,000 |
| State Owned Land | $8,178 |
| Public Libraries | $6,813 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $531 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,600 |
| Regional Transit | $6,328 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BUCKLAND

## State programs also awarded $3.8 million to organizations in Buckland other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Buckland. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Shelburne Falls Fire District regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $2.3M |
| FY2019 | Buckland– $1 million for Upper Street Reconstruction nonprofit | MassWorks Infrastructure Program | $1M |
| FY2022 | Buckland Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $137,000 |
| FY2025 | Buckland Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $54,000 |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $43,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2025 | Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $33,000 |
| FY2019 | Buckland Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $11,000 |
| FY2023 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $9,851 (shared seven ways) |
| FY2024 | Permaculture Place nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $9,000 |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $206,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.1% of Buckland's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.4%** | **7.9%** | **7.1%** | **7.0%** |
| $291,000 of $3.1M · median town 14.1% | $349,000 of $4.4M · median town 12.2% | $434,000 of $6.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.8% · median town 10.0% |

Buckland's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Buckland's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 3.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 14.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $291,000 in FY2006 to $434,000 in FY2025, +49.1% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **−2.3%** | **+16.8%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $136,000 to $133,000 · all towns +54.0% | $238,000 to $277,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Buckland's health insurance would have been $170,000 in FY2025; it was $133,000, $37,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $297,000 in FY2025; it was $277,000, $19,000 below the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+35%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Buckland's reported health insurance fell from $136,000 in FY2016 to $133,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $12,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $112,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $112,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Buckland's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 272nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.8M** | **$1.7M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **−1%** |
| 272nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Buckland has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Mohawk Trail and Franklin County; Buckland accounts for 21% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $4.6 million for schools serving Buckland, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Buckland's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.6M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,269 per resident (79th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Buckland's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $4.6M (4%) |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Buckland has $685,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.1M**<br>$783,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$685,000**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 219th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>one rated poor; about $177,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.7M**<br>bridges $1.4M · dams $0 · culverts $267,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Buckland came on average 20 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $187,000 | $0 | $518,000 | $0 |
| FY2018 | $185,000 | $0 | $166,000 | $19,000 |
| FY2019 | $185,000 | $37,000 | $78,000 | $203,000 |
| FY2020 | $185,000 | $18,000 | $67,000 | $339,000 |
| FY2021 | $185,000 | $0 | $200,000 | $325,000 |
| FY2022 | $185,000 | $142,000 | $352,000 | $299,000 |
| FY2023 | $182,000 | $0 | $271,000 | $210,000 |
| FY2024 | $182,000 | $228,000 | $420,000 | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | $181,000 | $152,000 | $211,000 | $323,000 |
| FY2026 | $321,000 | $205,000 | $164,000 | $685,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $321,000 | $0 | $0 | $1M |

The full list of the 25 bridges in Buckland in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Pine Street over Unnamed Tributary to Deerfield River / Elm Street Extension over Unnamed Tributary to Deerfield River / CSX Railroad over Unnamed Tributary to Deerfield River source | $88,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Charlemont Road over Taylor Brook source | $89,000 |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Nillman Rd over Clark Brook source | $91,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Buckland received $10.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.1 times the $4.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Buckland ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $112,000 in earmarks placed in Buckland, $100,000 (89%) went to organizations rather than to Buckland's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Buckland** this town | **59** | **$14,272** | **$4,838** | **$55.26†** | **6.12** | **2.3%** |
| Granville peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |
| Hardwick peer | 63 | $20,446 | $849 | $101 | 2.32 | 2.5% |
| Huntington peer | 63 | $18,322 | $2,918 | $33.78† | 0.25 | 2.5% |
| Colrain peer | 59 | $16,229 | $3,795 | $30.73† | 2.33 | 2.7% |
| Cheshire peer | 55 | $14,188 | $1,187 | $49.75 | 2.39 | 2.8% |
| Shelburne best in class of 30 | 66 | $14,126 | $8,461 | $182† | 2.94 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Burlington

Town · Middlesex County · 26,274 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

21st Middlesex · Kenneth I. Gordon

STATE SENATE

Fourth Middlesex · Cindy F. Friedman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Burlington Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bedford, Billerica, Tewksbury and Wilmington

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Burlington scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 52 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**35** / 100

265th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 44 | 27 | 38 |

Rank under other weightings: 235th to 288th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Burlington received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 31 and 39 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**52** / 100

184th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 65 | 34 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 161st to 199th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

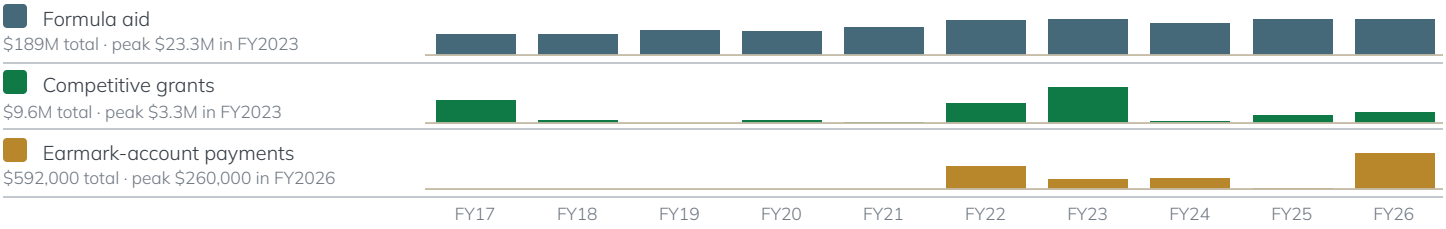
Burlington received more than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 46 and 58 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Burlington's town government and school districts received $189 million in formula aid and $9.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$189M** | **$9.6M** | **$592,000** |
| $7,194 per resident (283rd of 351) · gross | $367 per resident (182nd of 351) | $22.53 per resident (188th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Burlington peaked in FY2023 at $3.3 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $58.5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Burlington received $540,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2.7 million placed in the city or town and $2.7 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$540,000** | **$2.7M** | **$2.7M** | **No** |
| $20.55 per resident (213th of 351) | $102 per resident (64th of 351) · 80% to organizations | $102 per resident (74th of 351) · 80% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 22 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $540,000 went to Burlington's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2.1 million went to organizations in Burlington or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Burlington, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (22 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $500,000 | "establish a psychiatry residency training program at a tertiary academic medical center located in the town of Burlington to support training of psychiatrists and enhance access to psychiatry services in underserved and geographically isolated areas of the state" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "the town of Burlington to replace the aging asphalt walkways on the town common with updated ADA-compliant concrete walkways" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2024 | $200,000 | "the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 22 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Burlington received 46% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**102.5**<br>89th of 351 · 3.9 per 1,000 residents (280th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.6M**<br>scored exposure $354,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**87**<br>148th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**11.7 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**26,420**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.93**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.46; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$50,935**<br>FY2017–2025 · 36th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN BURLINGTON

## No state conservation land or coded chapter land is mapped in Burlington.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**44 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 7 |
| Conservation restriction | 8 | 44 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 117.3 miles of public road in Burlington, the state maintains 9.3 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.3 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 102.1 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.9 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Burlington $14.8 million and takes back $1.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $13.7 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$14.8 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$1.2 million**<br>8% of what is sent | Net<br>**$13.7 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $46,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $85,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $22,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $150,000 |
| State Owned Land | $4,533 |
| Public Libraries | $65,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $12,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $16,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $20,000 |
| MBTA | $688,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $247,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $173,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN BURLINGTON

## State programs also awarded $107,000 to organizations in Burlington other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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A further $107,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.2% of Burlington's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.2%** | **6.9%** | **7.2%** | **6.6%** |
| $7.4M of $80.3M · median town 14.1% | $8.8M of $127M · median town 12.2% | $13.5M of $188M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.7% · median town 10.0% |

Burlington's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $633,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Burlington's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 18.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 5.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.4 million in FY2006 to $13.5 million in FY2025, +83.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $259,000 of Burlington's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+80.4%** | **+77.2%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $14.6M to $26.3M · all towns +54.0% | $24.7M to $43.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Burlington's health insurance would have been $18.2 million in FY2025; it was $26.3 million, $8.11 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $30.8 million in FY2025; it was $43.7 million, $12.9 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Burlington's government came to $340,000, 2.9% of the $11.7 million rise in its health insurance.


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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $340,000 | 2.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.3M | 19.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.3M | 19.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Burlington's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 89th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$11.2M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$43.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.0%**<br>89th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+26%**<br>after inflation |

Burlington runs its own school district and also belongs to Shawsheen Valley; Burlington accounts for 9% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $31.5 million for schools serving Burlington, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Burlington's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$31.5M**<br>$1,199 per resident (138th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Burlington's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Fox Hill Elementary School | Burlington | Core | $31.5M | $31.5M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Burlington has $2.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$14.6M**<br>$2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$10.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.3M**<br>annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 192nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**2**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Burlington came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Burlington owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.4M | $1.1M |
| FY2018 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.1M | $1.1M |
| FY2019 | $1.1M | $218,000 | $2.4M | $271,000 |
| FY2020 | $1.1M | $108,000 | $1.4M | $108,000 |
| FY2021 | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $1.1M | $341,000 | $1.2M | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.3M | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $1.1M | $474,000 | $438,000 | $2.3M |
| FY2025 | $1.1M | $274,000 | $2.7M | $931,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.4M | $618,000 | $657,000 | $2.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.4M | $0 | $0 | $3.7M |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Burlington in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Burlington received $12.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 93% of the $13.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Burlington ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.7 million in earmarks placed in Burlington, $2.1 million (80%) went to organizations rather than to Burlington's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Burlington** this town | **35** | **$7,194** | **$367** | **$102**† | **0.46** | **3.0%** |
| Canton peer | 29 | $6,511 | $84.68 | $28.65 | 0.29 | 2.9% |
| Wakefield peer | 28 | $6,465 | $157 | $45.34 | 0.56 | 2.6% |
| Bedford peer | 42 | $9,879 | $313 | $18.33 | 0.99 | 2.9% |
| Natick peer | 28 | $6,624 | $86.76 | $78.89 | 0.56 | 2.7% |
| Newburyport peer | 33 | $6,797 | $442 | $77.12 | 0.78 | 2.0% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |


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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Cambridge

City · Middlesex County · 118,796 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**25th Middlesex** · Marjorie C. Decker 36% of residents
**26th Middlesex** · Mike Connolly 29% of residents
**29th Middlesex** · Steven Owens 19% of residents
**2nd Suffolk** · Daniel J. Ryan 8% of residents
**24th Middlesex** · David M. Rogers 4% of residents
**18th Suffolk** · Michael J. Moran 3% of residents

Cambridge is split among six House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Middlesex and Suffolk** · Sal N. DiDomenico 63% of residents
**Second Middlesex** · Patricia D. Jehlen 24% of residents
**Suffolk and Middlesex** · William N. Brownsberger 12% of residents

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Cambridge Public Schools**, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Cambridge scores 33 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 9 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**33** / 100

277th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 28 | 42 | 39 |

Rank under other weightings: 229th to 324th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Cambridge received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 33 stays between 29 and 38 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**9** / 100

348th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 9 | 6 | 14 |

Rank under other weightings: 342nd to 349th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

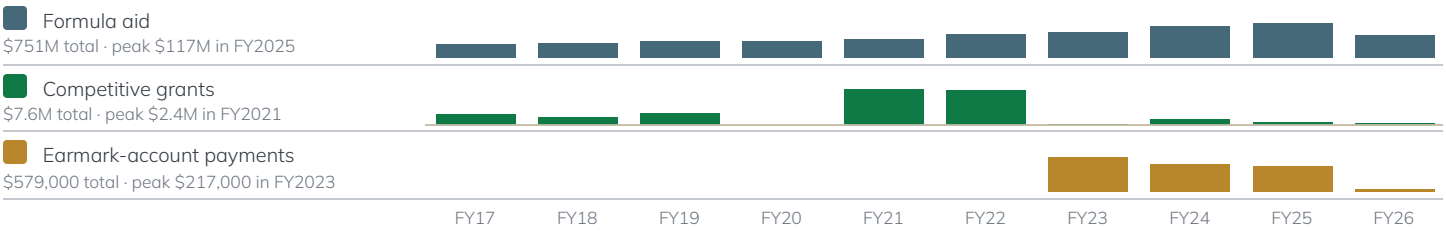
Cambridge received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 9 stays between 8 and 11 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Cambridge's town government and school districts received $751 million in formula aid and $7.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$751M** | **$7.6M** | **$579,000** |
| $6,322 per resident (326th of 351) · gross | $64.05 per resident (343rd of 351) | $4.87 per resident (288th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Cambridge peaked in FY2021 at $2.4 million, 31% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $245 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Cambridge received $1.9 million in local earmarks to its government, $7.8 million placed in the city or town and $8 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.9M** | **$7.8M** | **$8M** | **No** |
| $15.86 per resident (235th of 351) | $65.33 per resident (125th of 351) · 76% to organizations | $67.01 per resident (126th of 351) · 74% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 77 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.9 million went to Cambridge's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $5.9 million went to organizations in Cambridge or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Cambridge but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $200,000, count under everything placed only.


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Everything placed, the third measure, adds $200,000 in six clauses for state facilities located in Cambridge (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.

Every local earmark in Cambridge, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (83 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $1M (split three ways) | "the hazardous materials response team in the cities of Cambridge, Everett and Boston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $500,000 | "the HBCU Kickoff Classic Weekend at Harvard University to support venue infrastructure, logistics, community engagement, and marketing for the August 2025 event and to facilitate local economic development through partnerships with local and minority-owned businesses, and provide career fairs and…" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $475,000 | "the Forsyth Institute's center for children's oral health to expand its Forsyth kids programming focused on children and adolescents and to explore the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $475,000 | "the Forsyth Institute's Center for Children's Oral Health to expand its ForsythKids programming focused on children and adolescents and to explore the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $475,000 | "the Forsyth Institute's Center for Children's Oral Health to expand its ForsythKids programming focused on children and adolescents and explore the emerging association between oral health status and academic performance" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 83 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Cambridge received 22% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**120.8**<br>61st of 351 · 1.0 per 1,000 residents (351st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**18**<br>330th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**6.4 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**121,402**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.94**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.22; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$126,376**<br>FY2017–2025 · 8th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CAMBRIDGE

## Cambridge has 235 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**235 acres**<br>5.7% of Cambridge's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 43 | 235 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 32 | 140 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 2 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 32 | 140 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charles River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 137 | |
| Alewife Brook Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 68 | |
| Charles River Reservation | State: Department of Transportation | 9 | |
| John Fitzgerald Kennedy Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Museum Of Science | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Alewife Brook Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Lowell Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Fresh Pond Pathway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| McCrehan Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Fresh Pond Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Reverend Romano Simoni Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Veterans Memorial Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 142.7 miles of public road in Cambridge, the state maintains 12.2 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.8 | 2% |
| DCR | 9.4 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 120.9 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 9.6 | 7% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $25,000 | “maintenance and improvements to the land along route 16 between Seagrave road and Columbus avenue in the city of Cambridge” |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | “maintenance and improvements to the land along route 16 between Seagrave road and Columbus avenue in the city of Cambridge” |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | “phase II of the Magazine beach renovation project in Cambridge” |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | “road safety and traffic enforcement measures on Fresh Pond parkway between Huron avenue and Brattle street in the city of Cambridge, including radar…” |
| FY2019 | $25,000 | “improvements to Magazine beach in the city of Cambridge” |
| FY2018 | $25,000 | “improve Magazine beach in the city of Cambridge” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

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| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$54.3 million** | **$34.8 million** | **$19.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 64% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

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|---|---|
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What the state takes back

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|---|---|
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| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $429,000 |
| MBTA | $12.4M |
| Special Education | $101,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $295,000 |
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STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CAMBRIDGE

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Just-A-Start nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $300,000 |
| FY2021 | The Massachusetts Institute of Technology Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Dance Complex nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Arrow Street Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Global Arts Live nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | Longy School of Music of Bard College nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $138,000 |
| FY2024 | Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $137,000 |
| FY2021 | Black History in Action for Cambridgeport nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $110,000 |
| FY2026 | Street Theory Collective nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $108,000 |
| FY2023 | Just-A-Start nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2025 | Just-A-Start nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2017 | Harvard Museums of Science and Culture nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Foundry Consortium nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $95,000 |
| FY2023 | Black History in Action for Cambridgeport nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $82,000 |
| FY2020 | President & Fellows of Harvard College nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $70,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 32 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $208,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.2% of Cambridge's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 12.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12.1%** | **7.2%** | **6.2%** | **2.1%** |
| $42.8M of $355M · median town 14.1% | $32.6M of $454M · median town 12.2% | $51M of $816M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.3% · median town 10.0% |

**Cambridge's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 23.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 31.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $42.8 million in FY2006 to $51 million in FY2025, +19.0% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+55.8%** | **+88.6%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $63M to $98.2M · all towns +54.0% | $52.6M to $99.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Cambridge's health insurance would have been $78.7 million in FY2025; it was $98.2 million, $19.5 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $65.6 million in FY2025; it was $99.2 million, $33.5 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+31%) and FY2023 (+47%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost. Flag: in FY2017, FY2018, FY2019, FY2020 and FY2022 reported health insurance exceeded all general-fund fixed costs; the health-insurance report includes the employee share for self-insured towns.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Cambridge's government came to $1.8 million, 5.1% of the $35.2 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.8M | 5.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $6.2M | 17.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $6.4M | 18.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Cambridge's required school contribution is 1.7% of median household income, 329th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$22.7M** | **$107M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.7%** | **+19%** |
| 329th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Cambridge runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.5 million for schools serving Cambridge, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Cambridge's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.5M** | **4** | **$8.66B** |
| $29.63 per resident (263rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Cambridge's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Amigos School | Cambridge | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $596,000 | $596,000 |
| FY2021 | Cambridgeport School | Cambridge | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $844,000 | $844,000 |
| FY2019 | Graham and Parks School | Cambridge | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.7M | $1.7M |
| FY2017 | Fletcher Maynard Academy | Cambridge | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $407,000 | $407,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $3.4 million against an approved budget of $5.3 million (under by $1.9 million); the local share moved from $3.2 million to $1.9 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Cambridge has $12.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$35.3M** | **$19.2M** | **$12.9M** |
| $4.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 3.6 years of its yearly money · 15th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **0** | **2** | **$1M** |
| none rated poor | of two town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $1M · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Cambridge came on average 61 months after the


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start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $2.6M | $0 | $25,000 | $2.5M |
| FY2018 | $2.6M | $0 | $2M | $3.1M |
| FY2019 | $2.6M | $522,000 | $5M | $5.4M |
| FY2020 | $2.6M | $265,000 | $327,000 | $8.4M |
| FY2021 | $2.7M | $0 | $4.9M | $10.6M |
| FY2022 | $2.8M | $402,000 | $754,000 | $13M |
| FY2023 | $2.9M | $0 | $402,000 | $15.5M |
| FY2024 | $2.9M | $1M | $5.1M | $14.3M |
| FY2025 | $2.9M | $768,000 | $5M | $13M |
| FY2026 | $3.4M | $1.1M | $4.3M | $13.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $3.3M | $0 | $320,000 | $16.2M |

The full list of the 24 bridges in Cambridge in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Cambridge Reservoir Dam/Hobbs Brook Gatehouse and Outlet Culvert Repairs source | $1M |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Cambridge received $24.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 41% of the $59.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Cambridge ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $7.8 million in earmarks placed in Cambridge, $5.9 million (76%) went to organizations rather than to Cambridge's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cambridge** this town | **33** | **$6,322** | **$64.05** | **$65.33†** | **0.22** | **1.7%** |
| Somerville peer | 40 | $7,819 | $474 | $26.26† | 2.18 | 1.7% |
| Brookline peer | 21 | $5,242 | $48.41 | $68.98† | 0.36 | 2.0% |
| Waltham peer | 28 | $6,149 | $102 | $54.73† | 0.45 | 2.8% |
| Woburn peer | 31 | $6,812 | $255 | $85.34† | 0.44 | 3.5% |
| Watertown peer | 28 | $6,072 | $161 | $34.77† | 0.91 | 1.8% |
| Boston best in class of 30 | 42 | $9,995 | $157 | $379† | 0.53 | 3.7% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Canton

Town · Norfolk County · 24,748 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**6th Norfolk** · William C. Galvin

STATE SENATE

**Bristol and Norfolk** · Paul R. Feeney

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Canton Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Avon, Braintree, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Norwood, Randolph and Westwood

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Canton scores 29 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 12 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**29** / 100

313th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 36 | 24 | 33 |

Rank under other weightings: 294th to 335th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Canton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 29 stays between 26 and 32 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**12** / 100

341st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 16 | 8 | 15 |

Rank under other weightings: 335th to 343rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

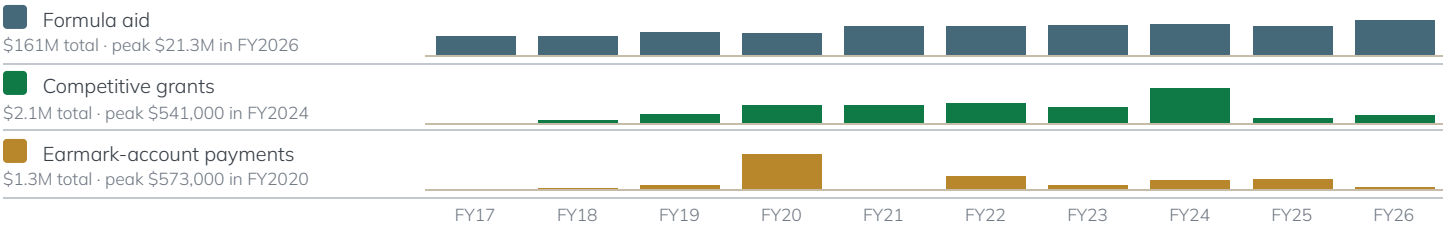
Canton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 12 stays between 10 and 14 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Canton's town government and school districts received $161 million in formula aid and $2.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$161M** | **$2.1M** | **$1.3M** |
| $6,511 per resident (315th of 351) · gross | $84.68 per resident (335th of 351) | $53.89 per resident (70th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Canton peaked in FY2024 at $541,000, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $18.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Canton received $359,000 in local earmarks to its government, $709,000 placed in the city or town and $33.3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$359,000** | **$709,000** | **$33.3M** | **No** |
| $14.51 per resident (246th of 351) | $28.65 per resident (245th of 351) · 49% to organizations | $1,345 per resident (1st of 351) · 1% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 20 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $359,000 went to Canton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $350,000 went to organizations in Canton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Canton but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $600,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $32 million in clauses for the continued operation of the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, a state-run hospital in Canton, and $600,000 in other clauses for state facilities or MassHealth rate add-ons.



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Every local earmark in Canton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (30 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $31M | "the continued operation of Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2020 | $500,000 | "the reconstruction of the Metropolis rink in Canton" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children summer programs" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2022 | $150,000 | "the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children summer program" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2020 | $150,000 | "the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children Summer Program" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |

Printed: the 5 largest of 30 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Canton received 29% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**95.7**<br>104th of 351 · 3.9 per 1,000 residents (283rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16.9M**<br>scored exposure $5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**85**<br>154th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**6**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.7 sq mi**<br>15% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**24,831**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.82**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.29; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**520 acres**<br>4.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$68,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$131**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$36,102**<br>FY2017–2025 · 77th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CANTON

## Canton has 1,923 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 43 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,923 acres**<br>16.0% of Canton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**43 acres**<br>0.4% of Canton's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**453 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 64 | 1,923 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 803 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 43 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 6 | 402 |
| Conservation restriction | 31 | 453 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 480 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 162 |
| Public Health and Soldiers' Homes | 1 | 162 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Neponset River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 916 | |
| Blue Hills Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 627 | |
| Ponkapoag Golf Course | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 379 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 116.2 miles of public road in Canton, the state maintains 13.5 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.9 | 10% |
| DCR | 1.6 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 95.7 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.0 | 6% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $31M | “the continued operation of Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children” |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | “the replacement of the boardwalk at Ponkapoag pond in the town of Canton” |
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| FY2018 | $150,000 | “the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children Summer Program” |
| FY2017 | $150,000 | “the Pappas Rehabilitation hospital for Children summer program” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Canton $13.3 million and takes back $1.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $11.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| $13.3 million | $1.6 million | $11.7 million |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 12% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $14,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $101,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $178,000 |
| State Owned Land | $70,000 |
| Public Libraries | $63,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $279,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $140,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $10,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $15,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $27,000 |
| MBTA | $642,000 |
| Special Education | $39,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $180,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $260,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CANTON

## State programs also awarded $626,000 to organizations in Canton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Canton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a


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program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Irish Cultural Centre nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $9,000 |

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.4%** | **9.9%** | **9.2%** | **8.1%** |
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Canton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $344,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

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Gross state aid went from $5.8 million in FY2006 to $12 million in FY2025, +105.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $493,000 of Canton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+36.9%** | **+49.9%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
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SCHOOLS

## Canton's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 103rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$10M** | **$39.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **+28%** |
| 103rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Canton runs its own school district and also belongs to Blue Hills and Norfolk County; Canton accounts for 10% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $79.6 million for schools serving


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## Canton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Canton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$79.6M** | **4** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,216 per resident (44th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Canton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | William H. Galvin Middle School | Canton | Core | $74.4M | $74.4M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $72,000 (4%) |
| FY2018 | Blue Hills Regional Technical High School | Blue Hills | Core | $44.4M | $4.4M (10%) |
| FY2017 | Lt. Peter M. Hansen Elementary School | Canton | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $765,000 | $765,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Canton's share of the final cost was $10.2 million against its share of the approved budget of $10.1 million (over by $114,000); the local share moved from $5 million to $5.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Canton has $2.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and six high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.9M** | **$7.7M** | **$2.1M** |
| $1.7M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 164th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **15** | **6** | **$0** |
| two rated poor; likely about $4.1M of work on those ($3.7M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of six town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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**Canton owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

**Canton owns six high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $773,000 | $0 | $763,000 | $10,000 |
| FY2018 | $775,000 | $0 | $0 | $785,000 |
| FY2019 | $774,000 | $155,000 | $1.5M | $316,000 |
| FY2020 | $766,000 | $77,000 | $9,155 | $1.2M |
| FY2021 | $767,000 | $0 | $2.1M | $22,000 |
| FY2022 | $762,000 | $315,000 | $784,000 | $315,000 |
| FY2023 | $767,000 | $0 | $867,000 | $216,000 |
| FY2024 | $776,000 | $386,000 | $483,000 | $895,000 |
| FY2025 | $805,000 | $214,000 | $264,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $542,000 | $1.3M | $2.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $3.2M |

The full list of the 35 bridges in Canton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Canton received $3.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 33% of the $9.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Canton ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $709,000 in earmarks placed in Canton, $350,000 (49%) went to organizations rather than to Canton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Canton** this town | **29** | **$6,511** | **$84.68** | **$28.65** | **0.29** | **2.9%** |
| Burlington peer | 35 | $7,194 | $367 | $102† | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Wakefield peer | 28 | $6,465 | $157 | $45.34 | 0.56 | 2.6% |
| Bedford peer | 42 | $9,879 | $313 | $18.33 | 0.99 | 2.9% |
| Newburyport peer | 33 | $6,797 | $442 | $77.12 | 0.78 | 2.0% |
| Natick peer | 28 | $6,624 | $86.76 | $78.89 | 0.56 | 2.7% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |

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**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Carlisle

Town · Middlesex County · 5,239 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**14th Middlesex** · Simon Cataldo

STATE SENATE

**Third Middlesex** · Michael J. Barrett

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Carlisle Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Concord-Carlisle Regional School District**, shared with Concord

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Carlisle scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 43 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**35** / 100

261st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33 | 58 | 26 | 23 |

Rank under other weightings: 221st to 298th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Carlisle received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 29 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**43** / 100

219th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 64 | 41 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 198th to 234th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

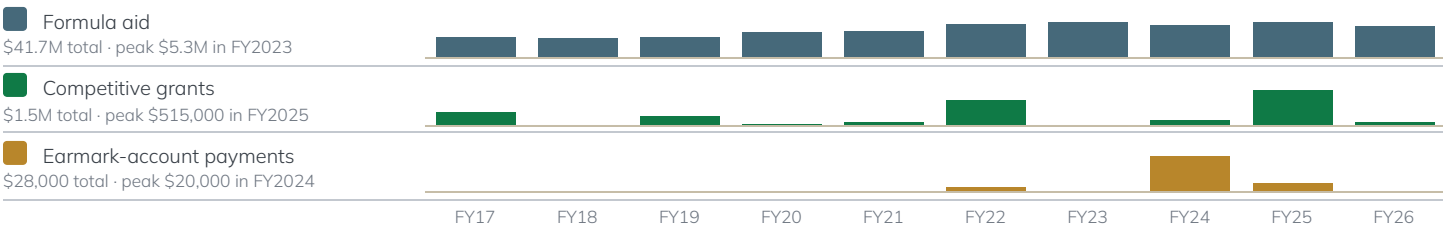
Carlisle received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 37 and 49 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Carlisle's town government and school districts received $41.7 million in formula aid and $1.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$41.7M** | **$1.5M** | **$28,000** |
| $7,968 per resident (256th of 351) · gross | $280 per resident (217th of 351) | $5.25 per resident (283rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Carlisle peaked in FY2025 at $515,000, 35% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Carlisle received $25,000 in local earmarks to its government, $25,000 placed in the city or town and $85,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$25,000** | **$25,000** | **$85,000** | **No** |
| $4.77 per resident (288th of 351) | $4.77 per resident (313th of 351) | $16.22 per resident (286th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Carlisle's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Clauses that name Carlisle but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $60,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $60,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Carlisle (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Carlisle, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $60,000 | "Great Brook Farm state park in the town of Carlisle for parking and stormwater improvements" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2024 | $20,000 | "lighting upgrades for the Corey auditorium at the Carlisle public school" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $5,000 | "the police department in the town of Carlisle for equipment to collect and study traffic data" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Carlisle received 70% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**54.7**<br>230th of 351 · 10.4 per 1,000 residents (101st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$823,000**<br>scored exposure $120,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**73**<br>186th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.3 sq mi**<br>10% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,239**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.70; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**811 acres**<br>8.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$288,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$354**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$33,871**<br>FY2017–2025 · 86th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CARLISLE

## Carlisle has 946 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 243 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**946 acres**<br>9.7% of Carlisle's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**243 acres**<br>2.5% of Carlisle's land · 24 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**36 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**878 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 12 | 946 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 15 | 616 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 10 | 101 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 124 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 18 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 10 | 120 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 36 |
| Conservation restriction | 95 | 878 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | 616 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Great Brook Farm State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 924 | |
| Carlisle State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 22 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 55.3 miles of public road in Carlisle, the state maintains 0.1 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.1 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 54.7 | 99% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.6 | 1% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $60,000 | “Great Brook Farm state park in the town of Carlisle for parking and stormwater improvements” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Carlisle $2.3 million and takes back $62,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.3 million** | **$62,000** | **$2.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.6M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $299,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $3,936 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $37,000 |
| State Owned Land | $303,000 |
| Public Libraries | $13,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,630 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $3,228 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,500 |
| Regional Transit | $55,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CARLISLE

## State programs also awarded $43,000 to organizations in Carlisle other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Carlisle. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town’s share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Carlisle Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $43,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.6% of Carlisle’s general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.1%** | **4.5%** | **5.6%** | **5.5%** |
| $1.8M of $20M · median town 14.1% | $1.2M of $27.4M · median town 12.2% | $2M of $36M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.6% · median town 10.0% |

Carlisle’s own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $809,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town’s assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Carlisle's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 28.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 36.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.8 million in FY2006 to $2 million in FY2025, +11.4% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+90.7%** | **+90.6%** | **8 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $896,000 to $1.7M · all towns +54.0% | $1.9M to $3.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Carlisle's health insurance would have been $1.12 million in FY2025; it was $1.71 million, $589,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.37 million in FY2025; it was $3.62 million, $1.25 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Carlisle's government came to $25,000, 3.1% of the $812,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $25,000 | 3.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $25,000 | 3.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $25,000 | 3.1% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Carlisle's required school contribution is 2.1% of median household income, 298th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.4M** | **$9.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.1%** | **+34%** |
| 298th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Carlisle runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Concord-Carlisle for others; Carlisle accounts for 23% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Carlisle, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Carlisle has $394,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.1M** | **$3.3M** | **$394,000** |
| $969,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 313th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **2** | **1** | **$559,000** |
| none rated poor | of three town-owned dams | bridges $559,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $258,000 | $0 | $267,000 | $210,000 |
| FY2018 | $253,000 | $0 | $164,000 | $369,000 |
| FY2019 | $253,000 | $51,000 | $0 | $672,000 |
| FY2020 | $253,000 | $25,000 | $486,000 | $610,000 |
| FY2021 | $252,000 | $0 | $57,000 | $805,000 |
| FY2022 | $252,000 | $181,000 | $421,000 | $817,000 |
| FY2023 | $252,000 | $0 | $391,000 | $679,000 |
| FY2024 | $253,000 | $270,000 | $486,000 | $716,000 |
| FY2025 | $253,000 | $173,000 | $880,000 | $262,000 |
| FY2026 | $434,000 | $268,000 | $425,000 | $539,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $434,000 | $0 | $145,000 | $828,000 |

The full list of the two bridges in Carlisle in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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| Sherborn peer | 39 | $9,422 | $708 | $109 | 0.88 | 2.7% |
| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Cohasset peer | 32 | $7,092 | $383 | $129† | 0.76 | 2.5% |
| Bolton peer | 35 | $8,127 | $737 | $62.75 | 1.64 | 2.8% |
| West Newbury peer | 48 | $10,655 | $574 | $38.12 | 0.91 | 2.1% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Carver

Town · Plymouth County · 11,712 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Plymouth · John R. Gaskey

STATE SENATE

Third Bristol and Plymouth · Kelly A. Dooner

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Carver Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Acushnet, Lakeville, Mattapoisett and Rochester

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Carver scores 50 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 42 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**50** / 100

122nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 48 | 50 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 110th to 136th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Carver received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 50 stays between 49 and 51 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**42** / 100

222nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 41 | 39 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 212th to 231st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

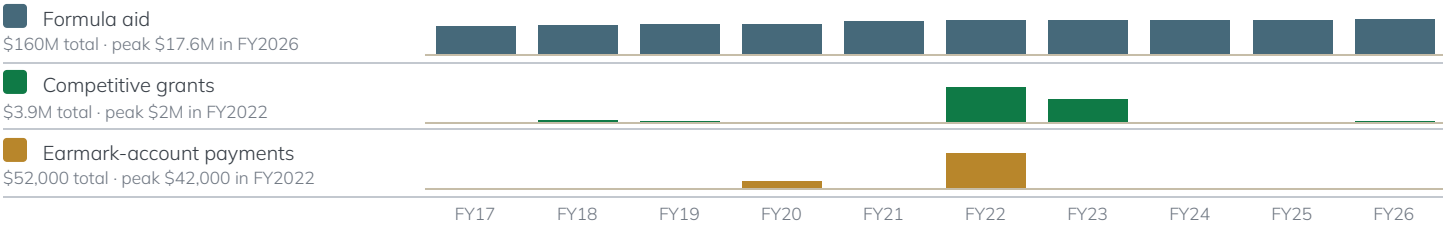
Carver received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 41 and 43 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Carver's town government and school districts received $160 million in formula aid and $3.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$160M** | **$3.9M** | **$52,000** |
| $13,650 per resident (103rd of 351) · gross | $330 per resident (198th of 351) | $4.43 per resident (295th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Carver peaked in FY2022 at $2 million, 52% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Carver received $90,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$90,000** | **$90,000** | **$90,000** | **No** |
| $7.68 per resident (278th of 351) | $7.68 per resident (309th of 351) | $7.68 per resident (310th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2023. All of it went to Carver's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Carver, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $30,000 | "enhance services at the Carver council on aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $20,000 | "the Carver council on aging to install new fencing handrail along the sidewalk entrance at the council on aging facility" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $20,000 | "the Carver council on aging for improvements at the council on aging facility" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $10,000 | "enhance services at the Carver council on aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $10,000 | "enhance services at the Carver Council on Aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Carver received 83% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**80.0**<br>157th of 351 · 6.8 per 1,000 residents (163rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6M**<br>scored exposure $1.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**174**<br>25th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**37.3 sq mi**<br>10% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**12,069**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.35**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.83; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,531 acres**<br>10.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$306,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$121**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,004**<br>FY2017–2025 · 215th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CARVER

## Carver has 2,449 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 5,803 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,449 acres**<br>10.3% of Carver's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**5,803 acres**<br>24.3% of Carver's land · 310 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**786 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 11 | 2,449 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 3,926 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 66 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 295 | 5,456 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 280 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 89 | 5,124 |
| Conservation restriction | 13 | 786 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 3,854 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 71 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Myles Standish State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,864 | |
| Atwood Reservoir WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 514 | |
| Muddy Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 71 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 104.6 miles of public road in Carver, the state maintains 4.1 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.1 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 80.0 | 76% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.1 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Carver $14.4 million and takes back $2.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $12.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.4 million** | **$2.2 million** | **$12.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 15% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $246,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $576,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $171,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $148,000 |
| State Owned Land | $307,000 |
| Public Libraries | $34,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $32,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $90,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,619 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $17,000 |
| MBTA | $19,000 |
| Regional Transit | $71,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $164,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.8M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CARVER

## State programs also awarded $310,000 to organizations in Carver other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Carver. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | The Nature Conservancy, Massachusetts Chapter nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $257,000 |
| FY2026 | Buzzards Bay Coalition nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 27.3% of Carver's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 38.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **38.7%** | **33.7%** | **27.3%** | **23.9%** |
| $11.3M of $29.2M · median town 14.1% | $11.8M of $35.1M · median town 12.2% | $13.9M of $50.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 37.7% · median town 10.0% |

Carver's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $727,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Carver's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 20.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 29.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $11.3 million in FY2006 to $13.9 million in FY2025, +23.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+471.2%** | **+277.9%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $925,000 to $5.3M · all towns +54.0% | $2.2M to $8.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Carver's health insurance would have been $1.16 million in FY2025; it was $5.29 million, $4.13 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.81 million in FY2025; it was $8.49 million, $5.69 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+176%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+264%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Carver's government came to $90,000, 2.1% of the $4.36 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $90,000 | 2.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $90,000 | 2.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $90,000 | 2.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Carver's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 75th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$11.7M** | **$12.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **–7%** |
| 75th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Carver runs its own school district and also belongs to Old Colony; Carver accounts for 17% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $24.2 million for schools serving Carver, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Carver's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$24.2M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,068 per resident (84th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Carver's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School | Old Colony | Core | $129M | $21.3M (17%) |
| FY2017 | Carver Middle-High School | Carver | Accelerated Repair | $2.9M | $2.9M |


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**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Carver's share of the final cost was $5 million against its share of the approved budget of $5.6 million (under by $651,000); the local share moved from $2.7 million to $2.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Carver has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.2M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 207th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**9**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Carver came on average 23 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Carver owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $422,000 | $0 | $1,214 | $422,000 |
| FY2018 | $417,000 | $0 | $442,000 | $822,000 |
| FY2019 | $415,000 | $83,000 | $576,000 | $999,000 |
| FY2020 | $415,000 | $42,000 | $562,000 | $894,000 |
| FY2021 | $414,000 | $0 | $982,000 | $326,000 |
| FY2022 | $414,000 | $267,000 | $685,000 | $321,000 |
| FY2023 | $407,000 | $0 | $267,000 | $462,000 |
| FY2024 | $408,000 | $257,000 | $908,000 | $218,000 |
| FY2025 | $408,000 | $113,000 | $258,000 | $481,000 |
| FY2026 | $673,000 | $399,000 | $476,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $673,000 | $0 | $7,935 | $1.7M |

The full list of the 13 bridges in Carver in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Carver received $4.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 39% of the $11.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Carver ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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## nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Carver** this town | **50** | **$13,650** | **$330** | **$7.68** | **0.83** | **3.0%** |
| Oxford peer | 52 | $13,864 | $491 | $15.69 | 1.37 | 2.7% |
| Whitman peer | 56 | $16,230 | $202 | $15.36 | 0.52 | 2.5% |
| Holbrook peer · best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Acushnet peer | 43 | $10,949 | $130 | $21.65 | 0.60 | 3.2% |
| Shirley peer | 48 | $11,957 | $554 | $23.80 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Fairhaven lowest in class of 30 | 47 | $10,747 | $508 | $12.58† | 0.36 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Charlemont

Town · Franklin County · 1,118 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Hawlemont Regional School District, shared with Hawley
Mohawk Trail Regional School District, shared with Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield and Shelburne

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Charlemont scores 65 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 97 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

65 / 100

26th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | 63 | 65 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 21st to 34th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Charlemont received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 65 stays between 63 and 67 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

97 / 100

11th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 98 | 94 | 97 |

Rank under other weightings: 10th to 12th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

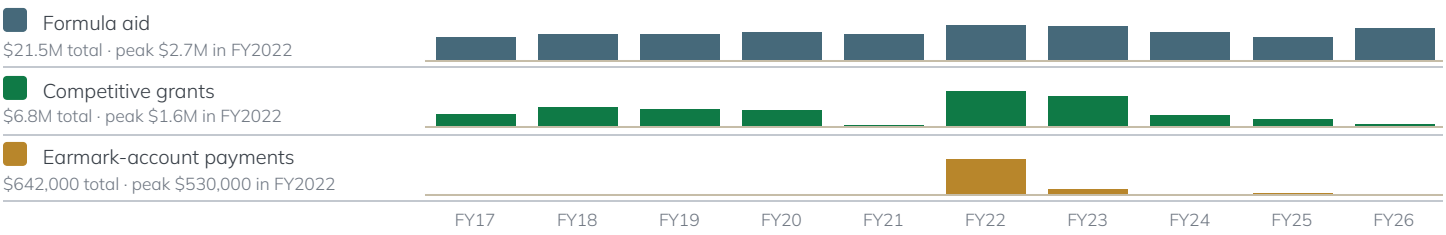
Charlemont received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 97 stays between 96 and 98 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Charlemont's town government and school districts received $21.5 million in formula aid and $6.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $21.5M | $6.8M | $642,000 |
| $19,209 per resident (31st of 351) · gross | $6,110 per resident (12th of 351) | $574 per resident (2nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Charlemont peaked in FY2022 at $1.6 million, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Charlemont received $165,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $165,000 | $165,000 | $165,000 | No |
| $148 per resident (9th of 351) | $148 per resident (25th of 351) | $148 per resident (35th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Charlemont's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Charlemont, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the Hawlemont School in the town of Charlemont for emergency support" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $40,000 | "the town of Charlemont to support town planning operations" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "the town of Charlemont for the Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Districts sustainability study" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Charlemont received 2.68 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**42.4**<br>282nd of 351 · 37.9 per 1,000 residents (34th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$46M**<br>scored exposure $14.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**75**<br>180th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.3 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**7%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,201**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.68; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,843 acres**<br>11.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$29,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$15.78**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$28,339**<br>FY2017–2025 · 117th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CHARLEMONT

## Charlemont has 2,142 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,331 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,142 acres**<br>12.7% of Charlemont's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,331 acres**<br>13.9% of Charlemont's land · 58 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**645 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**679 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 32 | 2,142 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 6 | 2,099 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 23 | 1,360 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 28 | 911 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 7 | 60 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 54 | 3,121 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 12 | 645 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 679 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 2,099 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mohawk Trail State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,008 | |
| Catamount State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 81 | |
| Tea Street Conservation Area | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 52 | |
| Deerfield River Access - Charlemont | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 57.0 miles of public road in Charlemont, the state maintains 12.1 (21%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.1 | 21% |
| Town-accepted | 42.4 | 74% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.9 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Charlemont $399,000 and takes back $12,000 in assessments and charges, a net $387,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$399,000** | **$12,000** | **$387,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $121,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $224,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $20,000 |
| State Owned Land | $29,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,593 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $343 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,980 |
| Regional Transit | $9,639 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CHARLEMONT

## State programs also awarded $262,000 to organizations in Charlemont other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Charlemont. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $254,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.7% of Charlemont's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.8%** | **8.2%** | **7.7%** | **7.5%** |
| $244,000 of $2.8M · median town 14.1% | $279,000 of $3.4M · median town 12.2% | $369,000 of $4.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.5% · median town 10.0% |

Charlemont's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $962,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Charlemont's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 2.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 13.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $244,000 in FY2006 to $369,000 in FY2025, +51.5% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+129.5%** | **+68.6%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $54,000 to $124,000 · all towns +54.0% | $172,000 to $291,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Charlemont's health insurance would have been $67,000 in FY2025; it was $124,000, $56,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $215,000 in FY2025; it was $291,000, $75,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+31%), FY2021 (–69%) and FY2022 (+247%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Charlemont's government came to $165,000, 2.4 times the $70,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $165,000 | 2.4 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $165,000 | 2.4 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $165,000 | 2.4 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Charlemont's required school contribution is 3.8% of median household income, 6th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.1M** | **$1.1M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.8%** | **–10%** |
| 6th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Charlemont has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Charlemont, Hawlemont and Mohawk Trail; Charlemont accounts for 100%, 87% and 5% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Charlemont, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Charlemont has $548,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3M** | **$2.2M** | **$548,000** |
| $777,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 218th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **35** | **0** | **$1.1M** |
| four rated poor; likely about $10.3M of work on those ($10M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of one town-owned dam | bridges $1.1M · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Charlemont came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $182,000 | $0 | $60,000 | $182,000 |
| FY2018 | $180,000 | $0 | $323,000 | $182,000 |
| FY2019 | $180,000 | $36,000 | $236,000 | $216,000 |
| FY2020 | $180,000 | $18,000 | $385,000 | $112,000 |
| FY2021 | $179,000 | $0 | $100,000 | $191,000 |
| FY2022 | $179,000 | $142,000 | $208,000 | $303,000 |
| FY2023 | $178,000 | $0 | $433,000 | $48,000 |
| FY2024 | $178,000 | $226,000 | $203,000 | $248,000 |
| FY2025 | $177,000 | $151,000 | $0 | $577,000 |
| FY2026 | $318,000 | $204,000 | $550,000 | $548,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $317,000 | $0 | $0 | $866,000 |

The full list of the 47 bridges in Charlemont in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2017 | Small Bridge award | Maxwell Road bridge source | $490,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Charlemont received $7.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 85% of the $8.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Charlemont ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Charlemont** this town | **65** | **$19,209** | **$6,110** | **$148** | **2.68** | **3.8%** |
| Wendell peer | 65 | $24,634 | $5,863 | $106† | 0.54 | 3.0% |
| New Salem peer | 55 | $19,167 | $1,900 | $101 | 0.36 | 2.6% |
| Granville peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |
| Plainfield peer | 52 | $15,369 | $4,077 | $0 | 1.79 | 4.5% |
| Buckland peer | 59 | $14,272 | $4,838 | $55.26† | 6.12 | 2.3% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Charlton

Town · Worcester County · 13,435 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

6th Worcester · John J. Marsi 76% of residents
7th Worcester · Paul K. Frost 24% of residents

Charlton is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, shared with Dudley
Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District, vocational, shared with Auburn, Dudley, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer and one other

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Charlton scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 32 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**56** / 100

77th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 63 | 48 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 59th to 98th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Charlton received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 53 and 59 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**32** / 100

259th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 39 | 28 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 254th to 265th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

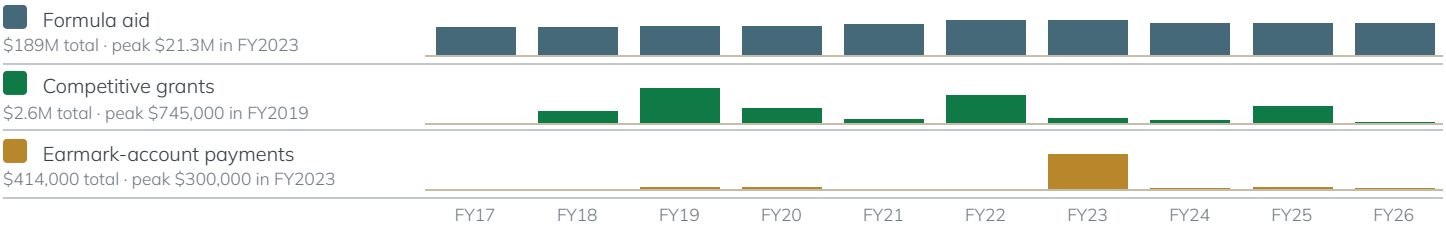
Charlton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 30 and 35 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Charlton's town government and school districts received $189 million in formula aid and $2.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $189M | $2.6M | $414,000 |
| $14,031 per resident (94th of 351) · gross | $197 per resident (254th of 351) | $30.80 per resident (146th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Charlton peaked in FY2019 at $745,000, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $10.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Charlton received $320,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $320,000 | $320,000 | $320,000 | No |
| $23.82 per resident (190th of 351) | $23.82 per resident (259th of 351) | $23.82 per resident (262nd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Charlton's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Charlton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "the fire department in the town of Charlton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "Charlton for the procurement of a new alerting system for the Charlton fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "facilities upgrades at the police station in the town of Charlton, including, but not limited to, physical plant, structural and computer system upgrades" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the town of Charlton for roof replacement at the Charlton police station" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $25,000 | "communication equipment for the Charlton Fire Department in the town of Charlton" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Charlton received 74% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**126.7**<br>54th of 351 · 9.4 per 1,000 residents (115th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.5M**<br>scored exposure $3.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**275**<br>2nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**6**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**42.2 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**13,555**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.50**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.74; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**300 acres**<br>1.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$12,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$38.31**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$63,686**<br>FY2017–2025 · 22nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CHARLTON

## Charlton has 330 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,310 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**330 acres**<br>1.2% of Charlton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,310 acres**<br>8.6% of Charlton's land · 112 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**852 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**133 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 330 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 349 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 30 | 641 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 63 | 1,436 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 19 | 233 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 78 | 2,994 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 20 | 852 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 133 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 4 | 348 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bennett WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 289 | |
| Little River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 39 | |
| Glen Echo Lake Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 156.9 miles of public road in Charlton, the state maintains 18.4 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 18.4 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 126.8 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 11.7 | 7% |

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Charlton $2.1 million and takes back $127,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.1 million** | **$127,000** | **$2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $57,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $104,000 |
| State Owned Land | $12,000 |
| Public Libraries | $38,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,522 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $19,000 |
| Regional Transit | $104,000 |

### STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CHARLTON

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission - Charlton<br>regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,875 (shared four ways) |

A further $27,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

### COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.5% of Charlton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.4% in FY2006.

### STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.4%** | **6.0%** | **4.5%** | **4.3%** |
| $1.4M of $16.8M · median town 14.1% | $1.4M of $24.1M · median town 12.2% | $1.9M of $42.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.7% · median town 10.0% |

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Gross state aid went from $1.4 million in FY2006 to $1.9 million in FY2025, +36.6% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+77.1%** | **+102.5%** | **5 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $972,000 to $1.7M · all towns +54.0% | $2.2M to $4.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Charlton's health insurance would have been $1.21 million in FY2025; it was $1.72 million, $508,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.77 million in FY2025; it was $4.49 million, $1.72 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Charlton's government came to $300,000, 40.0% of the $750,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $300,000 | 40.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $300,000 | 40.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $300,000 | 40.0% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Charlton's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 73rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$12.6M** | **$17.8M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **–14%** |
| 73rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

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## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Charlton, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Charlton has $1.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and six high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.5M** | **$6.8M** | **$1.6M** |
| $1.8M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 188th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **29** | **6** | **$1.1M** |
| two rated poor; likely about $1.5M of work on those ($744,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of six town-owned dams | bridges $1M · dams $90,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $634,000 | $0 | $771,000 | $3,273 |
| FY2018 | $628,000 | $0 | $736,000 | $112,000 |
| FY2019 | $625,000 | $125,000 | $592,000 | $393,000 |
| FY2020 | $626,000 | $63,000 | $667,000 | $579,000 |
| FY2021 | $624,000 | $0 | $784,000 | $419,000 |
| FY2022 | $624,000 | $423,000 | $483,000 | $983,000 |
| FY2023 | $619,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $240,000 |
| FY2024 | $620,000 | $396,000 | $622,000 | $634,000 |
| FY2025 | $620,000 | $170,000 | $620,000 | $805,000 |
| FY2026 | $1M | $628,000 | $834,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $2.7M |

The full list of the 53 bridges in Charlton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Lower Sibley Pond Dam Removal Feasibility Assessment source | $90,000 |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Charlton received $3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 65% of the $4.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Charlton ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Charlton** this town | **56** | **$14,031** | **$197** | **$23.82** | **0.74** | **3.0%** |
| Rehoboth peer | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |
| Lakeville peer | 44 | $10,579 | $119 | $49.61 | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Longmeadow peer | 28 | $7,493 | $122 | $37.08† | 0.57 | 3.4% |
| Ashland peer | 36 | $7,807 | $843 | $98.35 | 1.10 | 3.0% |
| Freetown peer | 43 | $10,093 | $164 | $145† | 0.30 | 2.8% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Chatham

Town · Barnstable County · 6,681 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
4th Barnstable · Hadley Luddy

**STATE SENATE**
Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Monomoy Regional School District, shared with Harwich
Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Brewster, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown and three others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Chatham scores 23 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 66 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**23** / 100

347th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 19 | 30 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 333rd to 349th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Chatham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 23 stays between 21 and 26 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**66** / 100

125th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 73 | 73 | 39 | 79 |

Rank under other weightings: 107th to 152nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

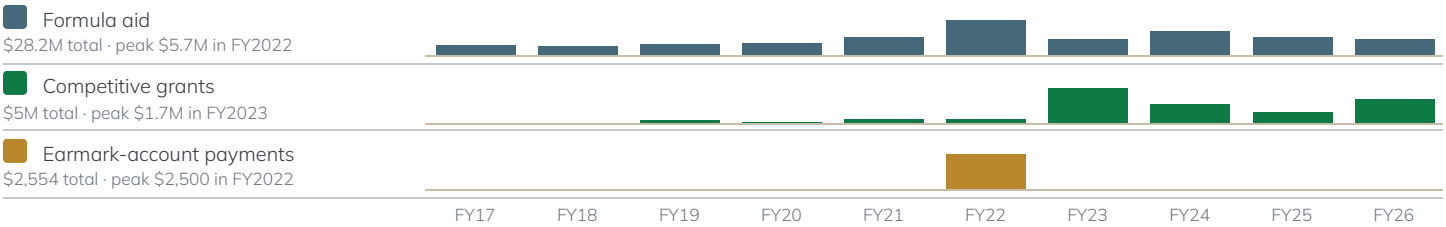
Chatham received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 66 stays between 60 and 72 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Chatham's town government and school districts received $28.2 million in formula aid and $5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$28.2M** | **$5M** | **$2,554** |
| $4,225 per resident (350th of 351) · gross | $743 per resident (104th of 351) | $0.38 per resident (332nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Chatham peaked in FY2023 at $1.7 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $49.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Chatham received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $1.6 million placed in the city or town and $1.6 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$0** | **$1.6M** | **$1.6M** | **No** |
| enacted, ten budgets | $246 per resident (6th of 351) · all to organizations | $246 per resident (12th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $0 went to Chatham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.6 million went to organizations in Chatham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Chatham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (six clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $500,000 | "the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, Inc. for the modernization and maintenance of sustainable fishing" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $500,000 | "the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, Inc. for the modernization and maintenance of sustainable fishing" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $500,000 | "the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance for the modernization and maintenance of sustainable fishing" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, Inc. to conduct a study of winter flounder spawning and activity in and around the commonwealth's ports and harbors" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2020 | $40,000 | "the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance to provide young fisherwomen and fishermen training to succeed in entry-level positions in Cape Cod's commercial or charter fleet" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 6 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Chatham received 70% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**66.5**<br>198th of 351 · 10.0 per 1,000 residents (110th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.2M**<br>scored exposure $582,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**31**<br>313th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**54%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,469**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.55**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.70; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$143,505**<br>FY2017–2025 · 6th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CHATHAM

## No state conservation land is mapped in Chatham; 5 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**5 acres**<br>0.0% of Chatham's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**166 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 5 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 149 |
| Conservation restriction | 66 | 166 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 122.8 miles of public road in Chatham, the state maintains 7.4 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.4 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 66.5 | 54% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 48.9 | 40% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Chatham $364,000 and takes back $1 million in assessments and charges, a net -$643,000.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$364,000**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$1 million**<br>277% of what is sent | Net<br>**-$643,000**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $219,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $91,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $40,000 |
| Public Libraries | $14,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $682,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $287,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,622 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,320 |
| Regional Transit | $21,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CHATHAM

## State programs also awarded $693,000 to organizations in Chatham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Chatham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $693,000 in 12 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

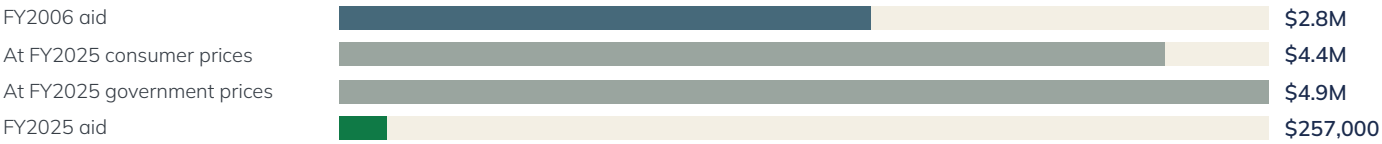
## State aid covered 0.5% of Chatham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.6%** | **3.0%** | **0.5%** | **-1.3%** |
| $2.8M of $29.4M · median town 14.1% | $1.1M of $38.3M · median town 12.2% | $257,000 of $55M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.6% · median town 10.0% |

Chatham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

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Gross state aid went from $2.8 million in FY2006 to $257,000 in FY2025, –90.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $952,000 of Chatham's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+42.7%** | **+56.3%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $2.2M to $3.1M · all towns +54.0% | $4.6M to $7.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

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SCHOOLS

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| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$1.1M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$5.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.8%**<br>323rd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+40%**<br>after inflation |

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.3 million for schools serving Chatham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Chatham's share<br>**$2.3M**<br>$345 per resident (203rd of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Chatham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Monomoy Regional Middle School | Monomoy | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3.9M | $906,000 (23%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $155,000 (3%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $1.2M (3%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Chatham; Chatham's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $155,000. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Chatham's share of the final cost was $3.4 million against its share of the approved budget of $3.7 million (under by $354,000); the local share moved from $2.5 million to $2.1 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Chatham has $1.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$5.4M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.6M**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 140th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $343,000 | $0 | $0 | $343,000 |
| FY2018 | $346,000 | $0 | $0 | $689,000 |
| FY2019 | $343,000 | $69,000 | $0 | $1.1M |
| FY2020 | $343,000 | $34,000 | $0 | $1.5M |
| FY2021 | $342,000 | $0 | $36,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2022 | $340,000 | $222,000 | $2.7M | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $339,000 | $0 | $451,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2024 | $339,000 | $315,000 | $1.1M | $985,000 |
| FY2025 | $341,000 | $196,000 | $761,000 | $761,000 |
| FY2026 | $560,000 | $332,000 | $39,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $560,000 | $0 | $39,000 | $2.1M |

The full list of the two bridges in Chatham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

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PEERS

## Chatham ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $1.6 million in earmarks placed in Chatham went to organizations; none went to Chatham's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chatham** this town | **23** | **$4,225** | **$743** | **$246**† | **0.70** | **1.8%** |
| Great Barrington peer · best in class of 30 | 42 | $9,461 | $2,113 | $175† | 2.92 | 3.7% |
| Lee peer | 39 | $7,783 | $1,292 | $21.86 | 2.91 | 3.1% |
| Tisbury peer · lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |
| Hatfield peer | 32 | $6,480 | $1,299 | $3.01 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| Sheffield peer | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Chelmsford

Town · Middlesex County · 36,446 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

14th Middlesex · Simon Cataldo 46% of residents
16th Middlesex · Rodney M. Elliott 34% of residents
2nd Middlesex · James Arciero 21% of residents

Chelmsford is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Third Middlesex · Michael J. Barrett

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Chelmsford Public Schools, the town's own district
Nashoba Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ayer, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Westford

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Northern Middlesex Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Chelmsford scores 31 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 32 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**31** / 100

299th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 40 | 27 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 289th to 308th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Chelmsford received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 28 and 34 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**32** / 100

262nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 40 | 32 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 257th to 265th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

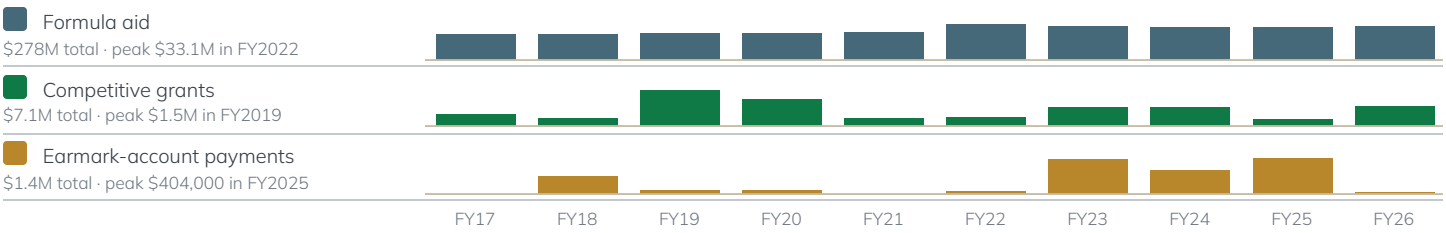
Chelmsford received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 30 and 34 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Chelmsford's town government and school districts received $278 million in formula aid and $7.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $278M | $7.1M | $1.4M |
| $7,630 per resident (270th of 351) · gross | $194 per resident (256th of 351) | $39.00 per resident (113th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Chelmsford peaked in FY2019 at $1.5 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $22.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Chelmsford received $1.3 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.5 million placed in the city or town and $1.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.3M | $1.5M | $1.5M | No |
| $36.08 per resident (132nd of 351) | $41.84 per resident (192nd of 351) · 14% to organizations | $41.84 per resident (197th of 351) · 14% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 27 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.3 million went to Chelmsford's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $210,000 went to organizations in Chelmsford or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Chelmsford, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (27 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $200,000 | "a signage and wayfinding program in the town of Chelmsford as part of a project to improve the pedestrian, bicycle and public parking areas and the multi-use pathways in Chelmsford center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the Chelmsford Center for the Arts for energy efficiency improvements" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the preliminary design of transportation improvements to Vinal square in the town of Chelmsford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the town of Chelmsford for the continued implementation of a business grant program" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "Chelmsford for the planting of shade trees along the town's right of way in the area designated as the environmental justice community" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 27 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Chelmsford received 37% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**179.4**<br>25th of 351 · 4.9 per 1,000 residents (239th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.3M**<br>scored exposure $2.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**183**<br>17th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.4 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**36,666**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.12**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.37; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**21 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$9,524**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$461**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$23,349**<br>FY2017–2025 · 150th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CHELMSFORD

## Chelmsford has 23 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 135 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**23 acres**<br>0.2% of Chelmsford's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**135 acres**<br>0.9% of Chelmsford's land · 25 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**91 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 23 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 33 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 9 | 56 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 15 | 70 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 9 |
| Conservation restriction | 19 | 91 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 23 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 10 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Great Brook Farm State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 23 | |
| Chelmsford Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 206.5 miles of public road in Chelmsford, the state maintains 22.9 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 22.9 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 174.8 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 8.8 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Chelmsford $23.9 million and takes back $2.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $21.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$23.9 million** | **$2.4 million** | **$21.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $401,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $330,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $6.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $114,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $179,000 |
| State Owned Land | $9,698 |
| Public Libraries | $102,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $106,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $13,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $24,000 |
| Regional Transit | $301,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $290,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.6M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CHELMSFORD

## State programs also awarded $24,000 to organizations in Chelmsford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Chelmsford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Northern Middlesex Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $12,000 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2023 | Chelmsford Chinese Language School nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.9% of Chelmsford's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 15.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.4%** | **14.1%** | **13.9%** | **12.4%** |
| $13.5M of $87.7M · median town 14.1% | $16.5M of $117M · median town 12.2% | $21.8M of $158M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.8% · median town 10.0% |


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Chelmsford's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $969,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Chelmsford's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 4.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 7.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $13.5 million in FY2006 to $21.8 million in FY2025, +61.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $379,000 of Chelmsford's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+62.2%** | **+57.3%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $10.4M to $16.8M · all towns +54.0% | $19.1M to $30M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Chelmsford's health insurance would have been $12.9 million in FY2025; it was $16.8 million, $3.87 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $23.8 million in FY2025; it was $30 million, $6.19 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Chelmsford's government came to $1.2 million, 18.5% of the $6.45 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.2M | 18.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.4M | 21.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.4M | 21.7% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Chelmsford's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 48th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$16.4M** | **$58.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **+2%** |
| 48th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Chelmsford runs its own school district and also belongs to Nashoba Valley; Chelmsford accounts for 27% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.8 million for schools serving Chelmsford, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Chelmsford's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.8M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $77.27 per resident (245th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Chelmsford's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | South Row School | Chelmsford | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.1M | $2.1M |
| FY2020 | South Row Elementary School | Chelmsford | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $259,000 | $259,000 |
| FY2019 | Nashoba Valley Technical High School | Nashoba Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Windows/Doors) | $1.6M | $450,000 (27%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Chelmsford's share of the final cost was $1.5 million against its share of the approved budget of $1.5 million (under by $59,000); the local share moved from $826,000 to $820,000. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Chelmsford has $3.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$16.8M**<br>$2.8M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$12M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3.1M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 211th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**8**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$84,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $84,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Chelmsford came on average 16 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chelmsford owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.2M | $0 | $2M | $834,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.5M | $502,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.2M | $234,000 | $1.4M | $507,000 |
| FY2020 | $1.2M | $115,000 | $1.6M | $180,000 |
| FY2021 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.1M | $217,000 |
| FY2022 | $1.2M | $576,000 | $1.1M | $888,000 |
| FY2023 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.3M | $749,000 |
| FY2024 | $1.2M | $635,000 | $1.4M | $1.2M |
| FY2025 | $1.2M | $314,000 | $1.3M | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $1.8M | $947,000 | $1M | $3.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.8M | $0 | $0 | $4.8M |

The full list of the 62 bridges in Chelmsford in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Dunshire Drive Culvert Replacement & Deep Brook Stream Restoration: Phase I source | $84,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Chelmsford received $9.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 8% more than the $8.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Chelmsford ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.5 million in earmarks placed in Chelmsford, $210,000 (14%) went to organizations rather than to Chelmsford's government.


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| Arlington peer | 32 | $7,131 | $184 | $64.10 | 0.96 | 2.2% |
| Billerica peer | 39 | $9,140 | $64.58 | $21.52 | 0.29 | 2.7% |
| Melrose peer | 35 | $7,621 | $417 | $63.68 | 2.22 | 2.7% |
| Danvers peer | 30 | $6,947 | $129 | $53.36 | 0.20 | 2.9% |
| Dedham peer | 28 | $6,510 | $161 | $77.66 | 0.48 | 2.4% |
| Braintree best in class of 30 | 39 | $9,109 | $142 | $117 | 0.55 | 3.4% |
| Hanover lowest in class of 30 | 38 | $9,140 | $220 | $18.83 | 0.60 | 2.8% |

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SUFFOLK COUNTY

# Chelsea

City · Suffolk County · 39,908 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
11th Suffolk · Judith A. Garcia

**STATE SENATE**
Middlesex and Suffolk · Sal N. DiDomenico

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Chelsea Public Schools, the city's own district
Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Wakefield and three others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Chelsea scores 77 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 78 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**77** / 100

5th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 81 | 73 | 74 | 81 |

Rank under other weightings: 4th to 5th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Chelsea received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 77 stays between 75 and 79 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**78** / 100

84th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | 72 | 82 | 80 |

Rank under other weightings: 79th to 91st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

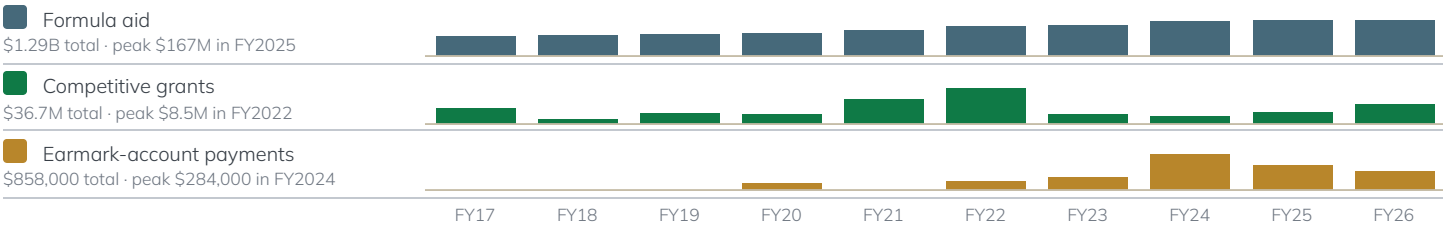
Chelsea received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 78 stays between 77 and 80 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Chelsea's town government and school districts received $1.29 billion in formula aid and $36.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $1.29B | $36.7M | $858,000 |
| $32,370 per resident (4th of 351) · gross | $919 per resident (83rd of 351) | $21.51 per resident (194th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Chelsea peaked in FY2022 at $8.5 million, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $99.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Chelsea received $704,000 in local earmarks to its government, $5.9 million placed in the city or town and $5.9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $704,000 | $5.9M | $5.9M | No |
| $17.64 per resident (227th of 351) | $147 per resident (26th of 351) · 88% to organizations | $147 per resident (36th of 351) · 88% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 49 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $704,000 went to Chelsea's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $5.2 million went to organizations in Chelsea or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Chelsea, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (49 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $1.2M | "Roca. Inc.'s young mothers experiencing acute trauma pilot program" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $1M | "Roca. Inc.'s young mothers experiencing acute trauma pilot program" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $1M | "Roca, Inc. to provide case management, trauma-informed supports and advocacy to mothers ages 14 through 24 and their children who are experiencing high levels of victimization, trauma, poverty and instability" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2020 | $250,000 | "Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. for the communities specified in item 7004-0099 of section 2 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2019 | $250,000 | "the Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 49 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Chelsea received 3.69 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**45.9**<br>266th of 351 · 1.1 per 1,000 residents (349th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$30.9M**<br>scored exposure $30.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**0**<br>346th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**2.2 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**39,936**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**4.31**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 3.69; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**19 acres**<br>1.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$281,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$14,611**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$27,132**<br>FY2017–2025 · 124th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CHELSEA

## Chelsea has 25 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**25 acres**<br>1.7% of Chelsea's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 25 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 10 | 19 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Public Health and Soldiers' Homes | 9 | 18 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 1 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mary OMalley Waterfront Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 20 | |
| Malone Park | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 4 | |
| Vietnam Veterans Pool - Chelsea | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 49.7 miles of public road in Chelsea, the state maintains 3.5 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.1 | 6% |
| DCR | 0.5 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 45.8 | 92% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.4 | 1% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Chelsea $147 million and takes back $27.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $120 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$147 million** | **$27.5 million** | **$120 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 19% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $132M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $4.3M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $10.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $158,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $69,000 |
| State Owned Land | $281,000 |
| Public Libraries | $119,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $12,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $12,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $24,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $445,000 |
| MBTA | $3.1M |
| Special Education | $25,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $281,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $23.6M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CHELSEA

## State programs also awarded $1.7 million to organizations in Chelsea other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Chelsea. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Pennrose nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | La Colaborativa nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | La Colaborativa nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | La Colaborativa nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2025 | La Colaborativa nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2021 | Apollinaire Theatre Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (SCDAO) regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2020 | Cities of Chelsea and Everett nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $52,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | EV) Charging Plan (Chelsea nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $33,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2025 | Bunker Hill Community College nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $33,000 |

A further $740,000 in 6 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 54.2% of Chelsea's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 57.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **57.9%** | **55.0%** | **54.2%** | **44.9%** |
| $60M of $104M · median town 14.1% | $80.6M of $146M · median town 12.2% | $138M of $254M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 48.8% · median town 10.0% |

Chelsea's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Chelsea's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 48.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 31.7% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $60 million in FY2006 to $138 million in FY2025, +129.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $5.9 million of Chelsea's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+374.4%** | **+191.0%** | **3 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $6.5M to $31M · all towns +54.0% | $14.9M to $43.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Chelsea's health insurance would have been $8.17 million in FY2025; it was $31 million, $22.9 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $18.7 million in FY2025; it was $43.5 million, $24.8 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+342%); fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (+110%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost. Flag: in FY2017, FY2018, FY2019, FY2020 and FY2021 reported health insurance exceeded all general-fund fixed costs; the health-insurance report includes the employee share for self-insured towns.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Chelsea's government came to $629,000, 2.6% of the $24.5 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $629,000 | 2.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $4.4M | 18.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $4.4M | 18.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Chelsea's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 175th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$136M** | **$26.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+34%** |
| 175th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Chelsea runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Chelsea accounts for 18% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $29.9 million for schools serving Chelsea, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Chelsea's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$29.9M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $750 per resident (161st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Chelsea's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $4.1M (18%) |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $25.8M (18%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Chelsea; Chelsea's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $4.1 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Chelsea has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.9M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.5M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 116th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Chelsea came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $600,000 | $0 | $586,000 | $522,000 |
| FY2018 | $597,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |
| FY2019 | $598,000 | $120,000 | $1.5M | $781,000 |
| FY2020 | $591,000 | $59,000 | $1.6M | $116,000 |
| FY2021 | $589,000 | $0 | $672,000 | $32,000 |
| FY2022 | $584,000 | $150,000 | $604,000 | $163,000 |
| FY2023 | $599,000 | $0 | $150,000 | $612,000 |
| FY2024 | $602,000 | $263,000 | $825,000 | $652,000 |
| FY2025 | $602,000 | $172,000 | $949,000 | $477,000 |
| FY2026 | $753,000 | $302,000 | $0 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $752,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.3M |

The full list of the 17 bridges in Chelsea in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Chelsea received $49.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 24% more than the $39.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Chelsea ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $5.9 million in earmarks placed in Chelsea, $5.2 million (88%) went to organizations rather than to Chelsea's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chelsea** this town | **77** | **$32,370** | **$919** | **$147**† | **3.69** | **2.6%** |
| Pittsfield peer | 59 | $17,230 | $454 | $131† | 1.56 | 2.6% |
| Fitchburg peer | 68 | $22,494 | $765 | $118† | 2.33 | 2.1% |
| Holyoke peer | 78 | $31,543 | $801 | $77.35† | 1.95 | 1.7% |
| Chicopee peer · lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |
| Amherst peer | 36 | $8,017 | $722 | $75.58† | 2.44 | 3.7% |
| Springfield best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Cheshire

Town · Berkshire County · 3,216 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

STATE SENATE

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Hoosac Valley Regional School District, shared with Adams

Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Adams, Clarksburg, Florida, Lanesborough, Monroe, North Adams, Savoy and Williamstown

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Cheshire scores 55 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 84 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**55** / 100

87th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 46 | 55 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 61st to 112th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Cheshire received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 52 and 58 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**84** / 100

63rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 85 | 79 | 85 | 89 |

Rank under other weightings: 57th to 70th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

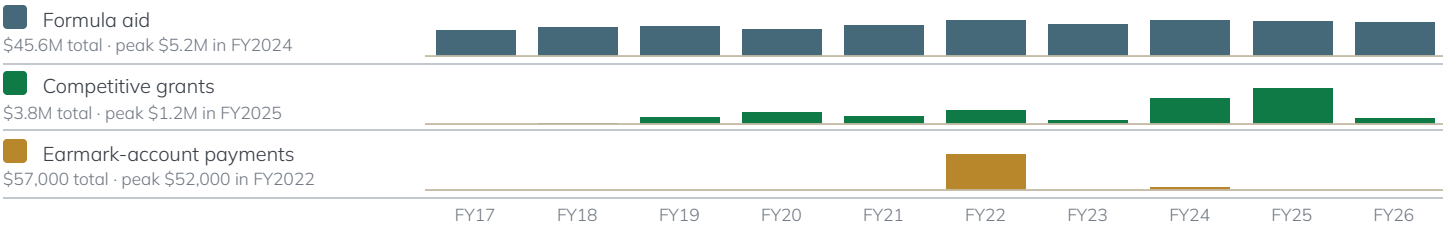
Cheshire received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 84 stays between 83 and 86 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Cheshire's town government and school districts received $45.6 million in formula aid and $3.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $45.6M | $3.8M | $57,000 |
| $14,188 per resident (89th of 351) · gross | $1,187 per resident (69th of 351) | $17.82 per resident (215th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Cheshire peaked in FY2025 at $1.2 million, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Cheshire received $100,000 in local earmarks to its government, $160,000 placed in the city or town and $160,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $100,000 | $160,000 | $160,000 | No |
| $31.09 per resident (157th of 351) | $49.75 per resident (169th of 351) · 38% to organizations | $49.75 per resident (176th of 351) · 38% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2023. $100,000 went to Cheshire's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $60,000 went to organizations in Cheshire or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Cheshire, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the de-weeding of Cheshire lake" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2021 | $50,000 | "the resurfacing of a section of route 116 in Cheshire" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $50,000 (split two ways) | "grants to the Adams-Cheshire regional school district for the purpose of offsetting increased costs" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $10,000 | "the Cheshire Community Association community needs assessment" | Enacted organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Cheshire received 2.39 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**44.0**<br>273rd of 351 · 13.7 per 1,000 residents (76th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$12.1M**<br>scored exposure $3.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**70**<br>196th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.8 sq mi**<br>29% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**6%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,434**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.79**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.39; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,980 acres**<br>29.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$195,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$39.11**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$8,489**<br>FY2017–2025 · 334th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CHESHIRE

## Cheshire has 5,075 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,710 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5,075 acres**<br>29.6% of Cheshire's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,710 acres**<br>10.0% of Cheshire's land · 58 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**730 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 55 | 5,075 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 42 | 4,861 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 258 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 51 | 1,403 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 49 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 29 | 2,115 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 16 | 730 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 25 | 3,235 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 17 | 1,626 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chalet WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2,489 | |
| Mount Greylock State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,604 | |
| Stafford Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 860 | |
| Ashuwillticook Rail Trail | State: Department of Transportation | 92 | |
| Savoy WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 26 | |
| Ashuwillticook Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 58.3 miles of public road in Cheshire, the state maintains 7.0 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.0 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 44.0 | 76% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.1 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Cheshire $1.1 million and takes back $69,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.1 million** | **$69,000** | **$1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $785,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $44,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $38,000 |
| State Owned Land | $195,000 |
| Public Libraries | $9,886 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $878 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,840 |
| Regional Transit | $63,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CHESHIRE

## State programs also awarded $1 million to organizations in Cheshire other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Cheshire. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $1 million in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.6% of Cheshire's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 20.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **20.0%** | **14.7%** | **14.6%** | **13.6%** |
| $857,000 of $4.3M · median town 14.1% | $728,000 of $4.9M · median town 12.2% | $1M of $7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 19.8% · median town 10.0% |

Cheshire's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Cheshire's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 23.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 31.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $857,000 in FY2006 to $1 million in FY2025, +18.9% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+53.4%** | **+55.1%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $198,000 to $304,000 · all towns +54.0% | $368,000 to $570,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Cheshire's health insurance would have been $247,000 in FY2025; it was $304,000, $56,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $459,000 in FY2025; it was $570,000, $111,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (–37%) and FY2024 (+49%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Cheshire's government came to $100,000, 94.6% of the $106,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $100,000 | 94.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $160,000 | 151.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $160,000 | 151.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Cheshire's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 116th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.1M** | **$3M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+9%** |
| 116th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Cheshire has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Cheshire, Hoosac Valley and Northern Berkshire; Cheshire accounts for 100%, 26% and 10% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1 million for schools serving Cheshire, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Cheshire's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $319 per resident (211th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Cheshire's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $571,000 | $56,000 (10%) |
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $9.8M | $970,000 (10%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Cheshire; Cheshire's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $56,000.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Cheshire has $506,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.3M**<br>$813,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$506,000**<br>annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 315th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>two rated poor; likely about $2.2M of work on those ($1.6M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$44,000**<br>bridges $44,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Cheshire came on average 30 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $201,000 | $0 | $113,000 | $201,000 |
| FY2018 | $200,000 | $0 | $454,000 | $95,000 |
| FY2019 | $200,000 | $40,000 | $508,000 | $151,000 |
| FY2020 | $200,000 | $20,000 | $0 | $371,000 |
| FY2021 | $200,000 | $0 | $184,000 | $541,000 |
| FY2022 | $199,000 | $147,000 | $402,000 | $485,000 |
| FY2023 | $198,000 | $0 | $147,000 | $536,000 |
| FY2024 | $197,000 | $236,000 | $552,000 | $416,000 |
| FY2025 | $196,000 | $157,000 | $490,000 | $279,000 |
| FY2026 | $342,000 | $214,000 | $0 | $835,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $341,000 | $0 | $329,000 | $847,000 |

The full list of the 25 bridges in Cheshire in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Cheshire received $4.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 15% more than the $3.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Cheshire ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $160,000 in earmarks placed in Cheshire, $60,000 (38%) went to organizations rather than to Cheshire's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cheshire** this town | **55** | **$14,188** | **$1,187** | **$49.75** | **2.39** | **2.8%** |
| Warren peer | 67 | $20,879 | $1,969 | $10.98 | 1.67 | 2.5% |
| Hardwick peer | 63 | $20,446 | $849 | $101 | 2.32 | 2.5% |
| North Brookfield peer | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |
| Buckland peer | 59 | $14,272 | $4,838 | $55.26† | 6.12 | 2.3% |
| Brookfield peer | 55 | $14,600 | $1,459 | $32.37 | 2.11 | 2.4% |
| Shelburne best in class of 30 | 66 | $14,126 | $8,461 | $182† | 2.94 | 3.0% |
| Granville lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Chester

Town · Hampden County · 1,240 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Hampden · Nicholas A. Boldyga | Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark | Gateway Regional School District, shared with Blandford, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery and Russell | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Chester scores 62 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 95 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**62** / 100

40th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 66 | 55 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 30th to 53rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Chester received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 61 stays between 59 and 64 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**95** / 100

24th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 97 | 88 | 97 |

Rank under other weightings: 20th to 27th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

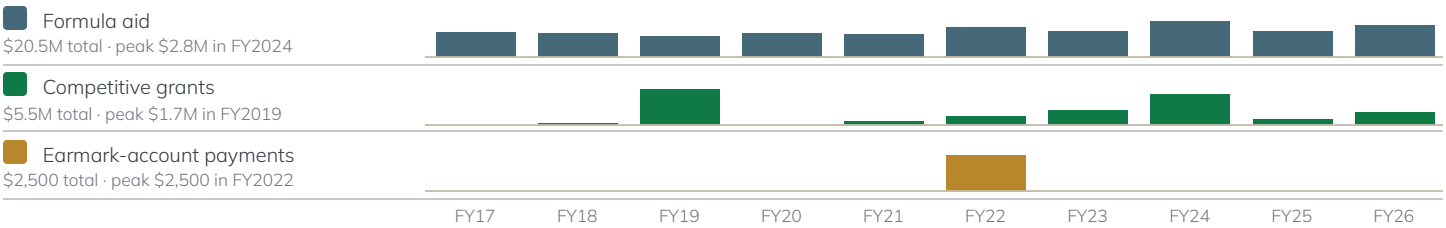
Chester received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 95 stays between 94 and 96 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Chester's town government and school districts received $20.5 million in formula aid and $5.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $20.5M | $5.5M | $2,500 |
| $16,538 per resident (53rd of 351) · gross | $4,421 per resident (19th of 351) | $2.02 per resident (313th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Chester peaked in FY2019 at $1.7 million, 31% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Chester in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,500 in payments to Chester's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Chester.

Chester is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Chester's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Chester's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Conway | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Windsor | $25,000 | $25,000 | $25,000 | $23.47 |
| Oakham | $20,000 | $20,000 | $20,000 | $12.20 |
| Cummington | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Williamsburg | $10,000 | $10,000 | $10,000 | $3.71 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Chester received 2.11 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**56.9**<br>222nd of 351 · 45.9 per 1,000 residents (30th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$37.9M**<br>scored exposure $14.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**85**<br>154th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**36.6 sq mi**<br>18% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**16%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,527**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.75**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.11; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,379 acres**<br>14.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$30,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$8.99**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$9,501**<br>FY2017–2025 · 328th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CHESTER

## Chester has 4,334 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,444 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,334 acres**<br>18.5% of Chester's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,444 acres**<br>19.0% of Chester's land · 116 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,336 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 66 | 4,334 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 39 | 4,064 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 62 | 3,062 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 27 | 788 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 27 | 594 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 75 | 4,342 |
| Conservation restriction | 17 | 2,336 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 36 | 3,985 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 78 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hiram H. Fox WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,683 | |
| Chester-Blandford State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,235 | |
| Fox Den WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 935 | |
| John J. Kelly WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 327 | |
| Walnut Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 129 | |
| Abbott Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 20 | |
| Westfield River Access - Chester | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5 | |


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| MassDOT | 6.5 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 56.8 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.8 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Chester $420,000 and takes back $4,046 in assessments and charges, a net $416,000.

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| **$420,000** | **$4,046** | **$416,000** |
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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $116,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $231,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $17,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $20,000 |
| State Owned Land | $30,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,838 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $340 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,860 |
| Regional Transit | $1,846 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CHESTER

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Hilltown CDC nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $670,000 |
| FY2023 | Community Fair Association of Chester, Chester Hill, & Littleville nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $110,000 |
| FY2018 | Chester Theatre Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $44,000 |
| FY2024 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $9,400 (shared five ways) |
| FY2018 | Chester Theatre Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.6% of Chester's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 10.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.3%** | **10.5%** | **9.6%** | **9.5%** |
| $280,000 of $2.7M · median town 14.1% | $332,000 of $3.2M · median town 12.2% | $354,000 of $3.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.4% · median town 10.0% |

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### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–10.1%** | **+87.5%** | **6 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $61,000 to $55,000 · all towns +54.0% | $156,000 to $292,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Chester's health insurance would have been $76,000 in FY2025; it was $55,000, $21,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $194,000 in FY2025; it was $292,000, $97,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+50%), FY2020 (+34%) and FY2021 (–38%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Chester's reported health insurance fell from $61,000 in FY2016 to $55,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | no increase | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Chester's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 251st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **$1.1M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **–4%** |
| 251st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Chester has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Chester and Gateway; Chester accounts for 100% and 17% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Chester, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Chester has $231,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.9M** | **$3.2M** | **$231,000** |
| $965,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: -0.0 years of its yearly money · 350th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **28** | **0** | **$239,000** |
| three rated poor; about $18.7M of work on those, by planning estimates | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $239,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Chester came on average 14 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October


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2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chester owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $235,000 | $0 | $282,000 | $16,000 |
| FY2018 | $234,000 | $0 | $291,000 | $16,000 |
| FY2019 | $233,000 | $47,000 | $113,000 | $183,000 |
| FY2020 | $235,000 | $24,000 | $280,000 | $171,000 |
| FY2021 | $235,000 | $0 | $113,000 | $292,000 |
| FY2022 | $234,000 | $192,000 | $295,000 | $423,000 |
| FY2023 | $233,000 | $0 | $192,000 | $464,000 |
| FY2024 | $229,000 | $266,000 | $905,000 | $53,000 |
| FY2025 | $229,000 | $165,000 | $381,000 | $66,000 |
| FY2026 | $417,000 | $272,000 | $524,000 | $231,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $417,000 | $0 | $0 | $647,000 |

The full list of the 41 bridges in Chester in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Abbott Hill Rd over Abbott Brook / Ingell Rd over Abbott Brook source | $185,000 |
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Abbott Hill Road over Abbott Brook source | $54,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Chester received $5.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 64% more than the $3.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Chester is one of five municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chester** this town | **62** | **$16,538** | **$4,421** | **$0** | **2.11** | **2.4%** |
| Conway peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $12,799 | $405 | $0 | 0.68 | 2.5% |
| Windsor peer | 53 | $9,357 | $3,955 | $23.47 | 1.38 | 1.5% |
| Oakham peer | 61 | $18,722 | $794 | $12.20 | 1.24 | 3.2% |
| Cummington peer | 49 | $9,157 | $4,050 | $0 | 1.51 | 1.5% |
| Williamsburg peer | 41 | $9,541 | $578 | $3.71 | 1.40 | 2.2% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Chesterfield

Town · Hampshire County · 1,055 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Hampshire · Lindsay N. Sabadosa

STATE SENATE

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Chesterfield-Goshen Regional School District, shared with Goshen
Hampshire Regional School District, shared with Goshen, Southampton, Westhampton and Williamsburg

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Chesterfield scores 65 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 99 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**65** / 100

24th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 70 | 71 | 61 | 57 |

Rank under other weightings: 13th to 39th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Chesterfield received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 65 stays between 61 and 69 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**99** / 100

1st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 |

Rank 1st under every weighting tested.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

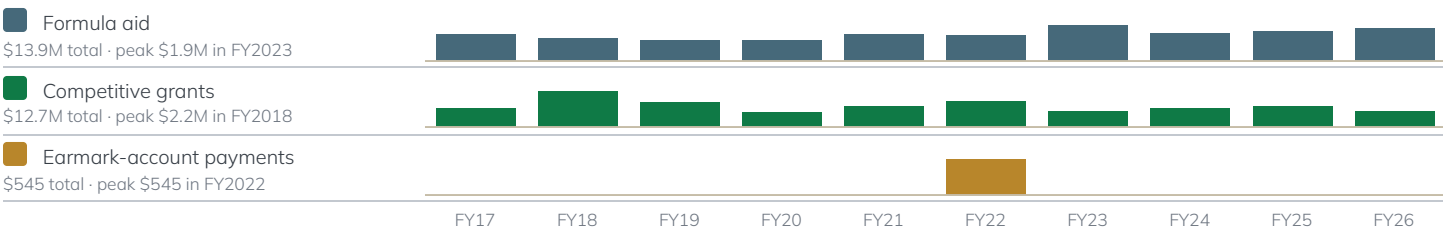
Chesterfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 99 stays between 99 and 99 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Chesterfield's town government and school districts received $13.9 million in formula aid and $12.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $13.9M | $12.7M | $545 |
| $13,176 per resident (108th of 351) · gross | $12,060 per resident (3rd of 351) | $0.52 per resident (330th of 351) |

Competitive grants to Chesterfield were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Chesterfield received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $225,000 placed in the city or town and $225,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $225,000 | $225,000 | No |
| enacted, ten budgets | $213 per resident (8th of 351) · all to organizations | $213 per resident (17th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2024. $0 went to Chesterfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $225,000 went to organizations in Chesterfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Chesterfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | $150,000 | "the Hilltown Community Development Corporation to support economic development including, but not limited to farming, workers and business adaptation to challenges related to the 2019 novel coronavirus in the counties of Franklin and Hampshire" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "the Hilltown Community Development Corporation to establish a rural capacity building initiative" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "the Northern Hilltowns Consortium of Councils on Aging for community engagement activities for seniors" | Enacted organization based here |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Chesterfield received 1.15 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**54.4**<br>233rd of 351 · 51.6 per 1,000 residents (25th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.3M**<br>scored exposure $3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**37**<br>302nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**30.8 sq mi**<br>29% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**15%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,245**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.45**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.15; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5,165 acres**<br>26.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$134,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$25.92**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,446**<br>FY2017–2025 · 196th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CHESTERFIELD

## Chesterfield has 5,896 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 3,394 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5,896 acres**<br>29.9% of Chesterfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**3,394 acres**<br>17.2% of Chesterfield's land · 78 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**433 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,109 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 96 | 5,896 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 60 | 5,705 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 45 | 2,319 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 10 | 501 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 23 | 574 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 69 | 3,492 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 8 | 433 |
| Conservation restriction | 19 | 1,109 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 33 | 3,173 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 25 | 2,196 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 336 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gilbert A. Bliss State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,000 | |
| Oak Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 723 | |
| Dead Branch State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 680 | |
| Fisk Meadows WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 621 | |
| Ram Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 548 | |
| Hiram H. Fox WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 543 | |
| Tower Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 514 | |
| Brewer Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 176 | |
| Krug Sugarbush | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 91 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 58.2 miles of public road in Chesterfield, the state maintains 0.1 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.1 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 53.0 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.9 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Chesterfield $446,000 and takes back $2,372 in assessments and charges, a net $444,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$446,000** | **$2,372** | **$444,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $108,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $178,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $7,408 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $9,831 |
| State Owned Land | $137,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,336 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $385 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $880 |
| Regional Transit | $1,107 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CHESTERFIELD

## State programs also awarded $111,000 to organizations in Chesterfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Chesterfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

A further $107,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.9% of Chesterfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 10.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10.6% | 10.9% | 10.9% | 10.8% |
| $238,000 of $2.2M · median town 14.1% | $335,000 of $3.1M · median town 12.2% | $456,000 of $4.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.9% · median town 10.0% |

Chesterfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $497,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Chesterfield's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 23.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 9.7% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $238,000 in FY2006 to $456,000 in FY2025, +91.4% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +10.0% | +109.9% | 5 of 9 | 5 of 9 |
| $53,000 to $58,000 · all towns +54.0% | $125,000 to $262,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Chesterfield's health insurance would have been $66,000 in FY2025; it was $58,000, $7,875 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $156,000 in FY2025; it was $262,000, $106,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+39%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Chesterfield's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $5,296 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $225,000 | 42.5 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $225,000 | 42.5 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Chesterfield's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 161st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $662,000 | $1.1M |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.7% | +10% |
| 161st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Chesterfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Chesterfield has $1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.7M**<br>$919,000 of it one-time supplements | **$2.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 201st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **17**<br>three rated poor; likely about $3.7M of work on those ($3.4M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$486,000**<br>bridges $350,000 · dams $136,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $220,000 | $0 | $289,000 | $2 |
| FY2018 | $219,000 | $0 | $81,000 | $138,000 |
| FY2019 | $218,000 | $44,000 | $0 | $400,000 |
| FY2020 | $217,000 | $22,000 | $0 | $639,000 |
| FY2021 | $217,000 | $0 | $257,000 | $612,000 |
| FY2022 | $217,000 | $177,000 | $0 | $1M |
| FY2023 | $216,000 | $0 | $623,000 | $598,000 |
| FY2024 | $215,000 | $255,000 | $276,000 | $793,000 |
| FY2025 | $215,000 | $161,000 | $411,000 | $759,000 |
| FY2026 | $400,000 | $260,000 | $413,000 | $1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $400,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

The full list of the 21 bridges in Chesterfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Damon Pond Dam Repair Design source | $136,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Chesterfield received $13.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 3.4 times the $4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Chesterfield ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $225,000 in earmarks placed in Chesterfield went to organizations; none went to Chesterfield's government.


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chesterfield** this town | **65** | **$13,176** | **$12,060** | **$213** † | **1.15** | **2.7%** |
| Russell peer | 73 | $25,758 | $6,140 | $113 | 1.29 | 2.4% |
| Westhampton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 42 | $11,067 | $887 | $0 | 0.62 | 3.3% |
| Worthington peer | 45 | $10,665 | $2,563 | $58.77 | 0.59 | 2.8% |
| Blandford peer | 52 | $10,142 | $5,405 | $0 | 0.80 | 2.6% |
| Pelham peer | 47 | $13,701 | $594 | $11.86 | 2.69 | 2.5% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Chicopee

City · Hampden County · 55,295 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

8th Hampden · Shirley B. Arriaga 78% of residents
6th Hampden · Michael J. Finn 15% of residents
5th Hampden · Patricia A. Duffy 7% of residents
Chicopee is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Hampden · Adam Gómez 56% of residents
Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester · Jacob R. Oliveira 33% of residents
Hampden and Hampshire · John C. Velis 11% of residents

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Chicopee Public Schools, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Chicopee scores 62 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 28 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**62** / 100

35th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 52 | 64 | 69 |

Rank under other weightings: 24th to 48th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Chicopee received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 62 stays between 60 and 65 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**28** / 100

272nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 19 | 33 | 32 |

Rank under other weightings: 261st to 297th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

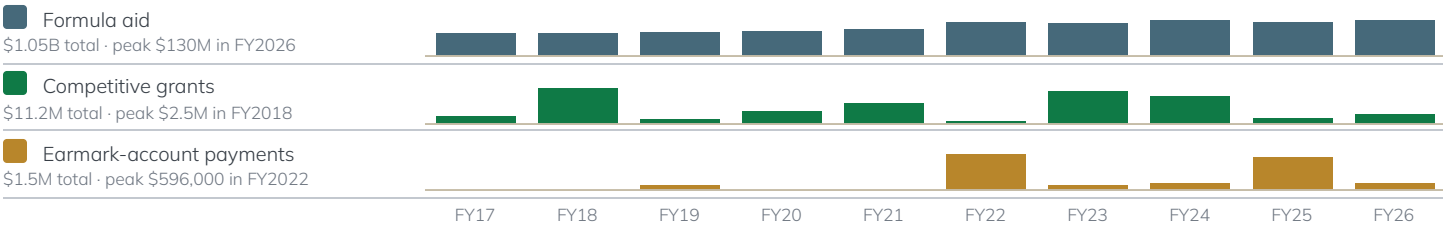
Chicopee received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 25 and 31 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Chicopee's town government and school districts received $1.05 billion in formula aid and $11.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $1.05B | $11.2M | $1.5M |
| $19,031 per resident (34th of 351) · gross | $203 per resident (249th of 351) | $27.41 per resident (159th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Chicopee peaked in FY2018 at $2.5 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $37.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Chicopee received $456,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.1 million placed in the city or town and $1.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $456,000 | $1.1M | $1.1M | No |
| $8.25 per resident (275th of 351) | $19.30 per resident (276th of 351) · 57% to organizations | $19.30 per resident (277th of 351) · 57% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 23 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $456,000 went to Chicopee's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $611,000 went to organizations in Chicopee or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Chicopee, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (23 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $125,000 (split two ways) | "as a grant to Urban Impact Initiative Massachusetts Nonprofit Corporation to support organizations and programs in the cities of Springfield and Chicopee" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $83,000 (split three ways) | "Urban Impact Initiative Massachusetts Nonprofit Corporation to support organizations and programs in the cities of Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $75,000 | "the Westover Road Park and Service Dog Memorial in the city of Chicopee" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $60,000 | "the city of Chicopee for a bulk-item pick up program and a litter and trash pick-up program to help reduce pollution and litter in the community" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "infrastructure improvements and maintenance at the Chicopee council on aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 23 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Chicopee received 65% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**199.2**<br>15th of 351 · 3.6 per 1,000 residents (295th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.7M**<br>scored exposure $2.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**79**<br>170th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.9 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**55,469**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.09**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.65; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$6,406**<br>FY2017–2025 · 347th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CHICOPEE

## Chicopee has 547 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 314 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**547 acres**<br>3.7% of Chicopee's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**314 acres**<br>2.1% of Chicopee's land · 22 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 547 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 2 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 10 | 253 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 12 | 61 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Correction and Youth Services | 1 | 2 |
| Public Health and Soldiers' Homes | 1 | 0 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 0 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chicopee Memorial State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 542 | |
| Sherman Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Chicopee State Boat Ramp | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 262.7 miles of public road in Chicopee, the state maintains 17.6 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 17.6 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 191.9 | 73% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 35.7 | 14% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Chicopee $119 million and takes back $11.3 million in assessments and charges, a net $108 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$119 million** | **$11.3 million** | **$108 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $101M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $811,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $422,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $14.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $707,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $592,000 |
| Public Libraries | $205,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $14,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $87,000 |
| Regional Transit | $896,000 |
| Special Education | $34,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $2.6M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $7.7M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CHICOPEE

## State programs also awarded $2.7 million to organizations in Chicopee other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Chicopee. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Cities of Chicopee and Springfield nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $25,000 (shared two ways) |

A further $2.6 million in 11 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 46.2% of Chicopee's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 43.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **43.2%** | **44.1%** | **46.2%** | **42.0%** |
| $52M of $121M · median town 14.1% | $72.7M of $165M · median town 12.2% | $111M of $241M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 43.8% · median town 10.0% |


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**Chicopee's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 38.1% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.8% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $52 million in FY2006 to $111 million in FY2025, +114.2% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+78.8%** | **+44.2%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $10.9M to $19.5M · all towns +54.0% | $27.3M to $39.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Chicopee's health insurance would have been $13.6 million in FY2025; it was $19.5 million, $5.86 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $34.1 million in FY2025; it was $39.3 million, $5.26 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Chicopee's government came to $381,000, 4.4% of the $8.57 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $381,000 | 4.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $827,000 | 9.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $827,000 | 9.6% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

**Chicopee's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 264th highest of 351.**

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$100M** | **$36.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+33%** |
| 264th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Chicopee runs its own school district.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

**The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $61.1 million for schools serving Chicopee, FY2017 to August 2026.**

| Approved, Chicopee's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$61.1M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,105 per resident (145th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Chicopee's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Anna E. Barry Elementary School | Chicopee | Core | $57.7M | $57.7M |
| FY2017 | Patrick E. Bowe School | Chicopee | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $2.2M | $2.2M |
| FY2017 | Chicopee Academy at Selser School | Chicopee | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.2M | $1.2M |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

**Chicopee has $5.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.**

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.9M** | **$11.5M** | **$5.4M** |
| $3.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.8 years of its yearly money · 85th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **9**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1.2M of work on those ($567,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **1**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$165,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $165,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Chicopee came on average 36 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Chicopee owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.2M | $0 | $2.2M | $878,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.3M | $0 | $962,000 | $2.2M |
| FY2019 | $1.3M | $267,000 | $764,000 | $3.2M |
| FY2020 | $1.3M | $134,000 | $1.3M | $3.4M |
| FY2021 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.5M | $3.2M |
| FY2022 | $1.3M | $640,000 | $683,000 | $4.5M |
| FY2023 | $1.3M | $0 | $2.4M | $3.4M |
| FY2024 | $1.3M | $719,000 | $1M | $4.4M |
| FY2025 | $1.3M | $367,000 | $2.1M | $4M |
| FY2026 | $2M | $1M | $1.6M | $5.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2M | $0 | $0 | $7.4M |

The full list of the 57 bridges in Chicopee in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Lower Bemis Pond Dam Removal Design source | $165,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Chicopee received $12.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 52% of the $24.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Chicopee ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.1 million in earmarks placed in Chicopee, $611,000 (57%) went to organizations rather than to Chicopee's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chicopee** this town | **62** | **$19,031** | **$203** | **$19.30†** | **0.65** | **2.4%** |
| Fitchburg peer | 68 | $22,494 | $765 | $118† | 2.33 | 2.1% |
| Holyoke peer | 78 | $31,543 | $801 | $77.35† | 1.95 | 1.7% |
| Lawrence peer | 81 | $35,983 | $392 | $72.86† | 1.09 | 1.0% |
| Fall River peer | 72 | $25,031 | $426 | $77.65† | 0.89 | 2.0% |
| Pittsfield peer | 59 | $17,230 | $454 | $131† | 1.56 | 2.6% |
| Springfield best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |
| Ware lowest in class of 30 | 61 | $18,604 | $846 | $21.89† | 1.01 | 2.4% |


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DUKES COUNTY

# Chilmark

Town · Dukes County · 1,578 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

Barnstable-Dukes-Nantucket · Thomas W. Moakley

STATE SENATE

Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Martha's Vineyard Regional School District, shared with Aquinnah, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury

Up-Island Regional School District, shared with Aquinnah and West Tisbury

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Martha's Vineyard Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Chilmark scores 33 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 44 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**33** / 100

280th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 41 | 34 | 32 |

Rank under other weightings: 258th to 295th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Chilmark received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 33 stays between 30 and 36 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**44** / 100

213th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 63 | 13 | 54 |

Rank under other weightings: 183rd to 246th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

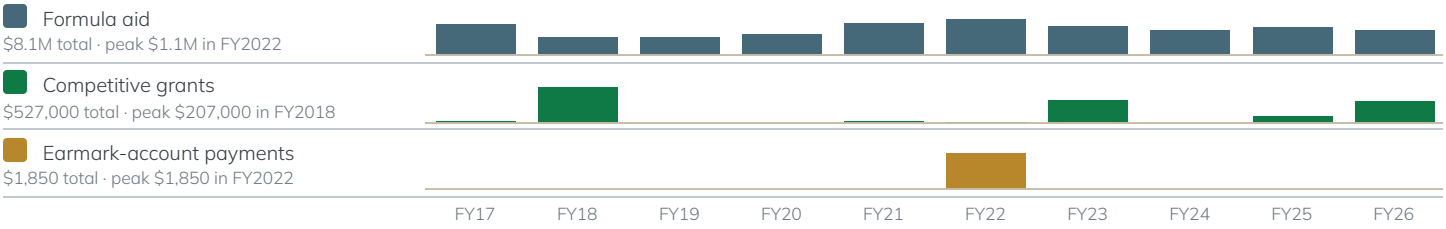
Chilmark received less than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 35 and 53 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Chilmark's town government and school districts received $8.1 million in formula aid and $527,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $8.1M | $527,000 | $1,850 |
| $5,153 per resident (342nd of 351) · gross | $334 per resident (194th of 351) | $1.17 per resident (324th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Chilmark peaked in FY2018 at $207,000, 39% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Chilmark in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $1,850 in payments to Chilmark's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Chilmark.

Chilmark is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Chilmark's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Chilmark's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Marlborough | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Monterey | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Otis | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Truro | $37,000 | $222,000 | $222,000 | $130 |
| West Tisbury | $0 | $45,000 | $45,000 | $14.61 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Chilmark received 74% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**14.1**<br>348th of 351 · 8.9 per 1,000 residents (120th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$698,000**<br>scored exposure $134,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**65**<br>208th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**19.0 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**63%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**4,280**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.32**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.74; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$205,643**<br>FY2017–2025 · 5th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CHILMARK

## No state conservation land is mapped in Chilmark; 161 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**161 acres**<br>1.3% of Chilmark's land · 3 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**94 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,094 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 20 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 142 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 7 | 272 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 94 |
| Conservation restriction | 74 | 1,094 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 21.9 miles of public road in Chilmark, the state maintains 7.8 (36%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.8 | 36% |
| Town-accepted | 14.1 | 64% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Chilmark $17,000 and takes back $265,000 in assessments and charges, a net -$248,000.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$17,000**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$265,000**<br>1564% of what is sent | Net<br>**-$248,000**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $10,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $896 |
| Public Libraries | $5,792 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $91,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,133 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,040 |
| Regional Transit | $168,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CHILMARK

## State programs also awarded $452,000 to organizations in Chilmark other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Chilmark. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Sea the World Productions nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | The Yard nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2017 | The Yard nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2022 | Sea the World Productions nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2019 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,000 (shared seven ways) |

A further $175,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 0.1% of Chilmark's general-fund spending in FY2025, the same share as in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **0.1%** | **0.1%** | **0.1%** | **-1.5%** |
| $8,026 of $6.2M · median town 14.1% | $8,691 of $9M · median town 12.2% | $11,000 of $15.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: -3.4% · median town 10.0% |

Chilmark's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $312,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Chilmark's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 8.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 18.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8,026 in FY2006 to $11,000 in FY2025, +42.6% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+59.3%** | **+54.4%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $547,000 to $872,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.2M to $1.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Chilmark's health insurance would have been $684,000 in FY2025; it was $872,000, $189,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.55 million in FY2025; it was $1.92 million, $367,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Chilmark's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $325,000 rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Chilmark's required school contribution is 1.4% of median household income, 341st highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$356,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$1.3M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.4%**<br>341st of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–2%**<br>after inflation |

Chilmark has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Upisland and Martha's Vineyard; Chilmark accounts for 19% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.1 million for schools serving Chilmark, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Chilmark's share<br>**$3.1M**<br>$1,992 per resident (88th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Chilmark's share |
| FY2026 | Martha's Vineyard Regional High School | Marthas Vineyard | Core | $75.3M | $3.1M (4%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Chilmark has $516,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$1.2M**<br>$404,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$588,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$516,000**<br>annual program: 1.8 years of its yearly money · 87th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Chilmark came on average 35 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $66,000 | $0 | $348,000 | $35,000 |
| FY2018 | $65,000 | $0 | $0 | $100,000 |
| FY2019 | $65,000 | $13,000 | $0 | $178,000 |
| FY2020 | $65,000 | $6,455 | $0 | $249,000 |
| FY2021 | $64,000 | $0 | $243,000 | $113,000 |
| FY2022 | $64,000 | $47,000 | $148,000 | $76,000 |
| FY2023 | $66,000 | $0 | $47,000 | $95,000 |
| FY2024 | $66,000 | $147,000 | $40,000 | $267,000 |
| FY2025 | $66,000 | $122,000 | $121,000 | $334,000 |
| FY2026 | $113,000 | $69,000 | $0 | $516,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $113,000 | $0 | $0 | $628,000 |

The full list of the two bridges in Chilmark in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Squibnocket Revetment Removal source | $200,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Chilmark received $1.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 31% of the $3.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Chilmark is one of six municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chilmark** this town | **33** | **$5,153** | **$334** | **$0** | **0.74** | **1.4%** |
| New Marlborough peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $8,719 | $3,098 | $0 | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Monterey peer | 67 | $11,798 | $7,628 | $0 | 3.68 | 1.8% |
| Otis peer | 43 | $6,679 | $2,109 | $0 | 1.01 | 2.2% |
| Truro peer | 56 | $7,537 | $7,483 | $130† | 1.62 | 1.6% |
| West Tisbury peer | 53 | $11,333 | $312 | $14.61† | 0.59 | 2.5% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Clarksburg

Town · Berkshire County · 1,667 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Clarksburg Public Schools, the town's own district
Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Adams, Cheshire, Florida, Lanesborough, Monroe, North Adams, Savoy and Williamstown

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Clarksburg scores 65 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 77 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**65** / 100

22nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | 64 | 58 | 71 |

Rank under other weightings: 20th to 27th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Clarksburg received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 65 stays between 63 and 68 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**77** / 100

86th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 78 | 76 | 74 | 81 |

Rank under other weightings: 84th to 92nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

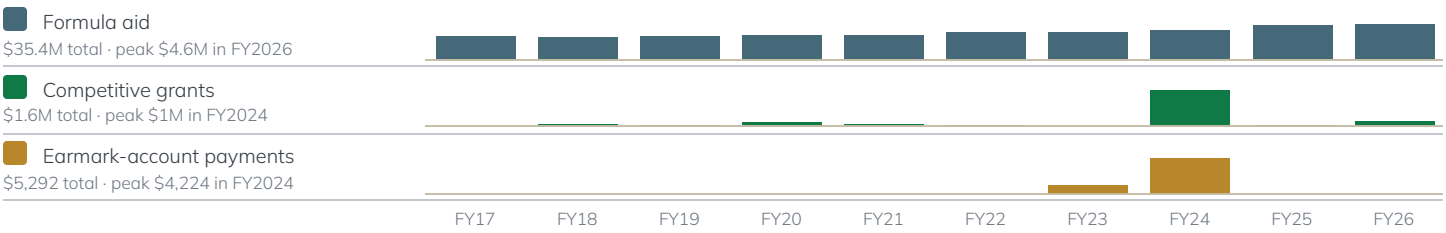
Clarksburg received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 77 stays between 76 and 78 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Clarksburg's town government and school districts received $35.4 million in formula aid and $1.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $35.4M | $1.6M | $5,292 |
| $21,258 per resident (21st of 351) · gross | $932 per resident (80th of 351) | $3.17 per resident (305th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Clarksburg peaked in FY2024 at $1 million, 67% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Clarksburg received $25,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $25,000 | $25,000 | $25,000 | No |
| $15 per resident (239th of 351) | $15 per resident (291st of 351) | $15 per resident (292nd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2018. All of it went to Clarksburg's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Clarksburg, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $25,000 | "the Clarksburg Elementary School" | Enacted to the city or town government |


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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Clarksburg received 3.56 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**15.8**<br>345th of 351 · 9.5 per 1,000 residents (114th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.8M**<br>scored exposure $4.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**39**<br>296th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.7 sq mi**<br>46% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,667**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.81**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 3.56; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,540 acres**<br>43.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$31,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$8.73**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$4,597**<br>FY2017–2025 · 351st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CLARKSBURG

## Clarksburg has 3,737 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 220 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,737 acres**<br>46.0% of Clarksburg's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**220 acres**<br>2.7% of Clarksburg's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**64 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 10 | 3,737 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 15 | 3,793 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 2 | 220 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 403 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 64 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | 3,793 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Clarksburg State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3,243 | |
| Clarksburg State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 370 | |
| Florida State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 124 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 20.2 miles of public road in Clarksburg, the state maintains 2.8 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.8 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 15.8 | 78% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.5 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Clarksburg $3 million and takes back $146,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.8 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$3 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$146,000**<br>5% of what is sent | Net<br>**$2.8 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $2.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $5,309 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $164,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $464,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $38,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $14,000 |
| State Owned Land | $31,000 |
| Public Libraries | $7,694 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $5,984 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $406 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,520 |
| Regional Transit | $98 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $116,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $22,000 |

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| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 56.2% of Clarksburg's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 61.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **61.9%** | **53.5%** | **56.2%** | **52.4%** |
| $1.9M of $3.1M · median town 14.1% | $2.3M of $4.4M · median town 12.2% | $2.9M of $5.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 57.2% · median town 10.0% |

Clarksburg's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $822,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

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Gross state aid went from $1.9 million in FY2006 to $2.9 million in FY2025, +51.5% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–43.4%** | **–8.7%** | **3 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $342,000 to $193,000 · all towns +54.0% | $511,000 to $466,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Clarksburg's health insurance would have been $427,000 in FY2025; it was $193,000, $233,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $638,000 in FY2025; it was $466,000, $172,000 below the path.


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Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (−34%) and FY2022 (+70%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Clarksburg's reported health insurance fell from $342,000 in FY2016 to $193,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $25,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $25,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $25,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Clarksburg's required school contribution is 2.1% of median household income, 302nd highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$3.3M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$1.2M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.1%**<br>302nd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**−10%**<br>after inflation |

Clarksburg runs its own school district and also belongs to Northern Berkshire; Clarksburg accounts for 13% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.3 million for schools serving Clarksburg, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Clarksburg's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.3M**<br>$799 per resident (159th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Clarksburg's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School<br>grant increased by Board vote | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $571,000 | $73,000 (13%) |
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $9.8M | $1.3M (13%) |

Not counted: Clarksburg Elementary School (Clarksburg), approved FY2018 for up to $11.8 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Clarksburg; Clarksburg's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $73,000.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Clarksburg has $442,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$1.4M**<br>$429,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$783,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$442,000**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 138th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>two rated poor; about $6.5M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$221,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $221,000 |

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**Clarksburg owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $76,000 | $0 | $86,000 | $4,774 |
| FY2018 | $76,000 | $0 | $0 | $80,000 |
| FY2019 | $75,000 | $15,000 | $0 | $171,000 |
| FY2020 | $75,000 | $7,454 | $0 | $253,000 |
| FY2021 | $74,000 | $0 | $0 | $327,000 |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | $53,000 | $0 | $455,000 |
| FY2023 | $74,000 | $0 | $53,000 | $475,000 |
| FY2024 | $73,000 | $152,000 | $153,000 | $578,000 |
| FY2025 | $73,000 | $124,000 | $335,000 | $440,000 |
| FY2026 | $126,000 | $78,000 | $201,000 | $442,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $125,000 | $0 | $0 | $567,000 |

The full list of the eight bridges in Clarksburg in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | West Road (upper) over Bear Swamp Brook source | $180,000 |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | West Road over Bear Swamp Brook & Hudson Brook source | $41,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Clarksburg received $1.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 41% of the $3.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Clarksburg ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Clarksburg** this town | **65** | **$21,258** | **$932** | **$15.00** | **3.56** | **2.1%** |
| Wales peer | 59 | $16,913 | $776 | $88.28 | 0.37 | 2.1% |
| Gill peer | 40 | $9,063 | $224 | $50.29† | 0.47 | 2.3% |
| Warwick peer | 52 | $14,769 | $2,887 | $64.43 | 2.79 | 1.7% |
| Colrain peer | 59 | $16,229 | $3,795 | $30.73† | 2.33 | 2.7% |
| Bernardston peer · lowest in class of 30 | 55 | $15,799 | $1,227 | $0 | 0.44 | 2.9% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Clinton

Town · Worcester County · 15,563 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
**12th Worcester** · Meghan K. Kilcoyne

STATE SENATE
**Worcester and Middlesex** · John J. Cronin

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
**Clinton Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Clinton scores 53 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 49 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**53** / 100

95th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 47 | 53 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 77th to 119th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Clinton received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 51 and 55 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**49** / 100

192nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 41 | 54 | 53 |

Rank under other weightings: 182nd to 212th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

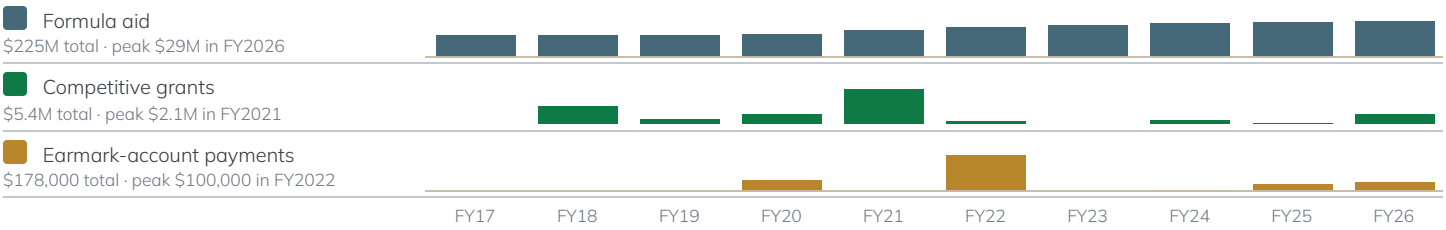
Clinton received less than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 46 and 52 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Clinton's town government and school districts received $225 million in formula aid and $5.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$225M** | **$5.4M** | **$178,000** |
| $14,443 per resident (86th of 351) · gross | $344 per resident (189th of 351) | $11.41 per resident (251st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Clinton peaked in FY2021 at $2.1 million, 39% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $16.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Clinton received $449,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$449,000** | **$449,000** | **$449,000** | **No** |
| $28.88 per resident (168th of 351) | $28.88 per resident (242nd of 351) | $28.88 per resident (246th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Clinton's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Clinton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $85,000 | "infrastructure grants to the town of Clinton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $80,000 | "the town of Clinton for infrastructure upgrades for the Clinton senior center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "sidewalk repairs and improvements in Depot square in the town of Clinton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "flood protections in Clinton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $40,000 | "environmental remediation in Clinton" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Clinton received 1.51 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**47.8**<br>263rd of 351 · 3.1 per 1,000 residents (314th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.5M**<br>scored exposure $2.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**23**<br>325th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**4**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**5.7 sq mi**<br>11% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**15,577**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.89**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.51; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**16 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$4,542**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$278**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,887**<br>FY2017–2025 · 187th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CLINTON

## Clinton has 512 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**512 acres**<br>14.1% of Clinton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**25 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 19 | 512 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 278 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 25 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 260 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 18 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wachusett Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 446 | |
| Clinton Bluff WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 43 | |
| Mossy Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 18 | |
| Wachusett Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 4 | |
| South Meadow Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 53.2 miles of public road in Clinton, the state maintains 1.4 (3%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.4 | 3% |
| Town-accepted | 47.9 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.9 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Clinton $26.9 million and takes back $2.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $24.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$26.9 million** | **$2.1 million** | **$24.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $23M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $163,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $474,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $70,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $170,000 |
| State Owned Land | $4,566 |
| Public Libraries | $48,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $27,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,431 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $27,000 |
| Regional Transit | $16,000 |
| Special Education | $7,554 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $536,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.5M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CLINTON

## State programs also awarded $1.6 million to organizations in Clinton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Clinton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust / Town of Clinton nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $500,000 |
| FY2022 | Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust Inc. / Town of Clinton nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $397,000 |
| FY2026 | Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust and the Town of Clinton nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $346,000 |
| FY2023 | Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $162,000 |
| FY2020 | Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $112,000 |
| FY2023 | Museum of Russian Icons nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $12,000 |

A further $78,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 39.7% of Clinton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 43.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43.5% | 40.8% | 39.7% | 36.7% |
| $13.2M of $30.4M · median town 14.1% | $16.1M of $39.4M · median town 12.2% | $24M of $60.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 44.4% · median town 10.0% |

**Clinton's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 17.1% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 4.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $13.2 million in FY2006 to $24 million in FY2025, +81.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.3 million of Clinton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +68.5% | +65.0% | 5 of 9 | 4 of 9 |
| $3.4M to $5.7M · all towns +54.0% | $6.5M to $10.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Clinton's health insurance would have been $4.23 million in FY2025; it was $5.70 million, $1.48 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.17 million in FY2025; it was $10.8 million, $2.62 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Clinton's government came to $424,000, 18.3% of the $2.32 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $424,000 | 18.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $424,000 | 18.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $424,000 | 18.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Clinton's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 249th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $21.8M | $14.7M |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.4% | +28% |
| 249th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Clinton runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $77.1 million for schools serving Clinton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Clinton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $77.1M | 1 | $8.66B |
| $4,951 per resident (9th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Clinton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Clinton Middle School | Clinton | Core | $77.1M | $77.1M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Clinton has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one


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## bridge rated poor and four high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.7M**<br>$785,000 of it one-time supplements | **$3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.2M**<br>annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 95th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **7**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1.1M of work on those ($507,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **4**<br>of seven town-owned dams | **$176,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $176,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $329,000 | $0 | $352,000 | $329,000 |
| FY2018 | $327,000 | $0 | $561,000 | $96,000 |
| FY2019 | $325,000 | $65,000 | $234,000 | $252,000 |
| FY2020 | $326,000 | $33,000 | $188,000 | $456,000 |
| FY2021 | $325,000 | $0 | $712,000 | $70,000 |
| FY2022 | $323,000 | $159,000 | $376,000 | $176,000 |
| FY2023 | $328,000 | $0 | $159,000 | $344,000 |
| FY2024 | $328,000 | $181,000 | $162,000 | $691,000 |
| FY2025 | $326,000 | $92,000 | $669,000 | $441,000 |
| FY2026 | $484,000 | $255,000 | $9,750 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $483,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.7M |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Clinton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Lynde Basin Dam Removal Design source | $176,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Clinton received $5.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 65% of the $8.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Clinton ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Clinton** this town | **53** | **$14,443** | **$344** | **$28.88** | **1.51** | **2.4%** |
| Dudley peer | 60 | $17,447 | $442 | $36.88 | 1.55 | 2.5% |
| Palmer peer | 58 | $16,159 | $720 | $29.88† | 0.54 | 2.2% |
| Belchertown peer | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |
| South Hadley peer | 40 | $9,190 | $458 | $31.82 | 1.61 | 2.5% |
| Webster peer | 56 | $14,621 | $927 | $27.75 | 0.46 | 2.8% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Cohasset

Town · Norfolk County · 8,427 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

3rd Plymouth · Joan Meschino

STATE SENATE

First Plymouth and Norfolk · Patrick M. O'Connor

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Cohasset Public Schools**, the town's own district

**South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Abington, Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Cohasset scores 32 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 57 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**32** / 100

285th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 53 | 23 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 258th to 315th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Cohasset received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 27 and 38 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**57** / 100

162nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 76 | 49 | 47 |

Rank under other weightings: 144th to 183rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

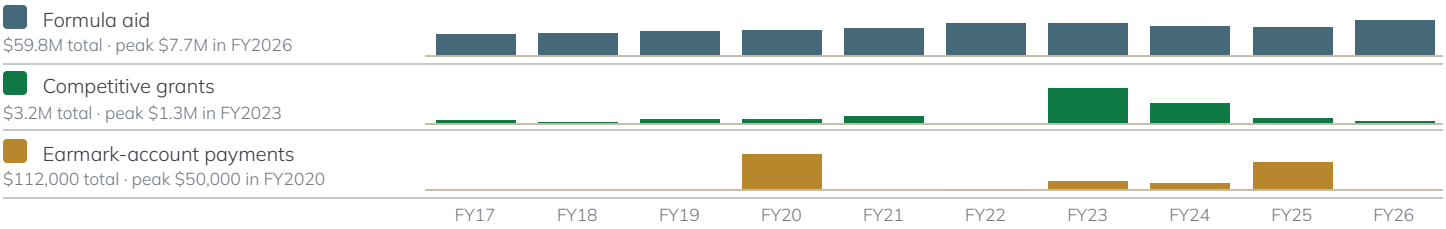
Cohasset received more than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 57 stays between 52 and 62 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Cohasset's town government and school districts received $59.8 million in formula aid and $3.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $59.8M | $3.2M | $112,000 |
| $7,092 per resident (287th of 351) · gross | $383 per resident (178th of 351) | $13.34 per resident (237th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Cohasset peaked in FY2023 at $1.3 million, 40% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Cohasset received $465,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.1 million placed in the city or town and $1.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $465,000 | $1.1M | $1.1M | No |
| $55.18 per resident (68th of 351) | $129 per resident (41st of 351) · 57% to organizations | $129 per resident (48th of 351) · 57% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 15 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $465,000 went to Cohasset's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $620,000 went to organizations in Cohasset or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Cohasset, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (15 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $250,000 | "Raising Harts Corporation in the town of Cohasset to support families with autistic children through inclusive programs and mentorship" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $180,000 | "the town of Cohasset for the completion of an accessible 4-bedroom home for clients of the department of developmental services at the Trettis House, 689-1 site at 72 Elm street in the town of Cohasset" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the Friends of Jack Foundation, for the purposes of providing healthcare programs and child life specialists in community hospitals" | Enacted organization based here |
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| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the Friends of Jack Foundation, Inc., for providing healthcare programs and child life specialists in community hospitals" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 15 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Cohasset received 76% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**33.7**<br>319th of 351 · 4.0 per 1,000 residents (278th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.2M**<br>scored exposure $1.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**39**<br>296th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**4**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**9.8 sq mi**<br>14% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,565**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.06**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.76; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$54,673**<br>FY2017–2025 · 29th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN COHASSET

## Cohasset has 887 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 153 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**887 acres**<br>14.2% of Cohasset's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**153 acres**<br>2.4% of Cohasset's land · 6 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**140 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 5 | 887 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 1,252 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 153 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 6 | 40 |
| Conservation restriction | 12 | 140 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 1,252 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wompatuck State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 887 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 49.9 miles of public road in Cohasset, the state maintains 3.1 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.1 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 33.6 | 67% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 13.2 | 26% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Cohasset $4.3 million and takes back $571,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.3 million** | **$571,000** | **$3.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 13% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $3.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $13,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $683,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $14,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $39,000 |
| Public Libraries | $24,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $143,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $57,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,363 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $5,179 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| MBTA | $218,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $42,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $91,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN COHASSET

## State programs also awarded $332,000 to organizations in Cohasset other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Cohasset. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | North and South Rivers Watershed Association nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $15,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

A further $307,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.0% of Cohasset's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.7%** | **7.3%** | **7.0%** | **5.9%** |
| $2.6M of $29.5M · median town 14.1% | $2.9M of $40.4M · median town 12.2% | $3.9M of $55.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.8% · median town 10.0% |

Cohasset's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $33,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Cohasset's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 3.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 13.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.6 million in FY2006 to $3.9 million in FY2025, +50.4% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+39.9%** | **+61.0%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $4.5M to $6.3M · all towns +54.0% | $6.9M to $11.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Cohasset's health insurance would have been $5.63 million in FY2025; it was $6.31 million, $675,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.68 million in FY2025; it was $11.2 million, $2.51 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+36%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Cohasset's government came to $465,000, 25.9% of the $1.80 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $465,000 | 25.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.1M | 58.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.1M | 58.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Cohasset's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 216th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.4M** | **$15.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+11%** |
| 216th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Cohasset runs its own school district and also belongs to South Shore and Norfolk County; Cohasset accounts for 2% and 0% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.7 million for schools serving Cohasset, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Cohasset's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.7M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $441 per resident (188th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Cohasset's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Joseph Osgood Elementary School | Cohasset | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.9M | $1.9M |
| FY2025 | South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School | South Shore | Core | $112M | $1.8M (2%) |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $0 (0%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Cohasset has $89,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and four high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.1M**<br>$539,000 of it one-time supplements | **$2.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$89,000**<br>annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 342nd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **8**<br>none rated poor | **4**<br>of four town-owned dams | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Cohasset came on average 18 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Cohasset owns four high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $213,000 | $0 | $187,000 | $73,000 |
| FY2018 | $214,000 | $0 | $287,000 | $9 |
| FY2019 | $215,000 | $43,000 | $215,000 | $43,000 |
| FY2020 | $215,000 | $21,000 | $250,000 | $29,000 |
| FY2021 | $214,000 | $0 | $0 | $243,000 |
| FY2022 | $214,000 | $112,000 | $0 | $569,000 |
| FY2023 | $219,000 | $0 | $591,000 | $197,000 |
| FY2024 | $224,000 | $123,000 | $112,000 | $433,000 |
| FY2025 | $222,000 | $62,000 | $0 | $716,000 |
| FY2026 | $330,000 | $178,000 | $1.1M | $89,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $327,000 | $0 | $0 | $416,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Cohasset received $4.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 94% of the $4.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




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## Cohasset ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.1 million in earmarks placed in Cohasset, $620,000 (57%) went to organizations rather than to Cohasset's government.

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| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Boxford peer | 40 | $9,338 | $156 | $74.78 | 0.46 | 2.6% |
| Middleton peer | 30 | $6,815 | $154 | $32.88 | 0.83 | 2.6% |
| Newbury peer | 41 | $8,033 | $339 | $38.77 | 0.19 | 1.6% |
| Norwell peer | 35 | $7,878 | $687 | $57.61† | 1.24 | 3.4% |
| Carlisle lowest in class of 30 | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Colrain

Town · Franklin County · 1,627 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

STATE SENATE

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Mohawk Trail Regional School District, shared with Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield and Shelburne

Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath and ten others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Colrain scores 59 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 95 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**59** / 100

48th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 57 | 56 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 43rd to 58th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Colrain received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 58 and 61 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**95** / 100

25th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 96 | 91 | 96 |

Rank under other weightings: 22nd to 28th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

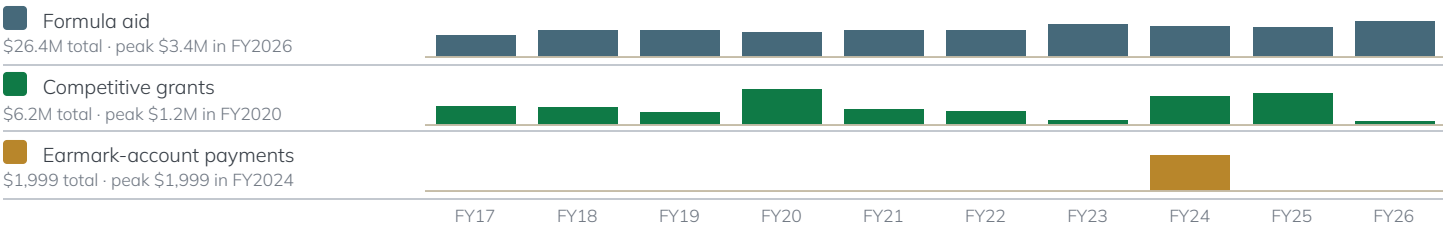
Colrain received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 95 stays between 94 and 96 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Colrain's town government and school districts received $26.4 million in formula aid and $6.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $26.4M | $6.2M | $1,999 |
| $16,229 per resident (57th of 351) · gross | $3,795 per resident (24th of 351) | $1.23 per resident (323rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Colrain were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Colrain received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $50,000 placed in the city or town and $50,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $50,000 | $50,000 | No |
| enacted, ten budgets | $30.73 per resident (235th of 351) · all to organizations | $30.73 per resident (239th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2024. $0 went to Colrain's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $50,000 went to organizations in Colrain or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Colrain, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "sewer engineering and interim wastewater management solutions in the town of Colrain" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Colrain received 2.33 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**78.1**<br>164th of 351 · 48.0 per 1,000 residents (28th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$38M**<br>scored exposure $11.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**138**<br>55th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**43.1 sq mi**<br>12% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**7%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,745**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.23**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.33; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,113 acres**<br>11.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$69,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$22.16**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,449**<br>FY2017–2025 · 314th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN COLRAIN

## Colrain has 3,464 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 6,366 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,464 acres**<br>12.6% of Colrain's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**6,366 acres**<br>23.1% of Colrain's land · 155 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,918 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**423 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 39 | 3,464 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 29 | 3,172 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 44 | 2,300 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 81 | 2,768 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 30 | 1,298 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 83 | 5,112 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 53 | 1,918 |
| Conservation restriction | 12 | 423 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | 2,122 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 19 | 1,050 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Catamount State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,340 | |
| H.O. Cook State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 940 | |
| Green River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 540 | |
| Catamount WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 462 | |
| Stone Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 182 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 87.6 miles of public road in Colrain, the state maintains 4.1 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.1 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 77.9 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.5 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Colrain $468,000 and takes back $3,882 in assessments and charges, a net $464,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$468,000** | **$3,882** | **$464,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8,760 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $369,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $1,214 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $12,000 |
| State Owned Land | $69,000 |
| Public Libraries | $6,911 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $450 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,460 |
| Regional Transit | $1,972 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN COLRAIN

## State programs also awarded $687,000 to organizations in Colrain other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Colrain. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Colrain Sewer District regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2026 | Colrain Sewer District regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $72,000 |
| FY2024 | The Colrain Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $15,000 |
| FY2021 | Indian Head Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $11,000 |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $82,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.0% of Colrain's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 8.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.6%** | **9.0%** | **9.0%** | **9.0%** |
| $274,000 of $3.2M · median town 14.1% | $329,000 of $3.6M · median town 12.2% | $440,000 of $4.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.6% · median town 10.0% |

Colrain's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Colrain's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 3.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 8.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $274,000 in FY2006 to $440,000 in FY2025, +60.4% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+8.4%** | **+29.7%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $116,000 to $125,000 · all towns +54.0% | $241,000 to $313,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Colrain's health insurance would have been $144,000 in FY2025; it was $125,000, $19,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $301,000 in FY2025; it was $313,000, $12,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Colrain's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $9,733 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $50,000 | 5.1 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $50,000 | 5.1 times | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

**Colrain's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 173rd highest of 351.**

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.8M** | **$1.5M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+14%** |
| 173rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Colrain has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Mohawk Trail and Franklin County; Colrain accounts for 19% and 5% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

**The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $5.6 million for schools serving Colrain, FY2017 to August 2026.**

| Approved, Colrain's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.6M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,431 per resident (33rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Colrain's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $5.6M (5%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

**Colrain has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.**

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.3M** | **$3.3M** | **$1.4M** |
| $1.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 169th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **35**<br>four rated poor; likely about $9.3M of work on those ($8.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **1**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$1.3M**<br>bridges $1M · dams $0 · culverts $336,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Colrain came on average 23 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $324,000 | $0 | $110,000 | $253,000 |
| FY2018 | $320,000 | $0 | $445,000 | $127,000 |
| FY2019 | $320,000 | $64,000 | $509,000 | $191,000 |
| FY2020 | $319,000 | $32,000 | $320,000 | $221,000 |
| FY2021 | $318,000 | $0 | $259,000 | $280,000 |
| FY2022 | $318,000 | $260,000 | $36,000 | $822,000 |
| FY2023 | $316,000 | $0 | $580,000 | $558,000 |
| FY2024 | $315,000 | $326,000 | $419,000 | $781,000 |
| FY2025 | $315,000 | $188,000 | $371,000 | $913,000 |
| FY2026 | $573,000 | $373,000 | $453,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $572,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the 43 bridges in Colrain in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Heath Road over Taylor Brook Tributary source | $96,000 |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Adamsville Rd over Trib West Branch North River source | $150,000 |
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Adamsville Rd over Trib West Branch North River source | $90,000 |
| FY2017 | Small Bridge award | Adamsville Road bridge source | $500,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Colrain received $6.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 48% more than the $4.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Colrain ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $50,000 in earmarks placed in Colrain went to organizations; none went to Colrain's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Colrain** this town | **59** | **$16,229** | **$3,795** | **$30.73**† | **2.33** | **2.7%** |
| Huntington peer | 63 | $18,322 | $2,918 | $33.78† | 0.25 | 2.5% |
| Granville peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |
| Buckland peer | 59 | $14,272 | $4,838 | $55.26† | 6.12 | 2.3% |
| Hardwick peer | 63 | $20,446 | $849 | $101 | 2.32 | 2.5% |
| Royalston peer | 59 | $15,842 | $2,316 | $41.10 | 0.96 | 1.5% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Concord

Town · Middlesex County · 18,223 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

**14th Middlesex** · Simon Cataldo 60% of residents
**13th Middlesex** · Carmine Lawrence Gentile 40% of residents

Concord is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

**Third Middlesex** · Michael J. Barrett

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Concord Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Concord-Carlisle Regional School District**, shared with Carlisle
**Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Acton, Arlington, Bolton, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Needham and Stow

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Concord scores 34 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 30 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**34** / 100

271st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 57 | 27 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 232nd to 310th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Concord received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 28 and 40 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**30** / 100

266th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 51 | 24 | 17 |

Rank under other weightings: 249th to 286th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

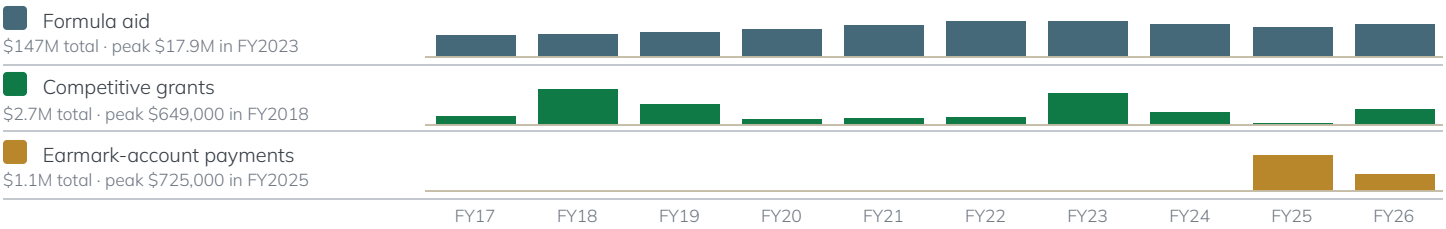
Concord received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 24 and 36 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Concord's town government and school districts received $147 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$147M** | **$2.7M** | **$1.1M** |
| $8,067 per resident (253rd of 351) · gross | $148 per resident (292nd of 351) | $59.13 per resident (60th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Concord peaked in FY2018 at $649,000, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $20 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Concord received $1.2 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.5 million placed in the city or town and $1.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **$1.5M** | **$1.5M** | **No** |
| $64.75 per resident (50th of 351) | $84.78 per resident (92nd of 351) · 24% to organizations | $84.78 per resident (101st of 351) · 24% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 13 clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.2 million went to Concord's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $365,000 went to organizations in Concord or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Concord, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (13 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $475,000 | "the town of Concord for planning the reuse and redevelopment of the former Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $250,000 | "the town of Concord for planning the reuse and redevelopment of the former Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $250,000 | "Concord for planning for the reuse and redevelopment of the former Massachusetts correctional institution in Concord" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "Manna Community Kitchen to combat food insecurity and expand their support service for vulnerable populations" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "Manna Community Kitchen" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 13 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Concord received 61% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**105.7**<br>78th of 351 · 5.8 per 1,000 residents (202nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$17.4M**<br>scored exposure $4.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**118**<br>80th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**24.5 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**18,540**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.95**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.61; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**897 acres**<br>5.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$941,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$1,048**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$41,788**<br>FY2017–2025 · 52nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CONCORD

## Concord has 442 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 501 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**442 acres**<br>2.8% of Concord's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**501 acres**<br>3.2% of Concord's land · 41 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**192 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,654 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 24 | 442 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 22 | 834 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 12 | 172 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 19 | 218 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 112 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 10 | 192 |
| Conservation restriction | 198 | 1,654 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state agencies | 9 | 437 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 6 | 258 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 139 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Walden Pond State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 262 | |
| Northeast Correctional Center Land | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 107 | |
| Massport CR | State: Massachusetts Port Authority | 71 | |
| Pantry Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |
| Concord Reformatory Cemetery | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 129.3 miles of public road in Concord, the state maintains 6.7 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.7 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 105.5 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 16.5 | 13% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Concord $7.4 million and takes back $487,000 in assessments and charges, a net $6.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.4 million** | **$487,000** | **$6.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 7% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $4.8M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $20,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $43,000 |
| State Owned Land | $964,000 |
| Public Libraries | $50,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,935 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,320 |
| MBTA | $462,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CONCORD

## State programs also awarded $1.6 million to organizations in Concord other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Concord Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2019 | Concord Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Concord Art Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Concord Conservatory of Music nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | 51 Walden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $130,000 |
| FY2018 | The Umbrella Community Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | The Thoreau Farm Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | Umbrella Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $76,000 |
| FY2019 | 51 Walden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $40,000 |
| FY2016 | 51 Walden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |
| FY2026 | Concord Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $4,600 |

A further $358,000 in 6 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.9% of Concord's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 6.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **6.0%** | **5.1%** | **4.9%** | **4.5%** |
| $4.2M of $69.8M · median town 14.1% | $4.7M of $92.3M · median town 12.2% | $6.7M of $138M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.6% · median town 10.0% |

Concord's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Concord's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 3.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 8.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $4.2 million in FY2006 to $6.7 million in FY2025, +60.5% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+94.8%** | **+88.9%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $4.1M to $8M · all towns +54.0% | $8.5M to $16.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Concord's health insurance would have been $5.13 million in FY2025; it was $8.01 million, $2.87 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $10.6 million in FY2025; it was $16.1 million, $5.44 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+50%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+166%) and FY2020 (–56%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Concord's government came to $930,000, 23.9% of the $3.90 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $930,000 | 23.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.2M | 30.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.2M | 30.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Concord's required school contribution is 2.5% of


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## median household income, 226th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$7.4M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$32.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.5%**<br>226th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+17%**<br>after inflation |

Concord runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Concord-Carlisle and Minuteman for others; Concord accounts for 77% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Concord, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Concord has $3.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9.8M**<br>$1.7M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3.7M**<br>annual program: 2.8 years of its yearly money · 36th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**8**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Concord came on average 42 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Concord owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $671,000 | $0 | $410,000 | $671,000 |
| FY2018 | $669,000 | $0 | $123,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2019 | $675,000 | $135,000 | $302,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2020 | $677,000 | $68,000 | $1.6M | $2M |
| FY2021 | $678,000 | $0 | $1.3M | $1.4M |
| FY2022 | $681,000 | $352,000 | $470,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2023 | $678,000 | $0 | $630,000 | $2M |
| FY2024 | $675,000 | $375,000 | $921,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2025 | $678,000 | $183,000 | $0 | $3M |
| FY2026 | $1M | $556,000 | $863,000 | $3.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1M | $0 | $0 | $4.7M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Concord in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Concord received $5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 42% of the $11.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Concord ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.5 million in earmarks placed in Concord, $365,000 (24%) went to organizations rather than to Concord's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Concord** this town | **34** | **$8,067** | **$148** | **$84.78** | **0.61** | **2.5%** |
| Sudbury peer | 38 | $9,414 | $150 | $47.32 | 0.49 | 2.7% |
| Nantucket peer · lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Belmont peer | 32 | $7,271 | $63.18 | $101 | 0.65 | 2.6% |
| Hopkinton peer | 31 | $7,048 | $297 | $94.08 | 0.33 | 3.1% |
| Scituate peer | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Conway

Town · Franklin County · 1,755 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Conway Public Schools, the town's own district
Frontier Regional School District, shared with Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately
Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath and ten others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Conway scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 40 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**48** / 100

143rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 52 | 47 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 131st to 152nd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Conway received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 46 and 50 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**40** / 100

227th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 54 | 13 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 208th to 254th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

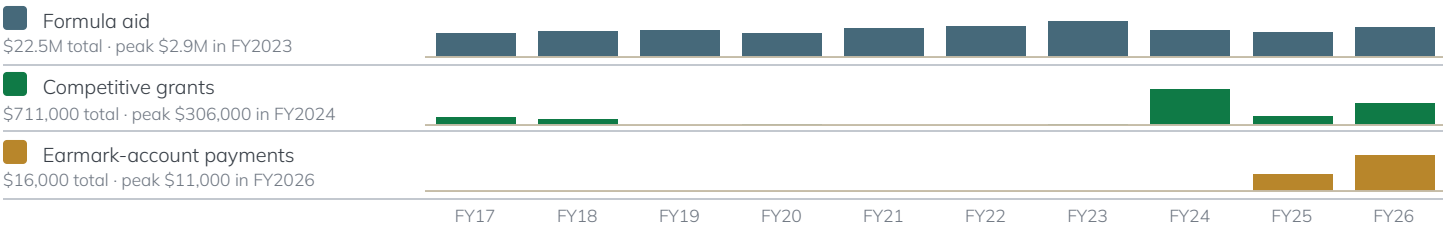
Conway received less than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 33 and 48 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Conway's town government and school districts received $22.5 million in formula aid and $711,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $22.5M | $711,000 | $16,000 |
| $12,799 per resident (115th of 351) · gross | $405 per resident (166th of 351) | $8.93 per resident (265th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Conway peaked in FY2024 at $306,000, 43% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Conway in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $16,000 in payments to Conway's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Conway.

Conway is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Conway's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Conway's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chester | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Williamsburg | $10,000 | $10,000 | $10,000 | $3.71 |
| Brimfield | $150,000 | $240,000 | $240,000 | $64.78 |
| Windsor | $25,000 | $25,000 | $25,000 | $23.47 |
| Millville | $360,000 | $360,000 | $360,000 | $114 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Conway received 68% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**63.9**<br>207th of 351 · 36.4 per 1,000 residents (36th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$21.9M**<br>scored exposure $7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**82**<br>159th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**37.7 sq mi**<br>14% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,804**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.01**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.68; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,413 acres**<br>14.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$71,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$20.72**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$40,536**<br>FY2017–2025 · 55th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CONWAY

## Conway has 3,474 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,281 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,474 acres**<br>14.4% of Conway's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,281 acres**<br>17.7% of Conway's land · 140 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**804 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,766 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 43 | 3,474 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 20 | 2,558 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 61 | 2,216 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 48 | 1,462 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 31 | 603 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 134 | 5,245 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 8 | 804 |
| Conservation restriction | 46 | 1,766 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 1,972 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 17 | 586 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Conway State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,929 | |
| Poland Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 668 | |
| South River State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 588 | |
| Flagg Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 220 | |
| Mt. Esther WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 69 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 70.8 miles of public road in Conway, the state maintains 6.4 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.4 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 63.9 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.6 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

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| **$1.4 million** | **$14,000** | **$1.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $669,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $359,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $232,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $17,000 |
| State Owned Land | $71,000 |
| Public Libraries | $6,027 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $559 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,060 |
| Regional Transit | $508 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $12,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CONWAY

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $15,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2023 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $9,851 (shared seven ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 18.6% of Conway's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 27.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **27.5%** | **19.1%** | **18.6%** | **18.3%** |
| $1.2M of $4.3M · median town 14.1% | $994,000 of $5.2M · median town 12.2% | $1.4M of $7.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 22.1% · median town 10.0% |

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**Conway's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 25.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 33.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.2 million in FY2006 to $1.4 million in FY2025, +15.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $211,000 of Conway's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+45.2%** | **+72.0%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $348,000 to $505,000 · all towns +54.0% | $531,000 to $913,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Conway's health insurance would have been $434,000 in FY2025; it was $505,000, $71,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $663,000 in FY2025; it was $913,000, $250,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Conway's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 209th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.1M** | **$1.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+6%** |
| 209th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Conway runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Frontier and Franklin County for others; Conway accounts for 14% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.5 million for schools serving Conway, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Conway's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.5M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $877 per resident (157th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Conway's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $1.5M (1%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Conway has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.4M** | **$2.8M** | **$1.1M** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 197th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **17**<br>two rated poor; about $17M of work on those, by planning estimates | **1**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Conway owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Conway owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

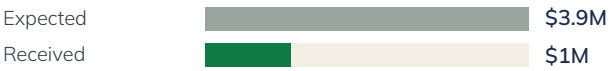
Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $268,000 | $0 | $195,000 | $73,000 |
| FY2018 | $266,000 | $0 | $336,000 | $73,000 |
| FY2019 | $265,000 | $53,000 | $445,000 | $212,000 |
| FY2020 | $265,000 | $26,000 | $170,000 | $333,000 |
| FY2021 | $264,000 | $0 | $335,000 | $262,000 |
| FY2022 | $264,000 | $213,000 | $198,000 | $541,000 |
| FY2023 | $261,000 | $0 | $775,000 | $27,000 |
| FY2024 | $261,000 | $287,000 | $171,000 | $403,000 |
| FY2025 | $261,000 | $174,000 | $0 | $838,000 |
| FY2026 | $472,000 | $306,000 | $558,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $471,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

The full list of the 27 bridges in Conway in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Conway received $1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 26% of the $3.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Conway is one of two municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Conway** this town | **48** | **$12,799** | **$405** | **$0** | **0.68** | **2.5%** |
| Chester peer · lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $16,538 | $4,421 | $0 | 2.11 | 2.4% |
| Williamsburg peer | 41 | $9,541 | $578 | $3.71 | 1.40 | 2.2% |
| Brimfield peer | 50 | $12,874 | $303 | $64.78 | 0.46 | 2.7% |
| Windsor peer | 53 | $9,357 | $3,955 | $23.47 | 1.38 | 1.5% |
| Millville peer | 56 | $14,661 | $545 | $114 | 1.93 | 2.0% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Cummington

Town · Hampshire County · 902 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
1st Hampshire · Lindsay N. Sabadosa

STATE SENATE
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Central Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Becket, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Cummington scores 49 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 95 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**49** / 100

128th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 53 | 49 | 45 |

Rank under other weightings: 119th to 137th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Cummington received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 48 and 51 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**95** / 100

20th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 97 | 92 | 96 |

Rank under other weightings: 18th to 24th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

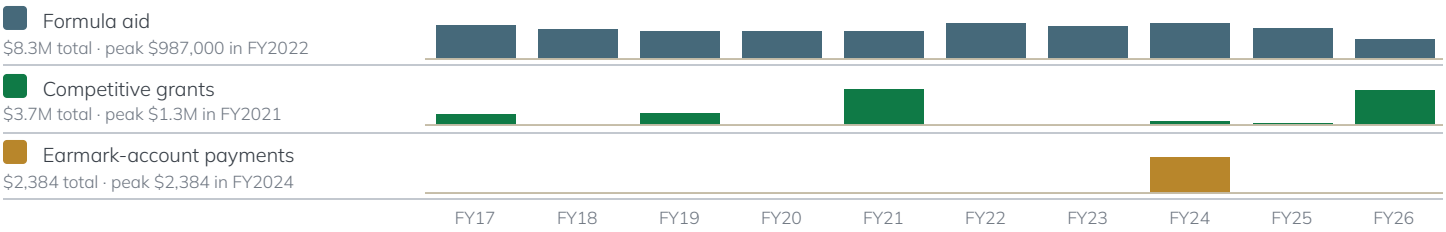
Cummington received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 95 stays between 94 and 96 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Cummington's town government and school districts received $8.3 million in formula aid and $3.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $8.3M | $3.7M | $2,384 |
| $9,157 per resident (212th of 351) · gross | $4,050 per resident (21st of 351) | $2.64 per resident (308th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Cummington peaked in FY2021 at $1.3 million, 36% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 902 residents, a single payment moves Cummington's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $674,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Cummington in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,384 in payments to Cummington's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Cummington.

Cummington is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Cummington's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Cummington's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Peru | $25,000 | $25,000 | $25,000 | $39.68 |
| Oakham | $20,000 | $20,000 | $20,000 | $12.20 |
| Windsor | $25,000 | $25,000 | $25,000 | $23.47 |
| Chester | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Washington | $50,000 | $50,000 | $50,000 | $95.06 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Cummington received 1.51 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**48.4**<br>260th of 351 · 53.7 per 1,000 residents (22nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$11.1M**<br>scored exposure $4.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**46**<br>279th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.9 sq mi**<br>16% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**929**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.54**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.51; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,254 acres**<br>15.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$101,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$44.59**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,085**<br>FY2017–2025 · 267th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN CUMMINGTON

## Cummington has 2,419 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,771 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,419 acres**<br>16.5% of Cummington's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,771 acres**<br>18.9% of Cummington's land · 80 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,388 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**385 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 37 | 2,419 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 29 | 2,209 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 26 | 1,136 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 38 | 1,479 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 16 | 156 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 51 | 1,920 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 24 | 1,388 |
| Conservation restriction | 12 | 385 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 29 | 2,209 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bryant Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 619 | |
| Cummington WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 425 | |
| Powell Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 363 | |
| Gilbert A. Bliss State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 318 | |
| Swift River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 316 | |
| Shaw Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 151 | |
| Deer Hill State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 139 | |
| Meadow Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 50 | |
| Upper Westfield River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 38 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 61.0 miles of public road in Cummington, the state maintains 9.6 (16%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.6 | 16% |
| Town-accepted | 48.4 | 79% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.3 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Cummington $285,000 and takes back $2,958 in assessments and charges, a net $282,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$285,000** | **$2,958** | **$282,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $60,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $108,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $12,000 |
| State Owned Land | $101,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,902 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $266 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $820 |
| Regional Transit | $1,872 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN CUMMINGTON

## State programs also awarded $24,000 to organizations in Cummington other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Cummington. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

A further $20,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.8% of Cummington's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 7.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7.5% | 10.3% | 9.8% | 9.7% |
| $120,000 of $1.6M · median town 14.1% | $200,000 of $1.9M · median town 12.2% | $273,000 of $2.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 11.0% · median town 10.0% |

Cummington's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $124,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Cummington's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 46.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 30.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $120,000 in FY2006 to $273,000 in FY2025, +126.8% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| not reported | +164.1% | 8 of 9 | 3 of 5 |
| FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +54.0% | $88,000 to $233,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth · four years not reported |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Cummington's fixed costs would have been $110,000 in FY2025; it was $233,000, $123,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+38%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Cummington's health insurance is not reported for FY2016 or FY2025, so its earmarks are not set against it.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | not reported | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | not reported | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | not reported | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Cummington's required school contribution is 1.5% of median household income, 335th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $180,000 | $635,000 |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 1.5% | –24% |
| 335th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Cummington has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Cummington and Central Berkshire; Cummington accounts for 100% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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| Approved, Cummington's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $927,000 | 1 | $8.66B |
| $1,028 per resident (149th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Cummington's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Wahconah Regional High School | Central Berkshire | Core | $31.3M | $927,000 (3%) |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.3M**<br>$851,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 125th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**18**<br>three rated poor; likely about $2.3M of work on those ($1.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$231,000**<br>bridges $81,000 · dams $0 · culverts $150,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $200,000 | $0 | $416,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $198,000 | $0 | $271,000 | $119,000 |
| FY2019 | $198,000 | $40,000 | $224,000 | $134,000 |
| FY2020 | $199,000 | $20,000 | $211,000 | $142,000 |
| FY2021 | $199,000 | $0 | $156,000 | $185,000 |
| FY2022 | $198,000 | $162,000 | $280,000 | $265,000 |
| FY2023 | $197,000 | $0 | $162,000 | $300,000 |
| FY2024 | $196,000 | $242,000 | $355,000 | $383,000 |
| FY2025 | $196,000 | $156,000 | $269,000 | $466,000 |
| FY2026 | $355,000 | $231,000 | $0 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $355,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Cummington in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Stage Road over North Branch Swift River source | $150,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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## them in the ten budgets.

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| Washington peer | 56 | $15,534 | $6,984 | $95.06 | 1.16 | 2.6% |
| Chesterfield best in class of 30 | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |

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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Dalton

Town · Berkshire County · 6,256 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Central Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Becket, Cummington, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Dalton scores 58 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 57 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**58** / 100

58th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 62 | 55 | 57 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 51st to 69th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Dalton received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 57 and 60 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**57** / 100

160th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 52 | 61 | 56 |

Rank under other weightings: 151st to 171st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

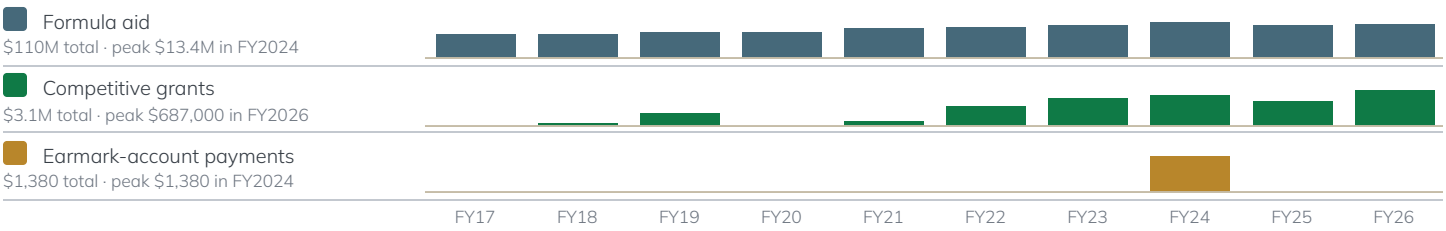
Dalton received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 57 stays between 55 and 59 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Dalton's town government and school districts received $110 million in formula aid and $3.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$110M** | **$3.1M** | **$1,380** |
| $17,590 per resident (44th of 351) · gross | $490 per resident (140th of 351) | $0.22 per resident (335th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Dalton peaked in FY2026 at $687,000, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Dalton received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $175,000 placed in the city or town and $175,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$0** | **$175,000** | **$175,000** | **No** |
| enacted, ten budgets | $27.97 per resident (246th of 351) · all to organizations | $27.97 per resident (250th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $0 went to Dalton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $175,000 went to organizations in Dalton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Dalton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "expanded 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic response activities at the Dalton community recreation association in the town of Dalton" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Community Recreation Association, Inc. in the town of Dalton" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the Dalton Community Recreation Association in the town of Dalton" | Enacted organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Dalton received 1.32 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**38.9**<br>296th of 351 · 6.2 per 1,000 residents (183rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$23.2M**<br>scored exposure $8.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**50**<br>260th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.8 sq mi**<br>35% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**6%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,659**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**4.97**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.32; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,416 acres**<br>31.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$92,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$20.84**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$7,722**<br>FY2017–2025 · 342nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DALTON

## Dalton has 4,847 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 909 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,847 acres**<br>34.8% of Dalton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**909 acres**<br>6.5% of Dalton's land · 24 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**501 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,120 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 34 | 4,847 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 23 | 4,673 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 15 | 668 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 8 | 240 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 1 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 15 | 712 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 19 | 501 |
| Conservation restriction | 8 | 1,120 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 15 | 3,905 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | 768 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chalet WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3,579 | |
| Appalachian Trail Corridor | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 825 | |
| Day Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 392 | |
| Wahconah Falls State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 23 | |
| Housatonic River East Branch WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 22 | |
| Western District HQ | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 6 | |
| Western District - Old HQ | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 47.0 miles of public road in Dalton, the state maintains 5.2 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.2 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 40.3 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.5 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Dalton $2 million and takes back $75,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2 million** | **$75,000** | **$1.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $338,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $71,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $34,000 |
| State Owned Land | $94,000 |
| Public Libraries | $22,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,758 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $6,560 |
| Regional Transit | $37,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $30,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DALTON

## State programs also awarded $811,000 to organizations in Dalton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Dalton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Berkshire Natural Resources Council nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $18,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2026 | Dalton Fire District regional body | DFS Firefighter Safety Equipment / Fire grants | $15,000 |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2025 | Dalton Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $6,888 |
| FY2023 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $2,333 (shared six ways) |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $758,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.0% of Dalton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 10.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.9%** | **10.5%** | **9.0%** | **8.7%** |
| $1.2M of $11.3M · median town 14.1% | $1.5M of $14.4M · median town 12.2% | $1.8M of $20.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.7% · median town 10.0% |

Dalton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $7.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Dalton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 5.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 15.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.2 million in FY2006 to $1.8 million in FY2025, +47.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+7.1%** | **+21.4%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $737,000 to $789,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.4M to $1.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Dalton's health insurance would have been $920,000 in FY2025; it was $789,000, $131,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.70 million in FY2025; it was $1.65 million, $47,000 below the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Dalton's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $52,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $175,000 | 3.4 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $175,000 | 3.4 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Dalton's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 143rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$7.5M** | **$6.3M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **–7%** |
| 143rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |


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Dalton has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Dalton and Central Berkshire; Dalton accounts for 100% and 58% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $18.1 million for schools serving Dalton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Dalton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.1M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,898 per resident (59th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Dalton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Wahconah Regional High School | Central Berkshire | Core | $31.3M | $18.1M (58%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Dalton has $601,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.5M** | **$2.5M** | **$601,000** |
| $799,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 210th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **22** | **0** | **$0** |
| one rated poor; likely about $490,000 of work on those ($235,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Dalton came on average 23 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $225,000 | $0 | $54,000 | $212,000 |
| FY2018 | $219,000 | $0 | $43,000 | $430,000 |
| FY2019 | $223,000 | $45,000 | $405,000 | $292,000 |
| FY2020 | $223,000 | $22,000 | $5,310 | $536,000 |
| FY2021 | $222,000 | $0 | $683,000 | $209,000 |
| FY2022 | $221,000 | $135,000 | $14,000 | $551,000 |
| FY2023 | $215,000 | $0 | $745,000 | $21,000 |
| FY2024 | $215,000 | $235,000 | $301,000 | $171,000 |
| FY2025 | $214,000 | $163,000 | $0 | $548,000 |
| FY2026 | $348,000 | $199,000 | $494,000 | $601,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $338,000 | $0 | $0 | $939,000 |

The full list of the 28 bridges in Dalton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Dalton received $4.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years,


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## 49% of the $8.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Dalton ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $175,000 in earmarks placed in Dalton went to organizations; none went to Dalton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dalton** this town | **58** | **$17,590** | **$490** | **$27.97**† | **1.32** | **2.7%** |
| Barre peer | 63 | $20,237 | $183 | $22.43 | 0.33 | 2.1% |
| Monson peer | 55 | $15,493 | $338 | $14.84 | 2.33 | 2.6% |
| Templeton peer | 61 | $18,577 | $420 | $27.27 | 0.60 | 2.0% |
| West Brookfield peer | 56 | $14,082 | $1,069 | $66.08 | 1.84 | 2.6% |
| North Brookfield peer · lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |

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ESSEX COUNTY

# Danvers

Town · Essex County · 28,098 residents (ACS 2020–24)

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STATE HOUSE

13th Essex · Sally P. Kerans

STATE SENATE

Second Essex · Joan B. Lovely

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Danvers Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Danvers scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 22 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**30** / 100

308th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 36 | 28 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 304th to 315th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Danvers received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 28 and 31 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**22** / 100

308th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 28 | 16 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 304th to 313th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

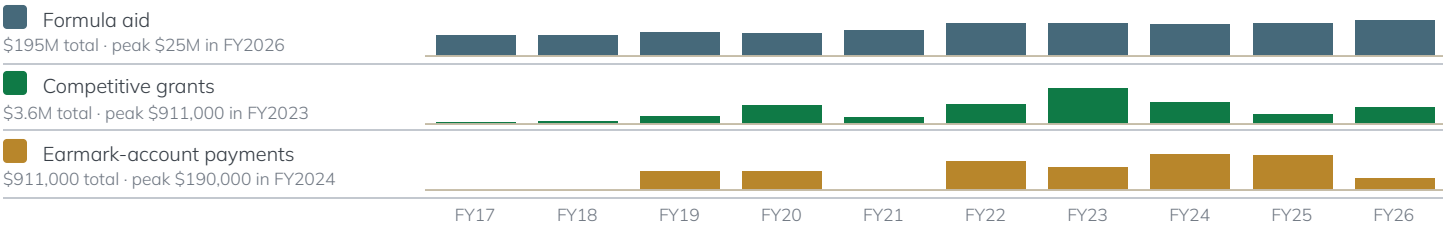
Danvers received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 22 stays between 20 and 23 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Danvers's town government and school districts received $195 million in formula aid and $3.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$195M** | **$3.6M** | **$911,000** |
| $6,947 per resident (293rd of 351) · gross | $129 per resident (304th of 351) | $32.41 per resident (139th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Danvers peaked in FY2023 at $911,000, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $34.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Danvers received $1 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.5 million placed in the city or town and $1.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1M** | **$1.5M** | **$1.5M** | **No** |
| $36.46 per resident (131st of 351) | $53.36 per resident (159th of 351) · 32% to organizations | $53.36 per resident (164th of 351) · 32% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 18 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1 million went to Danvers's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $475,000 went to organizations in Danvers or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "structural repairs, renovations, and ADA upgrades of restrooms at Endicott park in Danvers" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $150,000 | "parks and recreation improvements in the town of Danvers" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the town of Danvers for streetscape enhancements, green spaces and pocket parks in Danvers square" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "The Learning Center in the town of Danvers" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 18 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Danvers received 20% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**106.7**<br>77th of 351 · 3.8 per 1,000 residents (288th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16M**<br>scored exposure $4.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**111**<br>93rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**6**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.3 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**28,302**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.15**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.20; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**107 acres**<br>1.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$487,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$4,571**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,357**<br>FY2017–2025 · 246th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DANVERS

## Danvers has 140 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 27 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**140 acres**<br>1.6% of Danvers's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**27 acres**<br>0.3% of Danvers's land · 4 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**70 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**44 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 25 | 140 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 120 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 4 | 27 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 5 | 83 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 4 | 70 |
| Conservation restriction | 8 | 44 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 66 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 39 |
| Military Division | 3 | 15 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 17 | Agricultural Resources | 15 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 14 | Agricultural Resources | 13 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 16 | Agricultural Resources | 12 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 10 | Agricultural Resources | 12 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 11 | Agricultural Resources | 10 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 26 | Agricultural Resources | 8 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 22 | Agricultural Resources | 8 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 30 | Agricultural Resources | 6 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 15 | Agricultural Resources | 6 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 13 | Agricultural Resources | 6 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 12 | Agricultural Resources | 6 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 27 | Agricultural Resources | 5 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 31 | Agricultural Resources | 5 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 29 | Agricultural Resources | 5 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 21 | Agricultural Resources | 4 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 18 | Agricultural Resources | 3 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 19 | Agricultural Resources | 3 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 28 | Agricultural Resources | 3 | |
| Bruleys Corner | State: Secretary of the Commonwealth | 3 | |
| Danvers State Hospital Cemetery | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 2 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 24 | Agricultural Resources | 2 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 20 | Agricultural Resources | 2 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 23 | Agricultural Resources | 1 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 25 | Agricultural Resources | 1 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 8 | Agricultural Resources | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 127.2 miles of public road in Danvers, the state maintains 13.9 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 13.9 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 106.7 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.7 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Danvers $15.5 million and takes back $1.8 million in assessments and charges, a net $13.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.5 million** | **$1.8 million** | **$13.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 12% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $221,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $95,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $90,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $215,000 |
| State Owned Land | $487,000 |
| Public Libraries | $77,000 |


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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $76,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $10,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $17,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $26,000 |
| MBTA | $729,000 |
| Special Education | $1,508 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $442,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $542,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DANVERS

## State programs also awarded $80,000 to organizations in Danvers other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Danvers. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Danvers Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $66,000 |
| FY2018 | Danvers Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $6,548 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.9% of Danvers's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.9%** | **11.3%** | **10.9%** | **9.6%** |
| $8.2M of $69M · median town 14.1% | $10.2M of $90.6M · median town 12.2% | $14M of $128M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.4% · median town 10.0% |

Danvers's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Danvers's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 10.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 1.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.2 million in FY2006 to $14 million in FY2025, +71.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $708,000 of Danvers's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+27.2%** | **+45.6%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $23M to $29.3M · all towns +54.0% | $16.9M to $24.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Danvers's health insurance would have been $28.8 million in FY2025; it was $29.3 million, $544,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $21 million in FY2025; it was $24.5 million, $3.49 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+82%) and FY2018 (−39%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost. Flag: in FY2018, FY2019, FY2020, FY2021, FY2022, FY2023, FY2024 and FY2025 reported health insurance exceeded all general-fund fixed costs; the health-insurance report includes the employee share for self-insured towns.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Danvers's government came to $874,000, 13.9% of the $6.27 million rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $874,000 | 13.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.2M | 19.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.2M | 19.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Danvers's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 92nd highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$11.2M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$40.7M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.9%**<br>92nd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+25%**<br>after inflation |

Danvers runs its own school district and also belongs to Essex North Shore; Danvers accounts for 16% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $22.2 million for schools serving Danvers, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Danvers's share<br>**$22.2M**<br>$791 per resident (160th of 351) | Projects<br>**3**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Danvers's share |
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $104,000 (16%) |
| FY2019 | Highlands Elementary School | Danvers | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.6M | $1.6M |
| FY2019 | Ivan G. Smith Elementary School | Danvers | Core | $20.5M | $20.5M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the three projects closed with a final audit, Danvers's share of the final cost was $51.2 million against its share of the approved budget of $55.5 million (under by $4.3 million); the local share moved from $33.3 million to $29.9 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Danvers has $2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and six high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$12.4M**<br>$1.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$9.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2M**<br>annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 166th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**6**<br>of nine town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Danvers came on average 23 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Danvers owns six high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $915,000 | $0 | $666,000 | $915,000 |
| FY2018 | $908,000 | $0 | $757,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2019 | $905,000 | $181,000 | $1.9M | $338,000 |
| FY2020 | $895,000 | $89,000 | $583,000 | $740,000 |
| FY2021 | $895,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $524,000 |
| FY2022 | $890,000 | $354,000 | $413,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $885,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $726,000 |
| FY2024 | $877,000 | $435,000 | $397,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2025 | $872,000 | $234,000 | $46,000 | $2.7M |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $601,000 | $2.6M | $2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $3.2M |

The full list of the 29 bridges in Danvers in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Danvers received $9.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 84% of the $11.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Danvers ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.5 million in earmarks placed in Danvers, $475,000 (32%) went to organizations rather than to Danvers's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Danvers** this town | **30** | **$6,947** | **$129** | **$53.36** | **0.20** | **2.9%** |
| Wakefield peer | 28 | $6,465 | $157 | $45.34 | 0.56 | 2.6% |
| Chelmsford peer | 31 | $7,630 | $194 | $41.84 | 0.37 | 3.1% |
| Natick peer | 28 | $6,624 | $86.76 | $78.89 | 0.56 | 2.7% |
| Newburyport peer | 33 | $6,797 | $442 | $77.12 | 0.78 | 2.0% |
| Melrose peer | 35 | $7,621 | $417 | $63.68 | 2.22 | 2.7% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Bedford lowest in class of 30 | 42 | $9,879 | $313 | $18.33 | 0.99 | 2.9% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Dartmouth

Town · Bristol County · 33,328 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

9th Bristol · Christopher M. Markey

STATE SENATE

Second Bristol and Plymouth · Mark C. Montigny

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Dartmouth Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Fairhaven and New Bedford

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Dartmouth scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 41 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

318th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 27 | 30 | 31 |

Rank under other weightings: 284th to 337th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Dartmouth received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 29 stays between 27 and 30 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**41** / 100

223rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 41 | 42 | 35 | 47 |

Rank under other weightings: 213th to 234th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

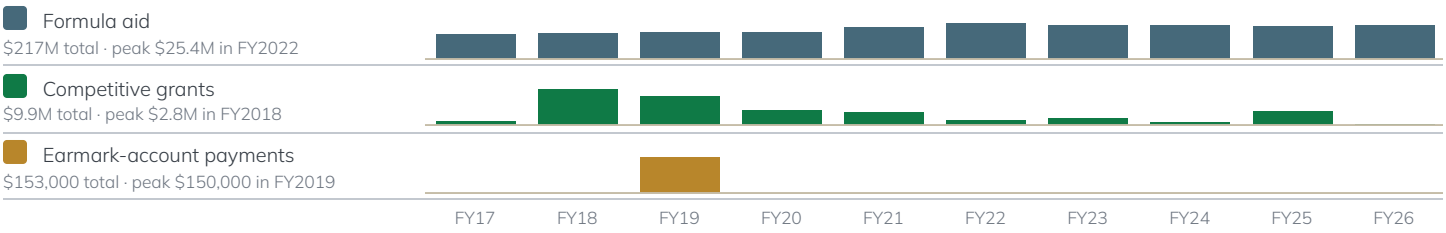
Dartmouth received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 40 and 43 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Dartmouth's town government and school districts received $217 million in formula aid and $9.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$217M** | **$9.9M** | **$153,000** |
| $6,506 per resident (317th of 351) · gross | $296 per resident (212th of 351) | $4.60 per resident (293rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Dartmouth peaked in FY2018 at $2.8 million, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $23.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Dartmouth received $500,000 in local earmarks to its government, $550,000 placed in the city or town and $7.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$500,000** | **$550,000** | **$7.1M** | **No** |
| $15 per resident (239th of 351) | $16.50 per resident (285th of 351) · 9% to organizations | $214 per resident (16th of 351) · 1% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2023. $500,000 went to Dartmouth's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $50,000 went to organizations in Dartmouth or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Dartmouth but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $5.6 million, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $6.6 million in 33 clauses for state facilities located in Dartmouth (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Dartmouth, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (39 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $575,000 | "a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for Marine Science and Technology at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, that applies innovative technology to assess the biomass of fish in the..." | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
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| FY2022 | $550,000 | "not less than $ 550,000 shall be expended for a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute , in collaboration with the School for Marine Science and Technology at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, that applies innovative..." | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |

Printed: the 5 largest of 39 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Dartmouth received 73% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**195.3**<br>18th of 351 · 5.9 per 1,000 residents (195th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$33M**<br>scored exposure $12.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**190**<br>14th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**60.9 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**34,394**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.24**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.73; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,164 acres**<br>5.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$484,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$224**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,166**<br>FY2017–2025 · 212th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DARTMOUTH

## Dartmouth has 1,498 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,239 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,498 acres**<br>3.8% of Dartmouth's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,239 acres**<br>5.7% of Dartmouth's land · 147 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,111 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**3,701 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 20 | 1,498 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 31 | 2,170 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 20 | 437 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 69 | 1,107 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 58 | 695 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 7 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 31 | 1,111 |
| Conservation restriction | 164 | 3,701 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 18 | 782 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 712 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 11 | 676 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Acushnet Cedar Swamp State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 531 | |
| Dartmoor Farm WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 477 | |
| Noquochoke WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 201 | |
| Demarest Lloyd State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 199 | |
| SE Mass Bioreserve | DCR and Fish and Game | 54 | |
| UMass Dartmouth Athletic Fields | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 35 | |
| SE Mass Bioreserve | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

## ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 223.8 miles of public road in Dartmouth, the state maintains 10.2 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.2 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 196.7 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 13.2 | 6% |


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STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $575,000 | “a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for…” |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | “the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth to partner with the Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc. to…” |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth” |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | “assist in programming efforts for the Justice Bridge Program at the University of Massachusetts School of Law” |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | “the Leduc Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for transportation costs related to the America Reads/Counts program” |
| FY2025 | $575,000 | “a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for…” |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | “not less than $100,000 of said funds shall be expended to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth…” |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth” |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | “assist in programming efforts for the Justice Bridge Program at University of Massachusetts School of Law” |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | “the Leduc Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for transportation costs related to the America Reads/Counts program” |
| FY2024 | $550,000 | “a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for…” |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | “not less than $100,000 of said funds shall be expended to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth…” |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth” |
| FY2024 | $80,000 | “the Leduc Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for transportation costs related to the America Reads” |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | “the community outreach clinics and pro bono activities of the University of Massachusetts School of Law to provide direct legal assistance in the…” |
| FY2023 | $550,000 | “a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for…” |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth” |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | “as a grant to the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth to conduct a study and submit a report on the workforce development needs of the…” |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | “community outreach clinics and pro bono activities of the University of Massachusetts School of Law to provide direct legal assistance in the area of…” |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | “the Leduc Center at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth for transportation costs related to the America Reads/Counts program” |
| FY2022 | $550,000 | “not less than $ 550,000 shall be expended for a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries…” |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth” |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | “community outreach clinics and pro bono activities of the University of Massachusetts School of Law to provide direct legal assistance in the area of…” |
| FY2021 | $450,000 | “a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for…” |
| FY2021 | $75,000 | “programs providing direct legal assistance in the area of tenants' rights sponsored by the University of Massachusetts school of law” |
| FY2021 | $50,000 | “the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth” |
| FY2020 | $450,000 | “a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for…” |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | “the community outreach clinics and pro bono activities of the University of Massachusetts School of Law” |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth” |
| FY2020 | $80,000 | “the Leduc Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for transportation costs related to the America Reads/Counts program” |
| FY2019 | $450,000 | “a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for…” |
| FY2019 | $80,000 | “the Leduc Center for Civic Engagement at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth for transportation costs related to the America Reads/Counts…” |
| FY2017 | $450,000 | “a program of collaborative research by the division of marine fisheries through the Marine Fisheries Institute, in collaboration with the School for…” |


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State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Dartmouth $17.1 million and takes back $1.9 million in assessments and charges, a net $15.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$17.1 million** | **$1.9 million** | **$15.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $50,000 |
| Smart Growth School Reimbursement | $169,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $528,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $415,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $256,000 |
| State Owned Land | $484,000 |
| Public Libraries | $94,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $669,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $188,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $23,000 |
| Regional Transit | $338,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $449,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $183,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DARTMOUTH

## State programs also awarded $1.3 million to organizations in Dartmouth other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Dartmouth. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Lloyd Center for the Environment nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2022 | Dartmouth Cultural Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $160,000 |
| FY2025 | South Coast Bikeway Alliance nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $95,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2017 | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $28,000 |
| FY2020 | Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and South Coast Bikeway Alliance (SCBA) regional body | MassTrails Grants | $20,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2026 | Round The Bend Farm nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $9,000 |
| FY2022 | Dartmouth Cultural Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $773,000 in 10 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.4% of Dartmouth's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 21.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **21.4%** | **18.0%** | **14.4%** | **13.0%** |
| $13.7M of $64M · median town 14.1% | $14.3M of $79.8M · median town 12.2% | $15.7M of $109M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 20.2% · median town 10.0% |

Dartmouth's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Dartmouth's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 26.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 34.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $13.7 million in FY2006 to $15.7 million in FY2025, +14.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.9 million of Dartmouth's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–39.3%** | **+74.6%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $12.9M to $7.8M · all towns +54.0% | $10M to $17.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Dartmouth's health insurance would have been $16.1 million in FY2025; it was $7.81 million, $8.25 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $12.5 million in FY2025; it was $17.4 million, $4.96 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (–62%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Dartmouth's reported health insurance fell from $12.9 million in FY2016 to $7.8 million in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $500,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $550,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $6.2M | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Dartmouth's required school contribution is 3.6% of median household income, 15th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$12.7M** | **$44M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.6%** | **–1%** |
| 15th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Dartmouth runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater New Bedford and Bristol County; Dartmouth accounts for 15% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $5 million for schools serving Dartmouth, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Dartmouth's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$5M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $151 per resident (228th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Dartmouth's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$7,273 (4%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $2M (4%) |
| FY2017 | Dartmouth Middle School | Dartmouth | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3M | $3M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Dartmouth's share of the final cost was $8.4 million against its share of the approved budget of $9.8 million (under by $1.4 million); the local share moved from $4.8 million to $4.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Dartmouth has $4.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$17.2M**<br>$3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$10.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$4.6M**<br>annual program: 1.8 years of its yearly money · 86th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**18**<br>one rated poor; about $887,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$469,000**<br>bridges $432,000 · dams $0 · culverts $37,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Dartmouth came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Dartmouth owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.2M | $0 | $695,000 | $978,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.2M | $1.1M |
| FY2019 | $1.2M | $239,000 | $1.2M | $1.3M |
| FY2020 | $1.2M | $119,000 | $1M | $1.6M |
| FY2021 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.5M | $1.3M |
| FY2022 | $1.2M | $653,000 | $1.2M | $2M |
| FY2023 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.1M | $2.1M |
| FY2024 | $1.2M | $676,000 | $1M | $2.9M |
| FY2025 | $1.2M | $317,000 | $1.2M | $3.1M |
| FY2026 | $1.8M | $1M | $1.3M | $4.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.8M | $0 | $0 | $6.4M |

The full list of the 28 bridges in Dartmouth in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Horseneck Road over UNT to Slocums River source | $37,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Dartmouth received $11.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 6% more than the $10.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Dartmouth ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $550,000 in earmarks placed in Dartmouth, $50,000 (9%) went to organizations rather than to Dartmouth's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dartmouth** this town | **28** | **$6,506** | **$296** | **$16.50** | **0.73** | **3.6%** |
| Saugus peer | 29 | $7,158 | $98.00 | $42.11 | 0.36 | 3.3% |
| Beverly peer | 27 | $6,643 | $218 | $69.85 | 0.97 | 3.1% |
| Norwood peer | 34 | $7,831 | $166 | $22.99 | 0.33 | 3.0% |
| Marshfield peer · best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Barnstable peer | 27 | $6,526 | $289 | $69.38† | 0.74 | 3.6% |
| Yarmouth lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Dedham

Town · Norfolk County · 25,237 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**11th Norfolk** · Paul McMurtry

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk and Suffolk** · Michael F. Rush

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Dedham Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Avon, Braintree, Canton, Holbrook, Milton, Norwood, Randolph and Westwood

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Dedham scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 30 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

327th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 34 | 30 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 319th to 331st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Dedham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 26 and 30 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**30** / 100

268th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 38 | 28 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 263rd to 270th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

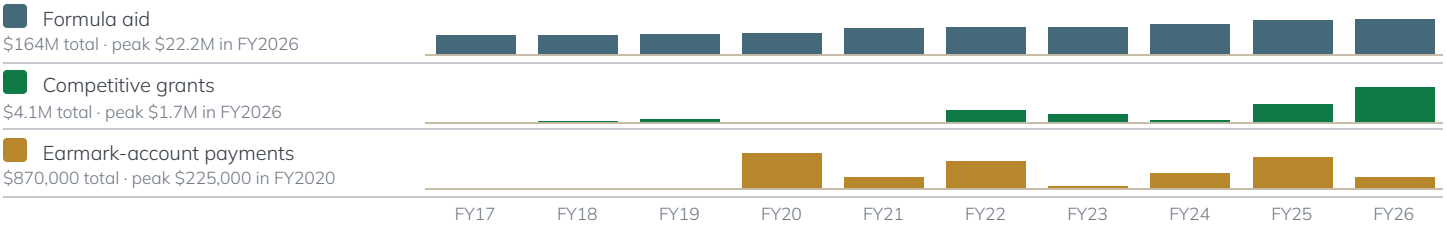
Dedham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 28 and 32 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Dedham's town government and school districts received $164 million in formula aid and $4.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$164M** | **$4.1M** | **$870,000** |
| $6,510 per resident (316th of 351) · gross | $161 per resident (273rd of 351) | $34.48 per resident (133rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Dedham peaked in FY2026 at $1.7 million, 41% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $32.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Dedham received $1.4 million in local earmarks to its government, $2 million placed in the city or town and $2.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.4M** | **$2M** | **$2.1M** | **No** |
| $55.87 per resident (65th of 351) | $77.66 per resident (97th of 351) · 28% to organizations | $81.43 per resident (105th of 351) · 27% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 23 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.4 million went to Dedham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $550,000 went to organizations in Dedham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Dedham but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $95,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $95,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Dedham (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Dedham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (24 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "parks and recreation improvements in the town of Dedham" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $150,000 | "the Dedham Museum and Archive for costs associated with modernization" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $150,000 | "the town of Dedham for the construction of a public safety building" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $150,000 | "the restoration of Old Village cemetery in Dedham" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $125,000 | "the construction of green space in the Manor neighborhood in the town of Dedham" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 24 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Dedham received 48% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**84.4**<br>140th of 351 · 3.3 per 1,000 residents (307th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$24.7M**<br>scored exposure $8.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**60**<br>230th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.3 sq mi**<br>10% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**25,340**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.26**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.48; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,818**<br>FY2017–2025 · 173rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DEDHAM

## Dedham has 674 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 126 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**674 acres**<br>10.3% of Dedham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**126 acres**<br>1.9% of Dedham's land · 5 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**143 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 27 | 674 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 27 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 7 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 92 |
| Conservation restriction | 6 | 143 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Neponset River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 222 | |
| Wilson Mountain Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 214 | |
| Cutler Park Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 183 | |
| Charles River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 20 | |
| Mother Brook Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | |
| Stony Brook Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | |
| Riverdale Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 109.9 miles of public road in Dedham, the state maintains 11.9 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.4 | 10% |
| DCR | 0.5 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 84.7 | 77% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 12.6 | 11% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $95,000 | "the Eastern Massachusetts Goal Setting and Relapse Prevention program in collaboration with the juvenile court department office situated in Dedham" |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Dedham $15.2 million and takes back $4.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $11.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.2 million** | **$4.1 million** | **$11.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 27% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $30,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $25,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $288,000 |
| Public Libraries | $63,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $268,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $2.2M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $94,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,923 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $15,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $35,000 |
| MBTA | $650,000 |
| Special Education | $1,153 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $76,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $751,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DEDHAM

## State programs also awarded $382,000 to organizations in Dedham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Fairbanks Family in America nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $162,000 |
| FY2020 | Mother Brook Arts and Community Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2017 | Mother Brook Arts and Community Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $40,000 |
| FY2025 | Fairbanks Family in America nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $28,000 |
| FY2019 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $2,500 (shared four ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.4% of Dedham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.2%** | **8.2%** | **10.4%** | **7.5%** |
| $7.4M of $65.9M · median town 14.1% | $7.6M of $93.7M · median town 12.2% | $14.3M of $138M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.7% · median town 10.0% |

Dedham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $637,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Dedham's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 24.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 11.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.4 million in FY2006 to $14.3 million in FY2025, +93.6% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+32.4%** | **+22.7%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $9.7M to $12.9M · all towns +54.0% | $14.3M to $17.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Dedham's health insurance would have been $12.2 million in FY2025; it was $12.9 million, $727,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $17.9 million in FY2025; it was $17.6 million, $316,000 below the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+57%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Dedham's government came to $1.3 million, 42.4% of the $3.15 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.3M | 42.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.7M | 55.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.8M | 58.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Dedham's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 258th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$10.7M** | **$32.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+60%** |
| 258th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Dedham runs its own school district and also belongs to Blue Hills and Norfolk County; Dedham accounts for 10% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $4.4 million for schools serving Dedham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Dedham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.4M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $176 per resident (226th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Dedham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $104,000 (6%) |
| FY2018 | Blue Hills Regional Technical High School | Blue Hills | Core | $44.4M | $4.3M (10%) |

Not counted: Oakdale Elementary School (Dedham), approved FY2025 for up to $31 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Dedham's share of the final cost was $8.7 million against its share of the approved budget of $8.3 million (over by $374,000); the local share moved from $4 million to $4.5 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Dedham has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9.6M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$7.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.3M**<br>annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 167th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**9**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Dedham came on average 19 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Dedham owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $688,000 | $0 | $688,000 | $0 |
| FY2018 | $688,000 | $0 | $688,000 | $9 |
| FY2019 | $695,000 | $139,000 | $834,000 | $9 |
| FY2020 | $694,000 | $69,000 | $0 | $764,000 |
| FY2021 | $694,000 | $0 | $764,000 | $694,000 |
| FY2022 | $687,000 | $282,000 | $694,000 | $969,000 |
| FY2023 | $679,000 | $0 | $969,000 | $679,000 |
| FY2024 | $680,000 | $343,000 | $311,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2025 | $677,000 | $184,000 | $787,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2026 | $948,000 | $469,000 | $1.4M | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $941,000 | $0 | $224,000 | $2.2M |

The full list of the 29 bridges in Dedham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Dedham received $6.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 61% of the $10.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Dedham ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2 million in earmarks placed in Dedham, $550,000 (28%) went to organizations rather than to Dedham's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dedham** this town | **28** | **$6,510** | **$161** | **$77.66** | **0.48** | **2.4%** |
| Stoneham peer | 28 | $6,600 | $119 | $85.70 | 1.97 | 2.6% |
| Westborough peer | 30 | $7,679 | $215 | $21.64 | 1.49 | 3.7% |
| Chelmsford peer | 31 | $7,630 | $194 | $41.84 | 0.37 | 3.1% |
| Danvers peer | 30 | $6,947 | $129 | $53.36 | 0.20 | 2.9% |
| Swampscott peer | 28 | $6,662 | $197 | $36.11 | 1.27 | 2.8% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Deerfield

Town · Franklin County · 5,158 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

**STATE SENATE**
Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Deerfield Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Frontier Regional School District**, shared with Conway, Sunderland and Whately
**Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath and ten others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Deerfield scores 44 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 83 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**44** / 100

175th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 42 | 45 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 158th to 206th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Deerfield received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 43 and 45 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**83** / 100

68th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 85 | 85 | 76 | 87 |

Rank under other weightings: 62nd to 76th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

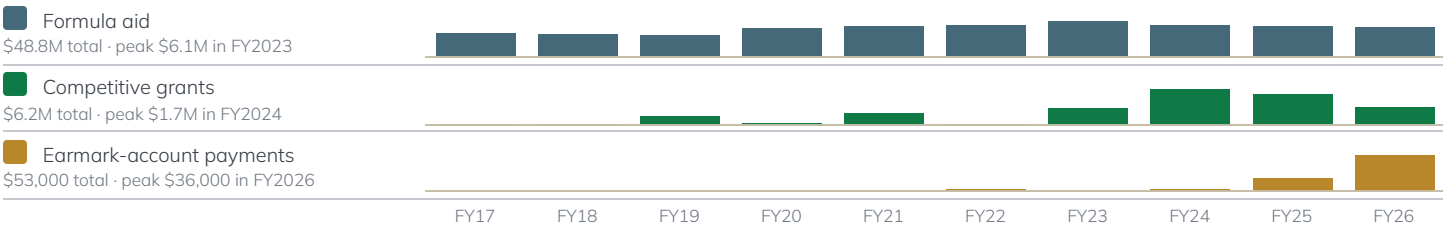
Deerfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 83 stays between 82 and 85 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Deerfield's town government and school districts received $48.8 million in formula aid and $6.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $48.8M | $6.2M | $53,000 |
| $9,461 per resident (195th of 351) · gross | $1,195 per resident (67th of 351) | $10.26 per resident (257th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Deerfield peaked in FY2024 at $1.7 million, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $10.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Deerfield received $33,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $33,000 | $33,000 | $33,000 | No |
| $6.46 per resident (284th of 351) | $6.46 per resident (311th of 351) | $6.46 per resident (312th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2023. All of it went to Deerfield's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Deerfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $33,000 (split three ways) | "the town of Deerfield for improvements to the regional senior center in the town that serves the towns of Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Deerfield received 2.83 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**77.3**<br>167th of 351 · 15.0 per 1,000 residents (73rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.8M**<br>scored exposure $6.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**169**<br>29th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**32.4 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,158**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.82**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.83; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,207 acres**<br>5.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$149,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$123**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,707**<br>FY2017–2025 · 164th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DEERFIELD

## Deerfield has 1,569 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 5,588 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,569 acres**<br>7.6% of Deerfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**5,588 acres**<br>26.9% of Deerfield's land · 285 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,918 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,178 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 64 | 1,569 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 31 | 1,218 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 67 | 2,006 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 209 | 3,492 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 90 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 75 | 2,861 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 112 | 1,918 |
| Conservation restriction | 39 | 1,178 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | 717 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 7 | 354 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 7 | 143 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 4 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 538 | |
| Mount Sugarloaf State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 534 | |
| University Of Massachusetts Farm | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 184 | |
| University of Massachusetts Farm | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 169 | |
| Great Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 121 | |
| Deerfield River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 23 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 100.7 miles of public road in Deerfield, the state maintains 19.7 (20%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
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| Town-accepted | 77.3 | 77% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.5 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Deerfield $2.5 million and takes back $318,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.2 million.

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| FY2027 cherry sheet | 13% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $71,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $283,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $625,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $11,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $46,000 |
| State Owned Land | $177,000 |
| Public Libraries | $14,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,655 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,940 |
| Regional Transit | $31,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $130,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $152,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DEERFIELD

## State programs also awarded $2.8 million to organizations in Deerfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

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|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Historic Deerfield nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2019 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $15,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2026 | South Deerfield Fire District regional body | DFS Firefighter Safety Equipment / Fire grants | $12,000 |
| FY2023 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $9,851 (shared seven ways) |
| FY2026 | Deerfield Area Fire Protection District regional body | DFS Firefighter Safety Equipment / Fire grants | $8,923 |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2026 | South Deerfield Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $4,606 |
| FY2024 | South Deerfield Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $3,600 |
| FY2025 | South Deerfield Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $3,600 |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $2.5 million in 10 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.5% of Deerfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 19.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **19.5%** | **17.9%** | **12.5%** | **10.2%** |
| $2M of $10.1M · median town 14.1% | $2.4M of $13.4M · median town 12.2% | $2.3M of $18.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 19.4% · median town 10.0% |

Deerfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Deerfield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 23.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 32.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2 million in FY2006 to $2.3 million in FY2025, +18.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $300,000 of Deerfield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+50.3%** | **+56.6%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $736,000 to $1.1M · all towns +54.0% | $1.2M to $1.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Deerfield's health insurance would have been $919,000 in FY2025; it was $1.11 million, $187,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.54 million in FY2025; it was $1.93 million, $390,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Deerfield's government came to $33,000, 9.0% of the $371,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $33,000 | 9.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $33,000 | 9.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $33,000 | 9.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Deerfield's required school contribution is 2.4% of


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## median household income, 255th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$2.8M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$6.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.4%**<br>255th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+4%**<br>after inflation |

Deerfield runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Frontier and Franklin County for others; Deerfield accounts for 47% and 5% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $6.2 million for schools serving Deerfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Deerfield's share<br>**$6.2M**<br>$1,194 per resident (139th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Deerfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $6.2M (5%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Deerfield has $1.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.1M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.6M**<br>annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 149th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**10**<br>one rated poor; about $160,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Deerfield came on average 27 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Deerfield owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $396,000 | $0 | $262,000 | $172,000 |
| FY2018 | $396,000 | $0 | $167,000 | $569,000 |
| FY2019 | $394,000 | $79,000 | $0 | $1M |
| FY2020 | $389,000 | $39,000 | $976,000 | $947,000 |
| FY2021 | $388,000 | $0 | $815,000 | $521,000 |
| FY2022 | $387,000 | $258,000 | $133,000 | $1M |
| FY2023 | $385,000 | $0 | $1.3M | $167,000 |
| FY2024 | $383,000 | $345,000 | $450,000 | $445,000 |
| FY2025 | $380,000 | $205,000 | $379,000 | $651,000 |
| FY2026 | $633,000 | $383,000 | $105,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $630,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.2M |

The full list of the 25 bridges in Deerfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Deerfield received $7.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 28% more than the $5.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Deerfield ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Deerfield** this town | **44** | **$9,461** | **$1,195** | **$6.46** | **2.83** | **2.4%** |
| Merrimac peer | 48 | $12,597 | $215 | $48.54 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| West Boylston peer | 35 | $8,612 | $157 | $148 | 0.30 | 3.0% |
| Ashburnham peer | 54 | $16,359 | $402 | $26.50† | 0.70 | 2.5% |
| Maynard peer | 40 | $10,015 | $584 | $105 | 2.79 | 2.5% |
| Northfield peer | 53 | $12,644 | $1,336 | $3.48 | 1.74 | 2.7% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Lanesborough lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Dennis

Town · Barnstable County · 14,868 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Barnstable · Christopher Richard Flanagan

**STATE SENATE**
Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District, shared with Yarmouth
Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown and three others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Cape Cod Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Dennis scores 25 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 56 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**25** / 100

345th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 23 | 29 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 321st to 346th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Dennis received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 25 stays between 23 and 27 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**56** / 100

165th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 60 | 43 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 151st to 185th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

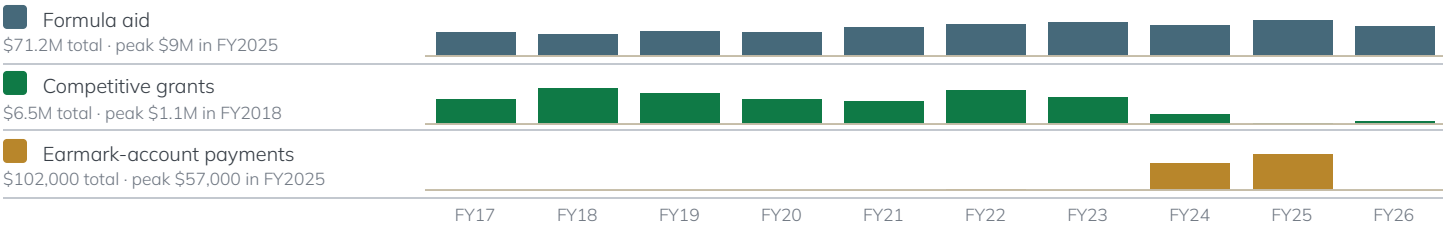
Dennis received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 52 and 60 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Dennis's town government and school districts received $71.2 million in formula aid and $6.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$71.2M** | **$6.5M** | **$102,000** |
| $4,788 per resident (348th of 351) · gross | $436 per resident (157th of 351) | $6.84 per resident (274th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Dennis were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $38.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Dennis received $12,000 in local earmarks to its government, $188,000 placed in the city or town and $188,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$12,000** | **$188,000** | **$188,000** | **No** |
| $0.84 per resident (302nd of 351) | $12.61 per resident (299th of 351) · 93% to organizations | $12.61 per resident (300th of 351) · 93% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $12,000 went to Dennis's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $175,000 went to organizations in Dennis or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Dennis, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "Harbor Health Services, Inc.'s Ellen Jones Community Dental Center in the South Dennis section in the town of Dennis for the operation and equipping of a dental clinic serving the mid and lower Cape Cod area" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "Friends of Bass River, Inc. for the purchase and installation of passive filtration culvert inserts and to address the removal of Chesapeake bay boring sponge in the Bass river in the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $25,000 | "repairs to the Cape Cod Museum of Art in the town of Dennis" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $25,000 | "repairs to the Cape Playhouse in the town of Dennis" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $12,000 (split two ways) | "the Dennis-Yarmouth regional high school specific to building and instructional needs including funding for vape detectors, supplies for its ADA, technology and manufacturing career pathways, robotics program and remote phone chargers for its school safety program" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Dennis received 90% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**149.5**<br>36th of 351 · 10.1 per 1,000 residents (106th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$18.5M**<br>scored exposure $5.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**24**<br>323rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.6 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**52%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**30,956**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.98**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.90; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$16,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$3,972**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$34,460**<br>FY2017–2025 · 83rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DENNIS

## Dennis has 34 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 17 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**34 acres**<br>0.3% of Dennis's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**17 acres**<br>0.1% of Dennis's land · 6 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**511 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 11 | 34 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 11 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 17 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 35 |
| Conservation restriction | 61 | 511 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 6 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 4 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cape Cod Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | |
| Cape Cod Rail Trail | State: Department of Transportation | 10 | |
| Dennis Grassy Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 7 | |
| Dennis Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 211.5 miles of public road in Dennis, the state maintains 10.3 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.3 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 148.6 | 70% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 52.7 | 25% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Dennis $1.2 million and takes back $1.2 million in assessments and charges, a net -$4,795.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.2 million** | **$1.2 million** | **-$4,795** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 100% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $749,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $182,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $170,000 |
| State Owned Land | $16,000 |
| Public Libraries | $33,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $704,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $296,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $18,000 |
| Regional Transit | $125,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DENNIS

## State programs also awarded $2.6 million to organizations in Dennis other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Dennis. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Sand Dollar Properties nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $450,000 |
| FY2024 | Association to Preserve Cape Cod nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $254,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2025 | Association to Preserve Cape Cod nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Housing Assistance Corporation nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $158,000 |
| FY2020 | Cape Cod Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2024 | Cape Playhouse nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $145,000 |
| FY2023 | Association to Preserve Cape Cod nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $144,000 |
| FY2022 | Cape Cod Museum of Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2025 | Cape Cod Museum of Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $38,000 |
| FY2017 | Cape Cod Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2019 | Association to Preserve Cape Cod nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $25,000 |
| FY2018 | The Cape Cod Museum of Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $15,000 |

A further $926,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 1.2% of Dennis's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 2.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2.2% | 1.4% | 1.2% | -0.2% |
| $884,000 of $40.5M · median town 14.1% | $732,000 of $52.9M · median town 12.2% | $945,000 of $77.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 0.1% · median town 10.0% |

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Gross state aid went from $884,000 in FY2006 to $945,000 in FY2025, +6.9% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +55.8% | +66.2% | 6 of 9 | 6 of 9 |
| $2.5M to $4M · all towns +54.0% | $5.6M to $9.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Dennis's health insurance would have been $3.18 million in FY2025; it was $3.97 million, $788,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $6.96 million in FY2025; it was $9.27 million, $2.30 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Dennis's government came to $12,000, 0.9% of the $1.42 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

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|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $12,000 | 0.9% | 13.0% |
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SCHOOLS

## Dennis's required school contribution is 2.4% of


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## median household income, 246th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$3.4M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$15.7M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.4%**<br>246th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+27%**<br>after inflation |

Dennis has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Dennis-Yarmouth and Cape Cod; Dennis accounts for 30% and 11% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $18.9 million for schools serving Dennis, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Dennis's share<br>**$18.9M**<br>$1,271 per resident (133rd of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Dennis's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Mattacheese Middle School | Dennis Yarmouth | Core | $45.3M | $13.7M (30%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $574,000 (11%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $4.6M (11%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Dennis; Dennis's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $574,000. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Dennis's share of the final cost was $12.5 million against its share of the approved budget of $13.8 million (under by $1.3 million); the local share moved from $9.2 million to $7.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Dennis has $2.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$11.1M**<br>$2.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$7.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.3M**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 146th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Dennis came on average 23 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $726,000 | $0 | $960,000 | $680,000 |
| FY2018 | $721,000 | $0 | $490,000 | $911,000 |
| FY2019 | $719,000 | $144,000 | $890,000 | $884,000 |
| FY2020 | $721,000 | $72,000 | $821,000 | $856,000 |
| FY2021 | $720,000 | $0 | $952,000 | $624,000 |
| FY2022 | $717,000 | $496,000 | $44,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2023 | $725,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $1.1M |
| FY2024 | $725,000 | $464,000 | $1.2M | $1M |
| FY2025 | $725,000 | $198,000 | $1.1M | $891,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $738,000 | $144,000 | $2.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $396,000 | $3.5M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Dennis in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Dennis received $8.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $8.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Dennis ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $188,000 in earmarks placed in Dennis, $175,000 (93%) went to organizations rather than to Dennis's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dennis** this town | **25** | **$4,788** | **$436** | **$12.61**† | **0.90** | **2.4%** |
| Bourne peer | 29 | $6,777 | $185 | $55.96† | 0.51 | 2.9% |
| Brewster peer | 35 | $6,965 | $860 | $28.79† | 2.03 | 2.6% |
| Mashpee peer | 26 | $6,045 | $173 | $12.51† | 0.72 | 2.8% |
| Westport peer | 30 | $6,951 | $107 | $52.17 | 0.45 | 3.2% |
| Rockport peer | 29 | $6,385 | $408 | $88.56 | 1.27 | 2.1% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Tisbury lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |


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**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Dighton

Town · Bristol County · 8,193 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

5th Bristol · Justin Thurber

STATE SENATE

Third Bristol and Plymouth · Kelly A. Dooner

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District**, shared with Rehoboth
**Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berkley, Bridgewater, Freetown, Middleborough, Raynham, Rehoboth and Taunton

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Dighton scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 35 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**56** / 100

67th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 65 | 50 | 54 |

Rank under other weightings: 55th to 88th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Dighton received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 54 and 59 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**35** / 100

247th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33 | 43 | 34 | 32 |

Rank under other weightings: 242nd to 251st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

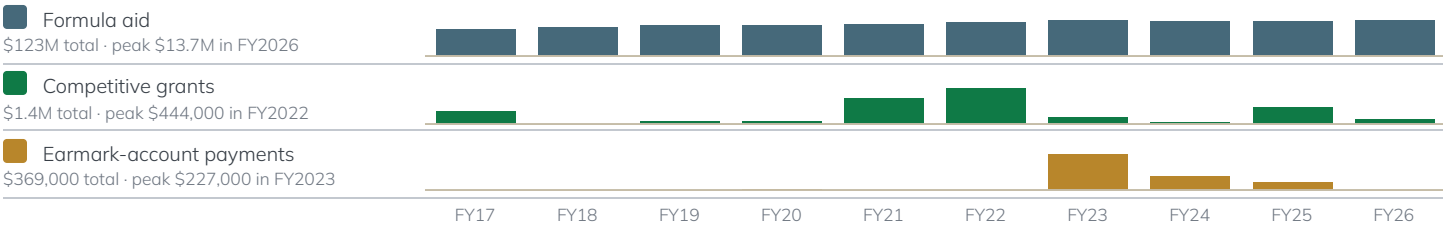
Dighton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 34 and 37 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Dighton's town government and school districts received $123 million in formula aid and $1.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$123M** | **$1.4M** | **$369,000** |
| $15,030 per resident (73rd of 351) · gross | $168 per resident (269th of 351) | $45.06 per resident (89th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Dighton peaked in FY2022 at $444,000, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Dighton received $630,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$630,000** | **$630,000** | **$630,000** | **No** |
| $76.89 per resident (39th of 351) | $76.89 per resident (101st of 351) | $76.89 per resident (109th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Dighton's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Dighton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "building refurbishments for the library in the town of Dighton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $175,000 | "the Dighton public library to purchase fixtures, furnishings, equipment and books without censorship" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the town of Dighton to match federal funds received for the engineering and design of the pleasant street bridge project" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the Massachusetts Food Trust Program" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $25,000 | "improve services and facilities at the Dighton Animal Shelter in the town of Dighton which shall not be used for administrative purposes" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Dighton received 53% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**60.2**<br>216th of 351 · 7.3 per 1,000 residents (149th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$17.1M**<br>scored exposure $5.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**71**<br>194th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.0 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,193**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.56**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.53; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**55 acres**<br>0.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$8,146**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$147**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$23,884**<br>FY2017–2025 · 144th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DIGHTON

## Dighton has 84 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 891 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**84 acres**<br>0.6% of Dighton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**891 acres**<br>6.3% of Dighton's land · 50 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**30 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**19 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 5 | 84 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 53 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 236 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 22 | 368 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 23 | 288 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 34 | 839 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 30 |
| Conservation restriction | 7 | 19 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 53 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sweets Knoll State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 54 | |
| Douglas State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 30 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 68.1 miles of public road in Dighton, the state maintains 6.4 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.4 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 60.3 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.4 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Dighton $1.2 million and takes back $207,000 in assessments and charges, a net $993,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.2 million** | **$207,000** | **$993,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 17% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $71,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $91,000 |
| State Owned Land | $8,146 |
| Public Libraries | $23,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $122,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $54,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,539 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| Regional Transit | $18,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DIGHTON

## State programs also awarded $3,028 to organizations in Dighton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Dighton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.8% of Dighton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 6.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **6.6%** | **5.0%** | **3.8%** | **3.0%** |
| $771,000 of $11.7M · median town 14.1% | $826,000 of $16.7M · median town 12.2% | $1M of $27.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.9% · median town 10.0% |

Dighton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $10.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Dighton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 12.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $771,000 in FY2006 to $1 million in FY2025, +35.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+84.3%** | **+78.9%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $607,000 to $1.1M · all towns +54.0% | $1.4M to $2.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Dighton's health insurance would have been $757,000 in FY2025; it was $1.12 million, $360,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.79 million in FY2025; it was $2.57 million, $775,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Dighton's government came to $630,000, 123.2% of the $511,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $630,000 | 123.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $630,000 | 123.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $630,000 | 123.2% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Dighton's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 247th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$9.7M** | **$9.8M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **–7%** |
| 247th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Dighton has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Dighton, Dighton-Rehoboth, Bristol Plymouth and Bristol County; Dighton accounts for 100%, 43%, 7% and 7% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $14 million for schools serving Dighton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Dighton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$14M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,704 per resident (104th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Dighton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $20.2M | $1.4M (7%) |
| FY2022 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $126M | $9M (7%) |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$13,000 (7%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $3.5M (7%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Dighton; Dighton's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.4 million, $1.4 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final


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audit, Dighton's share of the final cost was $7.1 million against its share of the approved budget of $6.9 million (over by $178,000); the local share moved from $3.4 million to $3.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Dighton has $232,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.8M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$232,000**<br>annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 346th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**17**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.9M of work on those ($1.5M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$242,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $242,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $284,000 | $0 | $0 | $284,000 |
| FY2018 | $284,000 | $0 | $331,000 | $269,000 |
| FY2019 | $301,000 | $60,000 | $462,000 | $167,000 |
| FY2020 | $303,000 | $30,000 | $47,000 | $453,000 |
| FY2021 | $302,000 | $0 | $255,000 | $500,000 |
| FY2022 | $302,000 | $201,000 | $394,000 | $610,000 |
| FY2023 | $304,000 | $0 | $770,000 | $143,000 |
| FY2024 | $303,000 | $295,000 | $274,000 | $467,000 |
| FY2025 | $302,000 | $187,000 | $0 | $956,000 |
| FY2026 | $501,000 | $300,000 | $1.5M | $232,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $501,000 | $0 | $0 | $733,000 |

The full list of the 21 bridges in Dighton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Briggs Street over Segregansett River source | $150,000 |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Briggs St over Trib to Segregansett River source | $92,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Dighton received $2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 50% of the $4.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Dighton ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dighton** this town | **56** | **$15,030** | **$168** | **$76.89** | **0.53** | **2.4%** |
| Hanson peer | 51 | $12,622 | $231 | $52.67 | 0.66 | 2.6% |
| Freetown peer | 43 | $10,093 | $164 | $145† | 0.30 | 2.8% |
| Groveland peer | 52 | $13,007 | $476 | $36.55 | 0.95 | 2.5% |
| Millis peer | 39 | $9,221 | $150 | $151 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Lakeville peer | 44 | $10,579 | $119 | $49.61 | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Douglas

Town · Worcester County · 9,207 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

18th Worcester · Joseph D. McKenna

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Douglas Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Blackstone, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville and four others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Douglas scores 58 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 70 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**58** / 100

59th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 64 | 54 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 44th to 70th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Douglas received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 56 and 60 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**70** / 100

118th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 66 | 73 | 72 | 68 |

Rank under other weightings: 111th to 124th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

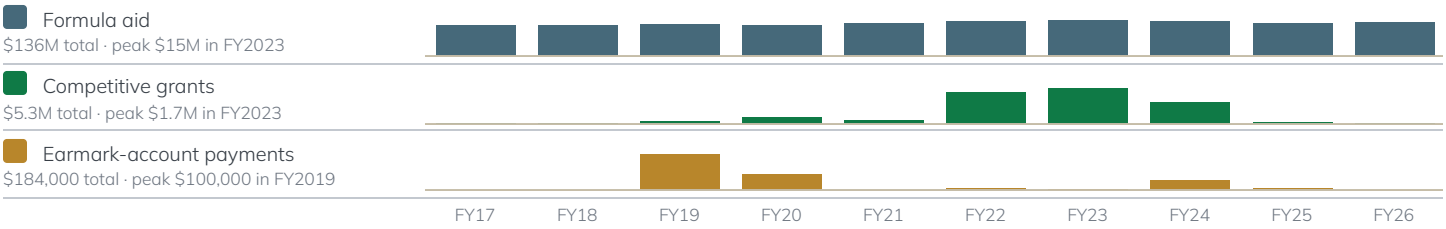
Douglas received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 70 stays between 68 and 72 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Douglas's town government and school districts received $136 million in formula aid and $5.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$136M** | **$5.3M** | **$184,000** |
| $14,824 per resident (75th of 351) · gross | $571 per resident (128th of 351) | $19.95 per resident (205th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Douglas peaked in FY2023 at $1.7 million, 33% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Douglas received $265,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$265,000** | **$265,000** | **$265,000** | **No** |
| $28.78 per resident (170th of 351) | $28.78 per resident (244th of 351) | $28.78 per resident (249th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Douglas's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Douglas, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the purchase of a new emergency services vehicle for the town of Douglas" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $45,000 | "technology upgrades for the Douglas school district in the town of Douglas" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $30,000 | "the purchase of a transport van for the senior center in the town of Douglas" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "designing and building a new municipal department of public works barn in Douglas" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the Douglas adult social center in the town of Douglas for improvements to its facility" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Douglas received 1.44 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**76.2**<br>171st of 351 · 8.3 per 1,000 residents (133rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.1M**<br>scored exposure $3.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**131**<br>62nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**36.4 sq mi**<br>26% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,573**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.42**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.44; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5,926 acres**<br>25.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$389,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$65.59**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$35,310**<br>FY2017–2025 · 80th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DOUGLAS

## Douglas has 6,292 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,235 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**6,292 acres**<br>27.0% of Douglas's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,235 acres**<br>9.6% of Douglas's land · 94 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**8 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**12 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 169 | 6,292 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 151 | 5,926 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 50 | 1,411 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 13 | 229 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 31 | 595 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 55 | 1,572 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 8 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 12 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 138 | 5,552 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 13 | 373 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Douglas State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5,684 | |
| Mine Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 459 | |
| Southern New England Trunkline Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 149 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 83.7 miles of public road in Douglas, the state maintains 2.3 (3%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.3 | 3% |
| Town-accepted | 76.2 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.0 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Douglas $11.5 million and takes back $513,000 in assessments and charges, a net $11 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.5 million** | **$513,000** | **$11 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $9.4M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $652,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $957,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $20,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $82,000 |
| State Owned Land | $401,000 |
| Public Libraries | $26,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,880 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,840 |
| Regional Transit | $3,537 |
| Special Education | $43,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $456,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DOUGLAS

## State programs also awarded $100,000 to organizations in Douglas other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Douglas. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 29.4% of Douglas's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 38.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **38.8%** | **39.1%** | **29.4%** | **28.4%** |
| $7.9M of $20.3M · median town 14.1% | $10.2M of $26.1M · median town 12.2% | $11.1M of $37.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 43.5% · median town 10.0% |

Douglas's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $950,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Douglas's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 9.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 19.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.9 million in FY2006 to $11.1 million in FY2025, +40.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $516,000 of Douglas's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+0.8%** | **+43.4%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $2.4M to $2.4M · all towns +54.0% | $3.7M to $5.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Douglas's health insurance would have been $2.97 million in FY2025; it was $2.40 million, $574,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.58 million in FY2025; it was $5.26 million, $680,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Douglas's government came to $245,000, 13.1 times the $19,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $245,000 | 13.1 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $245,000 | 13.1 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $245,000 | 13.1 times | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Douglas's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 293rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$10.1M** | **$11M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.2%** | **–0%** |
| 293rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Douglas runs its own school district and also belongs to Blackstone Valley; Douglas accounts for 10% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $364,000 for schools serving Douglas, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Douglas's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$364,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $39.54 per resident (258th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Douglas's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $286,000 (10%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $78,000 (10%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Douglas has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.8M** | **$3.6M** | **$1.5M** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 143rd of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **22**<br>two rated poor; likely about $973,000 of work on those ($467,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **1**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$585,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $85,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Douglas came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Douglas owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $367,000 | $0 | $325,000 | $42,000 |
| FY2018 | $363,000 | $0 | $390,000 | $42,000 |
| FY2019 | $365,000 | $73,000 | $349,000 | $161,000 |
| FY2020 | $365,000 | $36,000 | $74,000 | $497,000 |
| FY2021 | $364,000 | $0 | $111,000 | $749,000 |
| FY2022 | $364,000 | $255,000 | $0 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $364,000 | $0 | $920,000 | $811,000 |
| FY2024 | $363,000 | $340,000 | $1M | $510,000 |
| FY2025 | $362,000 | $204,000 | $198,000 | $879,000 |
| FY2026 | $616,000 | $376,000 | $330,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $614,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.2M |

The full list of the 24 bridges in Douglas in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Webster Street over Unnamed tributary to Whitins Reservoir / AKA Badluck Pond Outlet / Wallis Street over Unnamed tributary to Whitins Reservoir / AKA Badluck Pond Outlet source | $85,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Douglas received $5.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 46% more than the $3.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Douglas ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Douglas** this town | **58** | **$14,824** | **$571** | **$28.78** | **1.44** | **2.2%** |
| Sturbridge peer | 51 | $13,598 | $158 | $56.22 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Halifax peer · best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| Southampton peer | 49 | $11,984 | $317 | $22.65 | 1.74 | 2.9% |
| East Bridgewater peer | 48 | $11,873 | $303 | $82.76† | 1.19 | 2.4% |
| Williamsburg lowest in class of 30 | 41 | $9,541 | $578 | $3.71 | 1.40 | 2.2% |


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Dover

Town · Norfolk County · 5,930 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
13th Norfolk · Joshua Tarsky

**STATE SENATE**
Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex · Rebecca L. Rausch

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Dover Public Schools, the town's own district
Dover-Sherborn Regional School District, shared with Sherborn
Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Acton, Arlington, Bolton, Concord, Lancaster, Lexington, Needham and Stow

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Dover scores 37 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 39 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

37 / 100

247th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 62 | 25 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 186th to 277th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Dover received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 37 stays between 30 and 44 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

39 / 100

233rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 60 | 36 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 211th to 252nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

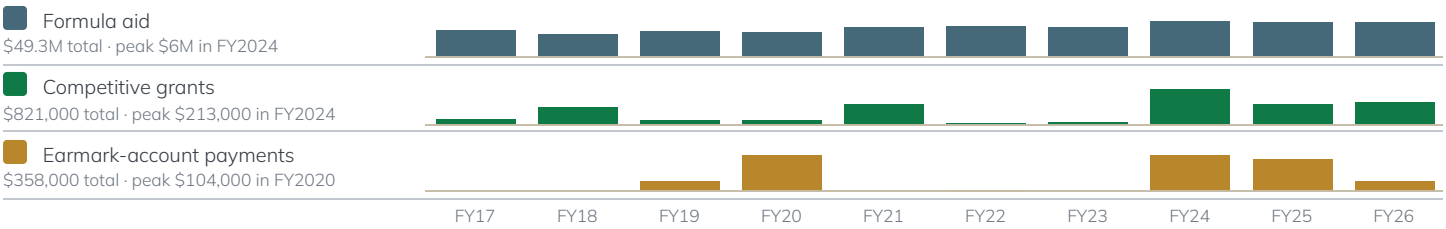
Dover received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 33 and 44 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Dover's town government and school districts received $49.3 million in formula aid and $821,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $49.3M | $821,000 | $358,000 |
| $8,305 per resident (241st of 351) · gross | $138 per resident (300th of 351) | $60.34 per resident (55th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Dover peaked in FY2024 at $213,000, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.8 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Dover received $591,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $591,000 | $591,000 | $591,000 | No |
| $99.67 per resident (24th of 351) | $99.67 per resident (69th of 351) | $99.67 per resident (80th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 11 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Dover's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Dover, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "the town of Dover for the improvement and modernization of town cybersecurity and information technology infrastructure" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $104,000 | "the town of Dover fire department for safety equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "fire department safety gear in the town of Dover" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "the town of Dover for a water resource consultant" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $40,000 | "the design and permitting of the Claybrook road culvert at Trout brook in the town of Dover" | Enacted to the city or town government |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Dover received 1.08 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**59.6**<br>217th of 351 · 10.0 per 1,000 residents (107th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6M**<br>scored exposure $910,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**65**<br>208th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.1 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,930**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.92**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.08; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**122 acres**<br>1.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$99,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$816**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$46,862**<br>FY2017–2025 · 41st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DOVER

## Dover has 311 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 136 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**311 acres**<br>3.2% of Dover's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**136 acres**<br>1.4% of Dover's land · 18 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**107 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**609 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 311 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 121 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 1 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 72 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 63 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 17 | 265 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 107 |
| Conservation restriction | 47 | 609 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 121 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Elm Bank Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 190 | |
| Medfield Charles River State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 121 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 62.4 miles of public road in Dover, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| DCR | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 59.5 | 95% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.9 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Dover $1.7 million and takes back $361,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.7 million** | **$361,000** | **$1.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 22% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $27,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $268,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $14,000 |
| State Owned Land | $99,000 |
| Public Libraries | $16,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $122,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $75,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,496 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $3,677 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,880 |
| MBTA | $148,000 |
| Regional Transit | $6,767 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.3% of Dover's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 6.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **6.5%** | **4.6%** | **3.3%** | **2.5%** |
| $1.5M of $22.9M · median town 14.1% | $1.5M of $32.4M · median town 12.2% | $1.4M of $43.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.4% · median town 10.0% |

Dover's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Dover's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 37.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 44.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.5 million in FY2006 to $1.4 million in FY2025, −3.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $786,000 of Dover's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+16.1%** | **+36.8%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $1.9M to $2.2M · all towns +54.0% | $3.2M to $4.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Dover's health insurance would have been $2.31 million in FY2025; it was $2.15 million, $163,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.03 million in FY2025; it was $4.42 million, $385,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Dover's government came to $566,000, 189.8% of the $298,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $566,000 | 189.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $566,000 | 189.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $566,000 | 189.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Dover's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 244th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.7M** | **$11.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+20%** |
| 244th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Dover runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Dover-Sherborn, Minuteman and Norfolk County for others; Dover accounts for 53%, 1% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $13,000 for schools serving Dover, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Dover's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$13,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2.20 per resident (274th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Dover's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $13,000 (1%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Dover has $845,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.5M** | **$3.2M** | **$845,000** |
| $1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 232nd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **5** | **0** | **$60,000** |
| one rated poor; about $1.4M of work on those, by planning estimates | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $60,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Dover came on average 31 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Dover owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $282,000 | $0 | $596,000 | $0 |
| FY2018 | $281,000 | $0 | $0 | $281,000 |
| FY2019 | $280,000 | $56,000 | $281,000 | $336,000 |
| FY2020 | $280,000 | $28,000 | $0 | $644,000 |
| FY2021 | $279,000 | $0 | $161,000 | $761,000 |
| FY2022 | $278,000 | $198,000 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2023 | $279,000 | $0 | $236,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | $280,000 | $287,000 | $1M | $797,000 |
| FY2025 | $278,000 | $180,000 | $453,000 | $802,000 |
| FY2026 | $475,000 | $292,000 | $724,000 | $845,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $474,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the nine bridges in Dover in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Willow Street over Noanet Brook / Dedham Street over Noanet Brook / Lynwood Road over Kickemuit River / Burnside Drive over Kickemuit River source | $60,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Dover received $1.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 54% of the $2.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Dover ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dover** this town | **37** | **$8,305** | **$138** | **$99.67** | **1.08** | **2.4%** |
| Manchester-by-the-Sea peer | 34 | $6,434 | $696 | $60.01 | 2.44 | 1.6% |
| Carlisle peer | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |
| West Tisbury peer | 53 | $11,333 | $312 | $14.61† | 0.59 | 2.5% |
| Weston peer | 35 | $8,400 | $37.49 | $87.66 | 0.21 | 2.4% |
| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Chilmark lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $5,153 | $334 | $0 | 0.74 | 1.4% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Dracut

Town · Middlesex County · 32,574 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**36th Middlesex** · Colleen M. Garry

STATE SENATE

**First Middlesex** · Vanna Howard (since March 2026) and Edward J. Kennedy (until October 2025)

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Dracut Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Dunstable, Lowell and Tyngsborough

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Northern Middlesex Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Dracut scores 46 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 22 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**46** / 100

152nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 45 | 46 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 136th to 165th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Dracut received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 46 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**22** / 100

305th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 18 | 28 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 293rd to 314th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

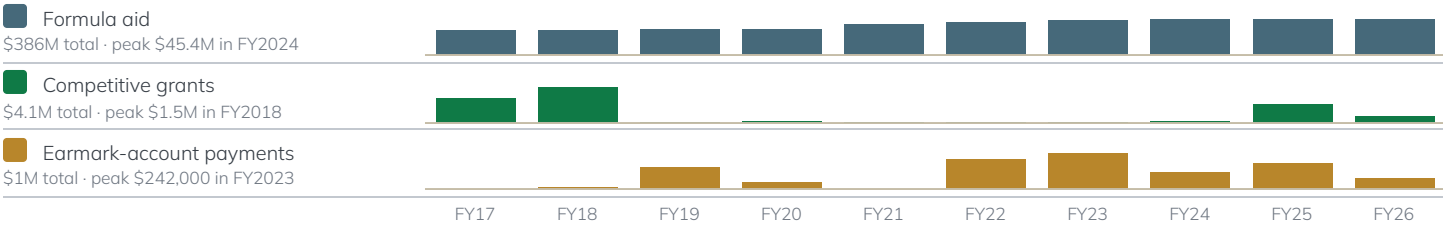
Dracut received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 22 stays between 20 and 24 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Dracut's town government and school districts received $386 million in formula aid and $4.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$386M** | **$4.1M** | **$1M** |
| $11,847 per resident (132nd of 351) · gross | $125 per resident (305th of 351) | $31.29 per resident (144th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Dracut peaked in FY2018 at $1.5 million, 38% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $15.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Dracut received $1 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.7 million placed in the city or town and $1.7 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1M** | **$1.7M** | **$1.7M** | **No** |
| $31.35 per resident (154th of 351) | $51.31 per resident (167th of 351) · 39% to organizations | $51.31 per resident (172nd of 351) · 39% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 22 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1 million went to Dracut's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $650,000 went to organizations in Dracut or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Dracut, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (22 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $375,000 | "Catie's Closet, Inc. to provide students in kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, in schools located in the Merrimack valley region with a high percentage of low-income and homeless students with: (i) in-school access to clothing, toiletries and basic necessities; and (ii) community-based resources..." | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $250,000 | "Catie's Closet, Inc. to provide students in kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, in schools with a high percentage of low-income and homeless students with: (i) in-school access to clothing, toiletries and basic necessities; and (ii) community-based resources including, but not limited to, social..." | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "necessary safety equipment and repair of facilities of the Dracut fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the town of Dracut for improvements to public safety" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | "the town of Dracut for communications tower replacement for Marsh Hill" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 22 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Dracut received 50% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**144.0**<br>38th of 351 · 4.4 per 1,000 residents (264th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13M**<br>scored exposure $4.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**109**<br>101st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.7 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**32,622**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.90**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.50; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**189 acres**<br>1.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$81,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$429**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,987**<br>FY2017–2025 · 306th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DRACUT

## Dracut has 557 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 308 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**557 acres**<br>4.2% of Dracut's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**308 acres**<br>2.3% of Dracut's land · 16 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**312 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**433 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 27 | 557 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 529 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 48 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 11 | 167 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 93 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 114 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 8 | 312 |
| Conservation restriction | 26 | 433 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | 529 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsborough State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 557 | |
| Mascuppic Lake Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 163.5 miles of public road in Dracut, the state maintains 7.5 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.5 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 141.7 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 14.4 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Dracut $34.5 million and takes back $4.9 million in assessments and charges, a net $29.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$34.5 million** | **$4.9 million** | **$29.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 14% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $28.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $493,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $122,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $130,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $273,000 |
| State Owned Land | $81,000 |
| Public Libraries | $96,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $88,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,964 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $35,000 |
| Regional Transit | $252,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $585,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $3.9M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DRACUT

## State programs also awarded $1.2 million to organizations in Dracut other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Dracut. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Merrimack River Watershed Council nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $237,000 |
| FY2025 | Northern Middlesex Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $12,000 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $906,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 32.3% of Dracut's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 37.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **37.0%** | **33.4%** | **32.3%** | **28.2%** |
| $20.4M of $55.1M · median town 14.1% | $24.7M of $74M · median town 12.2% | $32.8M of $102M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 34.4% · median town 10.0% |

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**Dracut's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 3.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 7.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $20.4 million in FY2006 to $32.8 million in FY2025, +61.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.4 million of Dracut's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+33.9%** | **+50.0%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $8.8M to $11.8M · all towns +54.0% | $14M to $21M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Dracut's health insurance would have been $11 million in FY2025; it was $11.8 million, $798,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $17.5 million in FY2025; it was $21 million, $3.52 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Dracut's government came to $921,000, 30.8% of the $2.99 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $921,000 | 30.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.3M | 43.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.3M | 43.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Dracut's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 214th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$34.3M** | **$35.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+14%** |
| 214th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Dracut runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater Lowell; Dracut accounts for 23% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $85.8 million for schools serving Dracut, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Dracut's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$85.8M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,635 per resident (68th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Dracut's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Joseph A. Campbell Elementary School | Dracut | Core | $82.5M | $82.5M |
| FY2020 | George H. Englesby Elementary School | Dracut | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.5M | $1.5M |
| FY2020 | Brookside Elementary School | Dracut | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.8M | $1.8M |


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**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $4.3 million against an approved budget of $6.3 million (under by $2 million); the local share moved from $3 million to $2.1 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Dracut has $2.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$12M**<br>$2.2M of it one-time supplements | **$7.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$2.9M**<br>annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 90th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **5**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$822,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $822,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $806,000 | $0 | $1.7M | $175,000 |
| FY2018 | $797,000 | $0 | $555,000 | $417,000 |
| FY2019 | $794,000 | $159,000 | $1.2M | $502,000 |
| FY2020 | $792,000 | $79,000 | $798,000 | $575,000 |
| FY2021 | $790,000 | $0 | $324,000 | $1M |
| FY2022 | $788,000 | $471,000 | $803,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $815,000 | $0 | $875,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2024 | $818,000 | $487,000 | $988,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2025 | $820,000 | $231,000 | $812,000 | $2M |
| FY2026 | $1.3M | $733,000 | $1.1M | $2.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.3M | $0 | $0 | $4.2M |

The full list of the eight bridges in Dracut in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Victory Lane Dam Removal Design and Permit source | $210,000 |
| FY2023 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Design and Permitting for Collinsville Dam Removal Project source | $174,000 |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Beaver Brook Dams FY23 source | $188,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Collinsville Dam Removal Design source | $250,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Dracut received $6.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 78% of the $8.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Dracut ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.7 million in earmarks placed in Dracut, $650,000 (39%) went to organizations rather than to Dracut's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dracut** this town | **46** | **$11,847** | **$125** | **$51.31** | **0.50** | **2.5%** |
| Middleborough peer | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |
| Randolph peer | 46 | $11,148 | $123 | $35.83 | 0.23 | 2.3% |
| Methuen peer | 56 | $15,084 | $205 | $59.13† | 0.39 | 2.6% |
| Northbridge peer | 56 | $14,554 | $230 | $124† | 0.74 | 2.4% |
| Stoughton peer | 43 | $10,942 | $402 | $41.94 | 0.88 | 3.0% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Dudley

Town · Worcester County · 11,929 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

6th Worcester · John J. Marsi

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Dudley-Charlton Regional School District**, shared with Charlton
**Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District**, vocational, shared with Auburn, Charlton, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer and one other

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Dudley scores 60 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 56 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**60** / 100

45th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 62 | 54 | 59 | 66 |

Rank under other weightings: 38th to 56th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Dudley received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 60 stays between 58 and 62 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**56** / 100

163rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 50 | 56 | 61 |

Rank under other weightings: 153rd to 174th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

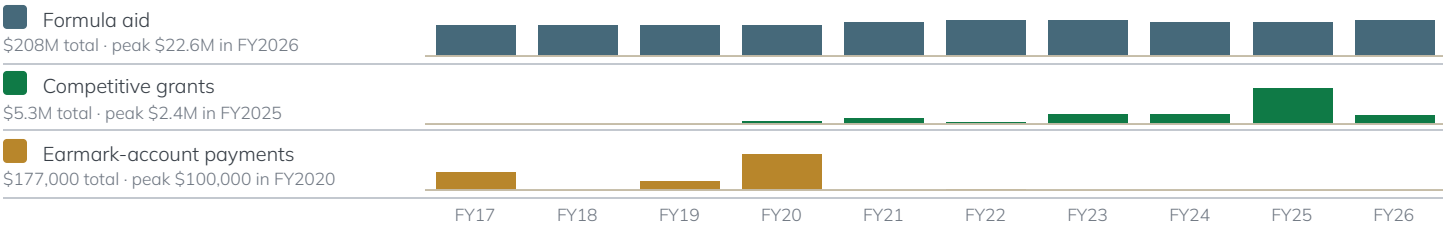
Dudley received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 54 and 58 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Dudley's town government and school districts received $208 million in formula aid and $5.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$208M** | **$5.3M** | **$177,000** |
| $17,447 per resident (46th of 351) · gross | $442 per resident (155th of 351) | $14.87 per resident (230th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Dudley peaked in FY2025 at $2.4 million, 46% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $6.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Dudley received $288,000 in local earmarks to its government, $440,000 placed in the city or town and $440,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$288,000** | **$440,000** | **$440,000** | **No** |
| $24.10 per resident (188th of 351) | $36.88 per resident (212th of 351) · 35% to organizations | $36.88 per resident (218th of 351) · 35% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 11 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $288,000 went to Dudley's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $152,000 went to organizations in Dudley or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Dudley, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the Lupa Game Farm, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the purchase of public safety communications equipment in the town of Dudley" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "repairs and upgrades to the police department, senior center and town hall in the town of Dudley" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the Lupa Game Farm, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "waterline design and engineering services to mitigate per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination on Eagle drive in the town of Dudley" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 11 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Dudley received 1.55 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**82.5**<br>147th of 351 · 6.9 per 1,000 residents (160th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$19.7M**<br>scored exposure $5.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**154**<br>34th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**10**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.8 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,929**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.04**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.55; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$9,812**<br>FY2017–2025 · 326th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DUDLEY

## No state conservation land is mapped in Dudley; 2,491 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,491 acres**<br>18.7% of Dudley's land · 114 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,517 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**584 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 71 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 106 | 2,273 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 7 | 147 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 6 | 314 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 39 | 1,517 |
| Conservation restriction | 35 | 584 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 90.9 miles of public road in Dudley, the state maintains 7.0 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.0 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 82.2 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.7 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Dudley $2.5 million and takes back $53,000 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $2.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.5 million** | **$53,000** | **$2.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 2% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $78,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $59,000 |
| Public Libraries | $39,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,293 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $16,000 |
| Regional Transit | $34,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DUDLEY

## State programs also awarded $900,000 to organizations in Dudley other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Dudley. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $900,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.8% of Dudley's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 15.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.4%** | **12.2%** | **9.8%** | **9.6%** |
| $1.7M of $10.8M · median town 14.1% | $1.8M of $15M · median town 12.2% | $2.4M of $24.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.3% · median town 10.0% |

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**Dudley's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 7.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 17.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.7 million in FY2006 to $2.4 million in FY2025, +43.6% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+20.2%** | **+67.7%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $743,000 to $893,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.5M to $2.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Dudley's health insurance would have been $927,000 in FY2025; it was $893,000, $35,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.93 million in FY2025; it was $2.59 million, $660,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $238,000 | 158.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $388,000 | 2.6 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $388,000 | 2.6 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Dudley's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 217th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$16.4M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$9.3M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.5%**<br>217th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–3%**<br>after inflation |

Dudley has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Dudley, Dudley Charlton and Southern Worcester; Dudley accounts for 100%, 47% and 10% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Dudley, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Dudley has $1.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and ten high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.5M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.6M**<br>annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 100th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**17**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.6M of work on those ($762,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**10**<br>of 11 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$934,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $789,000 · culverts $145,000 |

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| Chapter 90 by state fiscal year | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
| FY2017 | $437,000 | $0 | $507,000 | $150,000 |
| FY2018 | $434,000 | $0 | $381,000 | $202,000 |
| FY2019 | $433,000 | $87,000 | $521,000 | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | $431,000 | $43,000 | $0 | $674,000 |
| FY2021 | $430,000 | $0 | $141,000 | $963,000 |
| FY2022 | $429,000 | $274,000 | $319,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2023 | $427,000 | $0 | $732,000 | $1M |
| FY2024 | $426,000 | $266,000 | $845,000 | $889,000 |
| FY2025 | $427,000 | $118,000 | $247,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $699,000 | $413,000 | $590,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $697,000 | $0 | $120,000 | $2.3M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Dudley in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Lower Gore Pond Dam Rehabilitation Design source | $250,000 |
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Carpenter Pond Dam Removal source | $467,000 |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | New Boston Road over Unnamed Tributary to the French River source | $145,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Carpenter Pond Dam Removal Design source | $72,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Dudley received $5.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 65% of the $9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Dudley ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $440,000 in earmarks placed in Dudley, $152,000 (35%) went to organizations rather than to Dudley's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dudley** this town | **60** | **$17,447** | **$442** | **$36.88** | **1.55** | **2.5%** |
| Monson peer | 55 | $15,493 | $338 | $14.84 | 2.33 | 2.6% |
| Blackstone peer | 51 | $14,382 | $190 | $90.57 | 0.82 | 2.6% |
| Belchertown peer | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |
| Williamstown peer | 21 | $5,059 | $141 | $20.49† | 1.38 | 2.4% |
| Clinton peer | 53 | $14,443 | $344 | $28.88 | 1.51 | 2.4% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Dunstable

Town · Middlesex County · 3,408 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Middlesex · Margaret R. Scarsdale

STATE SENATE

First Middlesex · Vanna Howard (since March 2026) and Edward J. Kennedy (until October 2025)

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Groton-Dunstable Regional School District**, shared with Groton
**Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Dracut, Lowell and Tyngsborough

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Northern Middlesex Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Dunstable scores 51 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 58 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**51** / 100

119th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 67 | 41 | 45 |

Rank under other weightings: 82nd to 146th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Dunstable received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 46 and 55 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**58** / 100

156th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 72 | 52 | 51 |

Rank under other weightings: 149th to 173rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

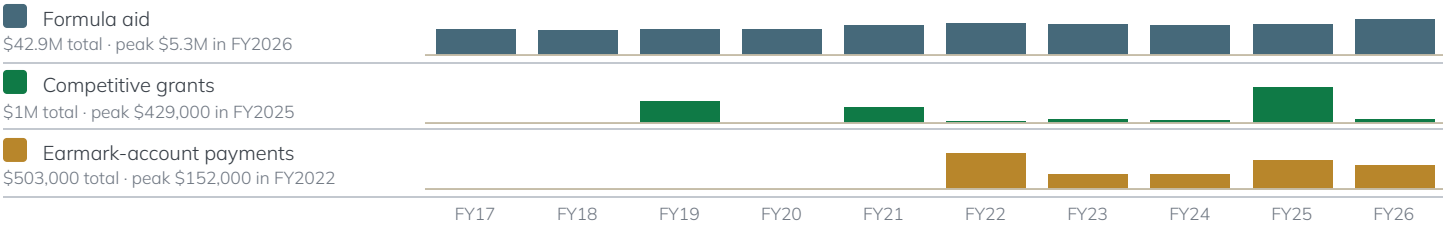
Dunstable received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 54 and 61 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Dunstable's town government and school districts received $42.9 million in formula aid and $1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$42.9M** | **$1M** | **$503,000** |
| $12,584 per resident (121st of 351) · gross | $305 per resident (206th of 351) | $148 per resident (11th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Dunstable peaked in FY2025 at $429,000, 41% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Dunstable received $495,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$495,000** | **$495,000** | **$495,000** | **No** |
| $145 per resident (10th of 351) | $145 per resident (29th of 351) | $145 per resident (39th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Dunstable's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Dunstable, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "repairs to the Joint Grass Brook culvert in the town of Dunstable" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "municipal improvements in the town of Dunstable" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the town of Dunstable for library improvements and personal protection equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "a new emergency vehicle for the fire chief in the town of Dunstable" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $45,000 | "updates to the Dunstable police department" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Dunstable received 55% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**41.4**<br>287th of 351 · 12.2 per 1,000 residents (87th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.1M**<br>scored exposure $98,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**42**<br>288th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.5 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,481**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.22**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.55; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**682 acres**<br>6.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$80,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$118**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$25,540**<br>FY2017–2025 · 134th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DUNSTABLE

## Dunstable has 910 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,768 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**910 acres**<br>8.6% of Dunstable's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,768 acres**<br>16.8% of Dunstable's land · 72 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**284 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,018 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 28 | 910 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 24 | 753 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 27 | 644 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 44 | 1,118 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 6 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 37 | 1,387 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 6 | 284 |
| Conservation restriction | 34 | 1,018 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 23 | 737 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 16 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Unkety Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 600 | |
| Dunstable Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 204 | |
| Hauk Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 62 | |
| Nashua River Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | |
| Nashua River Access - Dunstable | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 15 | |
| Elbow Meadow WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 14 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 42.5 miles of public road in Dunstable, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 41.5 | 98% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.0 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Dunstable $428,000 and takes back $2,829 in assessments and charges, a net $425,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$428,000** | **$2,829** | **$425,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $324,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $13,000 |
| State Owned Land | $82,000 |
| Public Libraries | $8,874 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,209 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,620 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DUNSTABLE

## State programs also awarded $16,000 to organizations in Dunstable other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Dunstable. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Northern Middlesex Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $12,000 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.1% of Dunstable's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 3.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **3.8%** | **2.9%** | **3.1%** | **3.0%** |
| $257,000 of $6.8M · median town 14.1% | $256,000 of $9M · median town 12.2% | $393,000 of $12.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.0% · median town 10.0% |

Dunstable's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Dunstable's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 1.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 12.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $257,000 in FY2006 to $393,000 in FY2025, +52.8% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+31.9%** | **+53.4%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $198,000 to $262,000 · all towns +54.0% | $532,000 to $817,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Dunstable's health insurance would have been $248,000 in FY2025; it was $262,000, $14,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $665,000 in FY2025; it was $817,000, $152,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Dunstable's government came to $420,000, 6.6 times the $63,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $420,000 | 6.6 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $420,000 | 6.6 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $420,000 | 6.6 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Dunstable's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 243rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.1M** | **$5.7M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **–8%** |
| 243rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Dunstable has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Groton-Dunstable and Greater Lowell; Dunstable accounts for 24% and 0% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $7.9 million for schools serving Dunstable, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Dunstable's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.9M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,317 per resident (77th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Dunstable's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Florence Roche Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Groton Dunstable | Core | $5.8M | $1.4M (24%) |
| FY2021 | Florence Roche Elementary School | Groton Dunstable | Core | $26.5M | $6.5M (24%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Dunstable; Dunstable's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.4 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Dunstable has $987,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.1M**<br>$778,000 of it one-time supplements | **$1.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$987,000**<br>annual program: 2.1 years of its yearly money · 74th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **3**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$42,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $42,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Dunstable came on average 35 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Dunstable owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $179,000 | $0 | $268,000 | $179,000 |
| FY2018 | $178,000 | $0 | $244,000 | $113,000 |
| FY2019 | $185,000 | $37,000 | $54,000 | $281,000 |
| FY2020 | $186,000 | $19,000 | $113,000 | $403,000 |
| FY2021 | $187,000 | $0 | $161,000 | $456,000 |
| FY2022 | $187,000 | $139,000 | $50,000 | $732,000 |
| FY2023 | $186,000 | $0 | $208,000 | $710,000 |
| FY2024 | $185,000 | $228,000 | $289,000 | $834,000 |
| FY2025 | $185,000 | $154,000 | $184,000 | $990,000 |
| FY2026 | $322,000 | $201,000 | $525,000 | $987,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $321,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the three bridges in Dunstable in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Main Street over Joint Grass Brook source | $42,000 |

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| West Newbury peer | 48 | $10,655 | $574 | $38.12 | 0.91 | 2.1% |
| Wenham peer | 29 | $6,869 | $147 | $69.20† | 0.80 | 2.5% |
| Oak Bluffs peer | 51 | $8,440 | $2,606 | $93.40† | 3.64 | 3.0% |
| Bolton peer | 35 | $8,127 | $737 | $62.75 | 1.64 | 2.8% |
| Carlisle peer | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |
| Chilmark lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $5,153 | $334 | $0 | 0.74 | 1.4% |

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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Duxbury

Town · Plymouth County · 16,185 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
**6th Plymouth** · Kenneth P. Sweezey

STATE SENATE
**First Plymouth and Norfolk** · Patrick M. O'Connor

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
**Duxbury Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Duxbury scores 34 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 28 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**34** / 100

276th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33 | 50 | 26 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 251st to 297th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Duxbury received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 29 and 38 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**28** / 100

273rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 44 | 18 | 21 |

Rank under other weightings: 263rd to 299th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

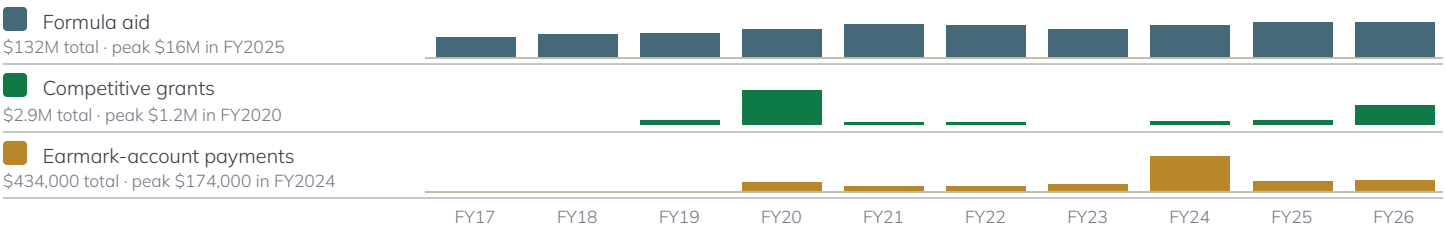
Duxbury received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 23 and 33 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Duxbury's town government and school districts received $132 million in formula aid and $2.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$132M** | **$2.9M** | **$434,000** |
| $8,178 per resident (244th of 351) · gross | $182 per resident (264th of 351) | $26.79 per resident (162nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Duxbury peaked in FY2020 at $1.2 million, 42% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $10.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Duxbury received $448,000 in local earmarks to its government, $518,000 placed in the city or town and $518,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$448,000** | **$518,000** | **$518,000** | **No** |
| $27.70 per resident (176th of 351) | $32.03 per resident (229th of 351) · 14% to organizations | $32.03 per resident (232nd of 351) · 14% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 15 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $448,000 went to Duxbury's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $70,000 went to organizations in Duxbury or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Duxbury, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (15 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the town of Duxbury for infrastructure improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $60,000 | "the support of grant funding and personnel efforts in Duxbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "fire safety and equipment improvements at the Duxbury fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "the town of Duxbury for improvements at the Duxbury Senior Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $45,000 | "the Duxbury fire department to purchase equipment and resources" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 15 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Duxbury received 1.56 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**103.5**<br>82nd of 351 · 6.4 per 1,000 residents (180th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$61M**<br>scored exposure $53.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**121**<br>75th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**5**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.7 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**16,628**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.31**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.56; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**29 acres**<br>0.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$191,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$6,669**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$27,263**<br>FY2017–2025 · 123rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN DUXBURY

## Duxbury has 28 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 303 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**28 acres**<br>0.2% of Duxbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**303 acres**<br>2.0% of Duxbury's land · 19 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**123 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**794 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 28 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 27 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 36 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 158 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 109 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 123 |
| Conservation restriction | 75 | 794 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 27 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Myles Standish Monument State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 28 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 128.8 miles of public road in Duxbury, the state maintains 15.8 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 15.8 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 103.6 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 9.4 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Duxbury $9.6 million and takes back $813,000 in assessments and charges, a net $8.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.6 million** | **$813,000** | **$8.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $7.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $125,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $58,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $197,000 |
| State Owned Land | $196,000 |
| Public Libraries | $42,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $108,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $113,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $7,943 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $9,941 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $6,876 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $17,000 |
| Regional Transit | $145,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $36,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $369,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN DUXBURY

## State programs also awarded $5.1 million to organizations in Duxbury other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Duxbury. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $1.8M |
| FY2027 | Duxbury Beach Reservation nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $1M |
| FY2019 | Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $500,000 |
| FY2023 | Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $253,000 |
| FY2023 | Alden Kindred of America nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $142,000 |
| FY2020 | Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $132,000 |
| FY2024 | Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $123,000 |
| FY2018 | Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $52,000 |
| FY2019 | Duxbury Rural and Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2020 | Alden Kindred of America nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2024 | Duxbury Rural and Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $19,000 |
| FY2025 | Wildlands Trust nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $16,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2024 | North and South Rivers Watershed Association nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $15,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

Printed: the 15 largest of 16 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $762,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 8.9% of Duxbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 7.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.9%** | **8.1%** | **8.9%** | **8.2%** |
| $4.1M of $51.7M · median town 14.1% | $5.9M of $73.3M · median town 12.2% | $8.5M of $95.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.1% · median town 10.0% |

**Duxbury's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 34.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 19.4% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $4.1 million in FY2006 to $8.5 million in FY2025, +108.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $138,000 of Duxbury's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+36.4%** | **+47.0%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $11.6M to $15.9M · all towns +54.0% | $12.9M to $19M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Duxbury's health insurance would have been $14.5 million in FY2025; it was $15.9 million, $1.34 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $16.1 million in FY2025; it was $19 million, $2.85 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Duxbury's government came to $448,000, 10.6% of the $4.24 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $448,000 | 10.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $518,000 | 12.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $518,000 | 12.2% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Duxbury's required school contribution is 2.7% of


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## median household income, 164th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$7.4M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$28.8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.7%**<br>164th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+25%**<br>after inflation |

Duxbury runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Duxbury, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Duxbury has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and five high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$8.1M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.4M**<br>annual program: 0.8 years of its yearly money · 244th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**4**<br>one rated poor; about $137M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**5**<br>of 14 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Duxbury came on average 20 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Duxbury owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Duxbury owns five high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $542,000 | $0 | $422,000 | $542,000 |
| FY2018 | $540,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $553,000 |
| FY2019 | $539,000 | $108,000 | $833,000 | $367,000 |
| FY2020 | $538,000 | $54,000 | $763,000 | $196,000 |
| FY2021 | $537,000 | $0 | $616,000 | $118,000 |
| FY2022 | $536,000 | $345,000 | $280,000 | $720,000 |
| FY2023 | $536,000 | $0 | $874,000 | $381,000 |
| FY2024 | $536,000 | $335,000 | $651,000 | $601,000 |
| FY2025 | $536,000 | $149,000 | $508,000 | $778,000 |
| FY2026 | $880,000 | $519,000 | $686,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $881,000 | $0 | $60,000 | $2.3M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Duxbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Duxbury Beach Seawall Phase 2 Repair source | $3M |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Duxbury Beach Seawall Repair source | $1M |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Duxbury received $6.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 94% of the $7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Duxbury ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $518,000 in earmarks placed in Duxbury, $70,000 (14%) went to organizations rather than to Duxbury's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Duxbury** this town | **34** | **$8,178** | **$182** | **$32.03** | **1.56** | **2.7%** |
| Bedford peer | 42 | $9,879 | $313 | $18.33 | 0.99 | 2.9% |
| Wayland peer | 33 | $8,090 | $399 | $51.45† | 1.55 | 2.6% |
| Westwood peer | 27 | $6,423 | $120 | $45.96 | 0.30 | 2.5% |
| Scituate peer | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |
| Marblehead peer | 29 | $6,094 | $187 | $21.64 | 0.50 | 1.9% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# East Bridgewater

Town · Plymouth County · 14,456 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

**7th Plymouth** · Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida 76% of residents

**9th Plymouth** · Bridget Plouffe 24% of residents

East Bridgewater is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

**Second Plymouth and Norfolk** · Michael D. Brady

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**East Bridgewater Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Brockton, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## East Bridgewater scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 48 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**48** / 100

137th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 54 | 44 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 130th to 146th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

East Bridgewater received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 47 and 50 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**48** / 100

197th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 52 | 48 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 194th to 206th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

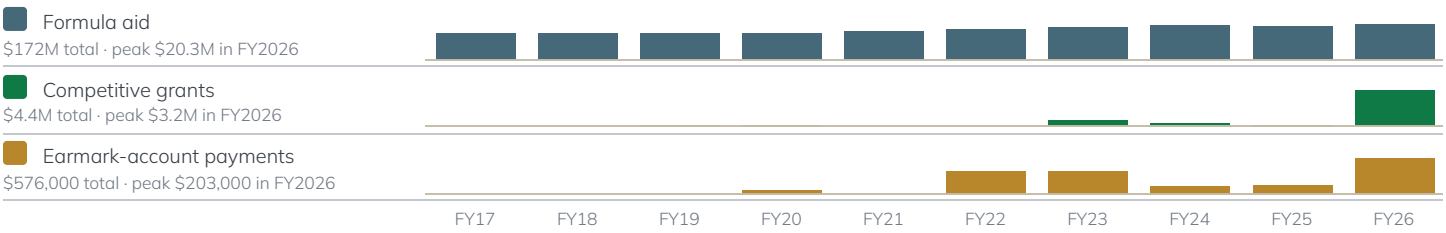
East Bridgewater received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 47 and 49 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## East Bridgewater's town government and school districts received $172 million in formula aid and $4.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$172M** | **$4.4M** | **$576,000** |
| $11,873 per resident (131st of 351) · gross | $303 per resident (207th of 351) | $39.87 per resident (110th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to East Bridgewater peaked in FY2026 at $3.2 million, 74% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## East Bridgewater received $536,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.2 million placed in the city or town and $1.2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$536,000** | **$1.2M** | **$1.2M** | **No** |
| $37.10 per resident (126th of 351) | $82.76 per resident (93rd of 351) · 55% to organizations | $82.76 per resident (102nd of 351) · 55% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 24 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $536,000 went to East Bridgewater's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $660,000 went to organizations in East Bridgewater or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in East Bridgewater, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (24 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $270,000 | "in equal amounts for the following substance abuse coalitions and community partnerships: Avon Coalition for Every Student; Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Abuse; Canton Alliance Against Substance Abuse; EB Hope, Inc. , in the town of East Bridgewater; Easton Wings of Hope; Milton..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $240,000 | "in equal amounts for the following substance abuse coalitions and community partnerships: (i) Avon Coalition for Every Student; (ii) Canton Alliance Against Substance Abuse; (iii) EB Hope, Inc. in the town of East Bridgewater; (iv) Easton Wings of Hope; (v) Milton Substance Abuse Prevention..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2021 | $100,000 | "in equal amounts to the following substance abuse coalitions and community partnerships to address increased demand for substance use prevention services caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus: (i) Avon Coalition for Every Student; (ii) Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Abuse; (iii) Canton..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "the two-hundredth anniversary of the town of East Bridgewater" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "engineering studies to determine a restoration plan for Forge pond in the town of East Bridgewater" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 24 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, East Bridgewater received 1.19 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**69.3**<br>190th of 351 · 4.8 per 1,000 residents (244th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10M**<br>scored exposure $3.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**73**<br>186th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.2 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,542**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.50**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.19; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**163 acres**<br>1.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$5,947**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$36.50**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,582**<br>FY2017–2025 · 244th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN EAST BRIDGEWATER

## East Bridgewater has 168 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 812 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**168 acres**<br>1.5% of East Bridgewater's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**812 acres**<br>7.4% of East Bridgewater's land · 69 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**29 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**33 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 11 | 168 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 55 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 171 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 59 | 577 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 64 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 39 | 821 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 29 |
| Conservation restriction | 2 | 33 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 6 | 54 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Poor Meadow Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 167 | |
| Robbins Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 81.4 miles of public road in East Bridgewater, the state maintains 3.8 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.8 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 69.3 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 8.3 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends East Bridgewater $16.2 million and takes back $668,000 in assessments and charges, a net $15.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$16.2 million** | **$668,000** | **$15.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $13.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $24,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $190,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $88,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $249,000 |
| State Owned Land | $6,091 |
| Public Libraries | $42,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $40,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $57,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,460 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $6,096 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $20,000 |
| MBTA | $57,000 |
| Regional Transit | $53,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $304,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $126,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN EAST BRIDGEWATER

## State programs also awarded $83,000 to organizations in East Bridgewater other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving East Bridgewater. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Appalachian Mountain Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 |
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

A further $23,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 25.8% of East Bridgewater's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 38.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **38.9%** | **30.2%** | **25.8%** | **24.5%** |
| $11.7M of $30.1M · median town 14.1% | $12.9M of $42.8M · median town 12.2% | $15.4M of $59.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 34.8% · median town 10.0% |

East Bridgewater's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $981,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**East Bridgewater's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 15.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 24.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $11.7 million in FY2006 to $15.4 million in FY2025, +31.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $798,000 of East Bridgewater's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+25.0%** | **+51.9%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $4M to $5M · all towns +54.0% | $6.7M to $10.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, East Bridgewater's health insurance would have been $5.02 million in FY2025; it was $5.02 million, $3,640 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.34 million in FY2025; it was $10.1 million, $1.80 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to East Bridgewater's government came to $495,000, 49.3% of the $1.00 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $495,000 | 49.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.2M | 115.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.2M | 115.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## East Bridgewater's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 254th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$14.4M** | **$16.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+4%** |
| 254th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

East Bridgewater runs its own school district and also belongs to Southeastern; East Bridgewater accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $54.3 million for schools serving East Bridgewater, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, East Bridgewater's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$54.3M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,754 per resident (27th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | East Bridgewater's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Central Elementary School | East Bridgewater | Core | $52.2M | $52.2M |
| FY2020 | Central Elementary School | East Bridgewater | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2018 | Central Elementary School | East Bridgewater | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $867,000 | $867,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $3 million against an approved budget of $3.8 million (under by $808,000); the local share moved from $1.7 million to $1.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## East Bridgewater has $879,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$5.7M**<br>$1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$879,000**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 268th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**13**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.1M of work on those ($785,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$521,000**<br>bridges $89,000 · dams $0 · culverts $432,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to East Bridgewater came on average 16 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

East Bridgewater owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $376,000 | $0 | $331,000 | $233,000 |
| FY2018 | $373,000 | $0 | $587,000 | $77,000 |
| FY2019 | $372,000 | $74,000 | $489,000 | $35,000 |
| FY2020 | $373,000 | $37,000 | $386,000 | $59,000 |
| FY2021 | $373,000 | $0 | $278,000 | $154,000 |
| FY2022 | $371,000 | $231,000 | $443,000 | $313,000 |
| FY2023 | $387,000 | $0 | $374,000 | $326,000 |
| FY2024 | $388,000 | $234,000 | $611,000 | $337,000 |
| FY2025 | $390,000 | $109,000 | $324,000 | $512,000 |
| FY2026 | $617,000 | $353,000 | $603,000 | $879,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $617,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

The full list of the 17 bridges in East Bridgewater in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Pond Street over Satucket River source | $340,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Pond Street over Satucket River source | $28,000 |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Pond Street over Satucket River source | $64,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## East Bridgewater received $5.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $6 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## East Bridgewater ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.2 million in earmarks placed in East Bridgewater, $660,000 (55%) went to organizations rather than to East Bridgewater's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **East Bridgewater** this town | **48** | **$11,873** | **$303** | **$82.76**† | **1.19** | **2.4%** |
| Norton peer | 44 | $10,594 | $69.10 | $29.56 | 0.74 | 3.1% |
| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
| Lunenburg peer | 41 | $10,667 | $157 | $54.36 | 0.42 | 2.7% |
| Sturbridge peer | 51 | $13,598 | $158 | $56.22 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Southwick peer | 56 | $14,645 | $652 | $57.30 | 0.77 | 2.4% |
| Halifax best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# East Brookfield

Town · Worcester County · 2,166 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Spencer-E Brookfield Regional School District, shared with Spencer

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### East Brookfield scores 55 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 27 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**55** / 100

85th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 52 | 56 | 55 |

Rank under other weightings: 72nd to 94th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

East Brookfield received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 54 and 56 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**27** / 100

279th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 25 | 28 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 271st to 293rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

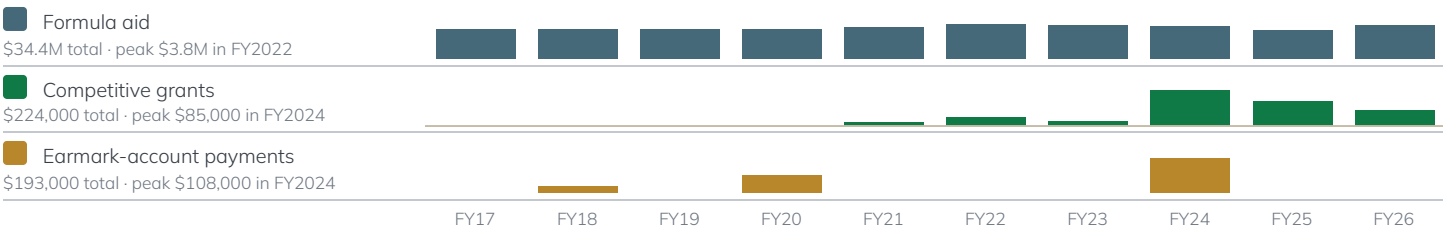
East Brookfield received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 26 and 28 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### East Brookfield's town government and school districts received $34.4 million in formula aid and $224,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $34.4M | $224,000 | $193,000 |
| $15,885 per resident (63rd of 351) · gross | $104 per resident (322nd of 351) | $89.11 per resident (30th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to East Brookfield peaked in FY2024 at $85,000, 38% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### East Brookfield received $205,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $205,000 | $205,000 | $205,000 | No |
| $94.64 per resident (27th of 351) | $94.64 per resident (74th of 351) | $94.64 per resident (87th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2024. All of it went to East Brookfield's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in East Brookfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "upgrades to municipal buildings in the town of East Brookfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $60,000 | "the commemoration of the 100th anniversary for the town of East Brookfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $25,000 | "economic development projects in the town of East Brookfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $20,000 | "town hall services in the town of East Brookfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, East Brookfield received 6% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**19.2**<br>339th of 351 · 8.9 per 1,000 residents (121st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.8M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**41**<br>293rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**9.9 sq mi**<br>10% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**7%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,322**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.06; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**617 acres**<br>9.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$6,074**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$9.84**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$23,872**<br>FY2017–2025 · 145th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN EAST BROOKFIELD

## East Brookfield has 638 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,199 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**638 acres**<br>10.1% of East Brookfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,199 acres**<br>19.0% of East Brookfield's land · 28 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**654 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 10 | 638 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 18 | 641 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 22 | 920 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 4 | 184 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 94 |
| Conservation restriction | 14 | 654 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 18 | 641 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quaboag WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 365 | |
| Hitchcock Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 273 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 27.6 miles of public road in East Brookfield, the state maintains 6.6 (24%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.6 | 24% |
| Town-accepted | 19.2 | 70% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.8 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends East Brookfield $629,000 and takes back $129,000 in assessments and charges, a net $500,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$629,000** | **$129,000** | **$500,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 20% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $221,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $374,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $2,724 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $18,000 |
| State Owned Land | $6,074 |
| Public Libraries | $6,852 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $667 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,940 |
| Regional Transit | $18,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $107,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.0% of East Brookfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.3%** | **9.7%** | **9.0%** | **8.1%** |
| $367,000 of $3.3M · median town 14.1% | $478,000 of $4.9M · median town 12.2% | $579,000 of $6.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.5% · median town 10.0% |

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**East Brookfield's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 1.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 9.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $367,000 in FY2006 to $579,000 in FY2025, +57.8% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+78.8%** | **+122.1%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $194,000 to $347,000 · all towns +54.0% | $355,000 to $789,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, East Brookfield's health insurance would have been $243,000 in FY2025; it was $347,000, $105,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $444,000 in FY2025; it was $789,000, $345,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+37%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to East Brookfield's government came to $205,000, 133.9% of the $153,000 rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $205,000 | 133.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $205,000 | 133.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $205,000 | 133.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## East Brookfield's required school contribution is 3.2% of median household income, 39th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$2.4M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$2.4M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.2%**<br>39th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–11%**<br>after inflation |

East Brookfield has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend East Brookfield and Spencer East Brookfield; East Brookfield accounts for 100% and 17% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $9 million for schools serving East Brookfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, East Brookfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$9M**<br>$4,151 per resident (16th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | East Brookfield's share |
| FY2024 | David Prouty High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Spencer East Brookfield | Core | $7.2M | $1.2M (17%) |
| FY2022 | David Prouty High School | Spencer East Brookfield | Core | $46.8M | $7.8M (17%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving East Brookfield; East Brookfield's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.2 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## East Brookfield has $743,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$1.6M**<br>$480,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$743,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$743,000**<br>annual program: 3.5 years of its yearly money · 17th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>one rated poor; about $1.6M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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East Brookfield owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

East Brookfield owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $95,000 | $0 | $111,000 | $70,000 |
| FY2018 | $95,000 | $0 | $63,000 | $103,000 |
| FY2019 | $95,000 | $19,000 | $63,000 | $154,000 |
| FY2020 | $95,000 | $9,475 | $69,000 | $196,000 |
| FY2021 | $95,000 | $0 | $0 | $290,000 |
| FY2022 | $94,000 | $64,000 | $0 | $448,000 |
| FY2023 | $93,000 | $0 | $64,000 | $478,000 |
| FY2024 | $93,000 | $163,000 | $118,000 | $617,000 |
| FY2025 | $93,000 | $129,000 | $0 | $839,000 |
| FY2026 | $157,000 | $95,000 | $377,000 | $743,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $157,000 | $0 | $0 | $899,000 |

The full list of the 13 bridges in East Brookfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## East Brookfield received $429,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 10% of the $4.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## East Brookfield ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **East Brookfield** this town | **55** | **$15,885** | **$104** | **$94.64** | **0.06** | **3.2%** |
| Bernardston peer · lowest in class of 30 | 55 | $15,799 | $1,227 | $0 | 0.44 | 2.9% |
| Lanesborough peer | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |
| Phillipston peer | 50 | $12,743 | $1,191 | $79.16† | 1.39 | 2.9% |
| Gill peer | 40 | $9,063 | $224 | $50.29† | 0.47 | 2.3% |
| Petersham peer | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

SOURCES

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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

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**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# East Longmeadow

Town · Hampden County · 16,425 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

2nd Hampden · Brian M. Ashe 75% of residents
12th Hampden · Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. 25% of residents

East Longmeadow is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester · Jacob R. Oliveira

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

East Longmeadow Public Schools, the town's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### East Longmeadow scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 30 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**43** / 100

187th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 48 | 41 | 35 |

Rank under other weightings: 171st to 206th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

East Longmeadow received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 40 and 45 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**30** / 100

269th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 33 | 34 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 262nd to 275th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

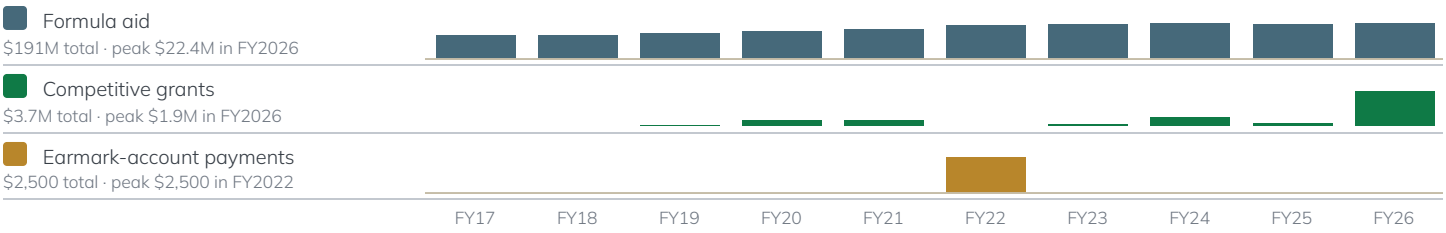
East Longmeadow received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 28 and 32 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### East Longmeadow's town government and school districts received $191 million in formula aid and $3.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$191M** | **$3.7M** | **$2,500** |
| $11,619 per resident (137th of 351) · gross | $224 per resident (241st of 351) | $0.15 per resident (338th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to East Longmeadow peaked in FY2026 at $1.9 million, 51% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $8.1 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### East Longmeadow received $75,000 in local earmarks to its government, $225,000 placed in the city or town and $225,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$75,000** | **$225,000** | **$225,000** | **No** |
| $4.57 per resident (289th of 351) | $13.70 per resident (296th of 351) · 67% to organizations | $13.70 per resident (297th of 351) · 67% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $75,000 went to East Longmeadow's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $150,000 went to organizations in East Longmeadow or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in East Longmeadow, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $125,000 | "the East Longmeadow Veterans Memorial Committee for the construction of a veterans memorial in the town of East Longmeadow" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "the East Longmeadow Pleasant View senior center for a new ADA-compliant van to transport seniors to medical appointments, adult day care facilities and events outside the senior center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "the East Longmeadow American Legion Post 293 for repairs, maintenance and upgrades to their current facility" | Enacted organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, East Longmeadow received 72% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**98.7**<br>99th of 351 · 6.0 per 1,000 residents (190th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.4M**<br>scored exposure $356,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**50**<br>260th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.9 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**16,425**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.60**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.72; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,387**<br>FY2017–2025 · 261st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN EAST LONGMEADOW

## No state conservation land is mapped in East Longmeadow; 280 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**280 acres**<br>3.4% of East Longmeadow's land · 7 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 21 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 259 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 14 | 314 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 101.2 miles of public road in East Longmeadow, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 98.7 | 97% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.5 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends East Longmeadow $18.6 million and takes back $1 million in assessments and charges, a net $17.6 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$18.6 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$1 million**<br>5% of what is sent | Net<br>**$17.6 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $100,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $289,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $61,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $179,000 |
| Public Libraries | $57,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,907 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,800 |
| Regional Transit | $94,000 |
| Special Education | $1,647 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $408,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $505,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 25.1% of East Longmeadow's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 17.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **17.6%** | **23.8%** | **25.1%** | **24.0%** |
| $6.5M of $36.6M · median town 14.1% | $12.2M of $51.3M · median town 12.2% | $17.7M of $70.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 22.9% · median town 10.0% |

**East Longmeadow's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 76.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 56.8% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $6.5 million in FY2006 to $17.7 million in FY2025, +173.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.2 million of East Longmeadow's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+48.6%** | **+65.5%** | **8 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $4.8M to $7.1M · all towns +54.0% | $8.4M to $13.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, East Longmeadow's health insurance would have been $5.95 million in FY2025; it was $7.08 million, $1.13 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $10.5 million in FY2025; it was $13.8 million, $3.40 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to East Longmeadow's government came to $75,000, 3.2% of the $2.32 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $75,000 | 3.2% | 13.0% |
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| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$15.7M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$20.6M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.2%**<br>34th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+25%**<br>after inflation |

East Longmeadow runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $86.5 million for schools serving East Longmeadow, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, East Longmeadow's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$86.5M**<br>$5,267 per resident (8th of 351) | **4**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | East Longmeadow's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Mapleshade Elementary School | East Longmeadow | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.4M | $1.4M |
| FY2024 | East Longmeadow High School | East Longmeadow | Core | $82.3M | $82.3M |
| FY2019 | Meadow Brook Elementary School | East Longmeadow | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.3M | $1.3M |
| FY2018 | Meadow Brook | East Longmeadow | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $1.5M | $1.5M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $3.8 million against an approved budget of $6 million (under by $2.2 million); the local share moved from $3.2 million to $2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

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| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.5M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | **$5.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$2.1M**<br>annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 157th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**4**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$549,000**<br>bridges $549,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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| FY2019 | $581,000 | $116,000 | $436,000 | $378,000 |
| FY2020 | $581,000 | $58,000 | $727,000 | $291,000 |
| FY2021 | $582,000 | $0 | $43,000 | $829,000 |
| FY2022 | $580,000 | $328,000 | $440,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2023 | $576,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $435,000 |
| FY2024 | $577,000 | $337,000 | $500,000 | $848,000 |
| FY2025 | $573,000 | $157,000 | $153,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $902,000 | $507,000 | $750,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $906,000 | $0 | $0 | $3M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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| Auburn peer | 43 | $11,124 | $134 | $47.46 | 0.32 | 2.6% |
| Somerset peer | 47 | $11,729 | $136 | $41.53 | 0.73 | 2.4% |
| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
| Bridgewater peer | 40 | $9,702 | $309 | $21.78 | 1.08 | 3.0% |
| Pepperell peer | 51 | $13,867 | $271 | $56.38 | 1.79 | 2.6% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Whitman lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $16,230 | $202 | $15.36 | 0.52 | 2.5% |

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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Eastham

Town · Barnstable County · 5,811 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

4th Barnstable · Hadley Luddy

STATE SENATE

Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Eastham Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Nauset Regional School District**, shared with Brewster, Orleans and Wellfleet

**Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Eastham scores 21 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 25 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**21** / 100

350th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 20 | 28 | 15 |

Rank under other weightings: 347th to 351st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Eastham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 21 stays between 19 and 23 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**25** / 100

296th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 30 | 16 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 277th to 304th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

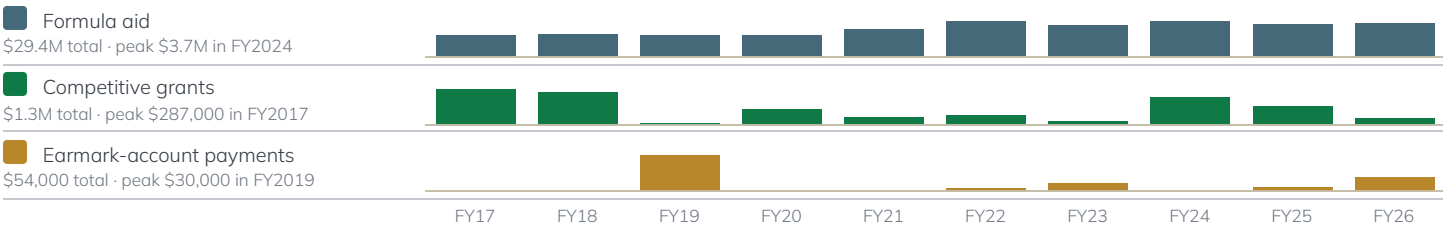
Eastham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 25 stays between 22 and 28 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Eastham's town government and school districts received $29.4 million in formula aid and $1.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$29.4M** | **$1.3M** | **$54,000** |
| $5,051 per resident (345th of 351) · gross | $226 per resident (239th of 351) | $9.32 per resident (264th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Eastham peaked in FY2017 at $287,000, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $17.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Eastham received $12,000 in local earmarks to its government, $537,000 placed in the city or town and $537,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$12,000** | **$537,000** | **$537,000** | **No** |
| $2.07 per resident (297th of 351) | $92.41 per resident (78th of 351) · 98% to organizations | $92.41 per resident (91st of 351) · 98% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $12,000 went to Eastham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $525,000 went to organizations in Eastham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Eastham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "Lower Cape Cod Community Development Corporation d/b/a the Community Development Partnership" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "Lower Cape Cod Community Development Corporation" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "Lower Cape Cod Community Development Corporation d/b/a the Community Development Partnership" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the Community Development Partnership of Cape Cod" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the Community Development Partnership of Cape Cod" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Eastham received 48% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**50.7**<br>249th of 351 · 8.7 per 1,000 residents (123rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.4M**<br>scored exposure $228,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**19**<br>329th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.0 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**53%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**12,481**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.34**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.48; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**8 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$3,631**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$477**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$38,595**<br>FY2017–2025 · 61st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN EASTHAM

## Eastham has 61 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 18 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**61 acres**<br>0.7% of Eastham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**18 acres**<br>0.2% of Eastham's land · 4 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**143 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 14 | 61 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 8 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 2 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 16 |
| Conservation restriction | 44 | 143 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 8 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cape Cod Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 54 | |
| Eastham Salt Marsh WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 8 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 103.8 miles of public road in Eastham, the state maintains 6.3 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.3 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 50.7 | 49% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 42.4 | 41% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Eastham $899,000 and takes back $968,000 in assessments and charges, a net -$69,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$899,000** | **$968,000** | **-$69,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 108% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $588,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $213,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $81,000 |
| State Owned Land | $3,715 |
| Public Libraries | $14,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $283,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $430,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $119,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,543 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,820 |
| Regional Transit | $62,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $65,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN EASTHAM

## State programs also awarded $739,000 to organizations in Eastham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Eastham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Lower Cape Community Access Television nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Lower Cape Community Acces Television nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |

A further $509,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 1.7% of Eastham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 2.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2.7%** | **2.1%** | **1.7%** | **-0.5%** |
| $468,000 of $17.1M · median town 14.1% | $531,000 of $25.7M · median town 12.2% | $771,000 of $44.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 0.6% · median town 10.0% |

Eastham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $908,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Eastham's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 6.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 5.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $468,000 in FY2006 to $771,000 in FY2025, +64.8% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+45.3%** | **+45.0%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $2.1M to $3M · all towns +54.0% | $4.2M to $6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Eastham's health insurance would have been $2.58 million in FY2025; it was $3.00 million, $422,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $5.18 million in FY2025; it was $6.02 million, $835,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Eastham's government came to $12,000, 1.3% of the $936,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $12,000 | 1.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $537,000 | 57.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $537,000 | 57.4% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Eastham's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 195th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.5M** | **$5.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+6%** |
| 195th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Eastham runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Nauset and Cape Cod for others; Eastham accounts for 20% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $10.9 million for schools serving Eastham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Eastham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.9M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,879 per resident (96th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Eastham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Nauset Regional High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Nauset | Core | $8.1M | $1.6M (20%) |
| FY2020 | Nauset Regional High School | Nauset | Core | $36.7M | $7.5M (20%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $202,000 (4%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $1.6M (4%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Eastham; Eastham's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.8 million, $1.6 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Eastham's share of the final cost was $4.4 million against its share of the approved budget of $4.9 million (under by $460,000); the local share moved from $3.2 million to $2.7 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Eastham has $2.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4M**<br>$925,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.2M**<br>annual program: 3.8 years of its yearly money · 12th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Eastham came on average 64 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $249,000 | $0 | $209,000 | $249,000 |
| FY2018 | $246,000 | $0 | $283,000 | $495,000 |
| FY2019 | $245,000 | $49,000 | $0 | $789,000 |
| FY2020 | $245,000 | $24,000 | $19,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $244,000 | $0 | $47,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2022 | $243,000 | $169,000 | $228,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2023 | $245,000 | $0 | $169,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | $245,000 | $262,000 | $684,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2025 | $245,000 | $171,000 | $272,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2026 | $412,000 | $250,000 | $200,000 | $2.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $411,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.6M |

The full list of the two bridges in Eastham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Eastham received $2.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 26% of the $9.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Eastham ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $537,000 in earmarks placed in Eastham, $525,000 (98%) went to organizations rather than to Eastham's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Eastham** this town | **21** | **$5,051** | **$226** | **$92.41**† | **0.48** | **2.6%** |
| Tisbury peer · lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |
| Orleans peer | 26 | $4,954 | $820 | $115† | 1.26 | 1.7% |
| Nahant peer | 30 | $5,917 | $268 | $131 | 0.69 | 1.6% |
| Lenox peer | 32 | $6,580 | $735 | $14.77 | 1.89 | 2.1% |
| Rockport peer | 29 | $6,385 | $408 | $88.56 | 1.27 | 2.1% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |


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SOURCES

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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

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**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Easthampton

City · Hampshire County · 16,086 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Hampshire · Homar Gómez | Hampden and Hampshire · John C. Velis | Easthampton Public Schools, the city's own district | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Easthampton scores 41 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 83 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**41** / 100

202nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 34 | 50 | 40 |

Rank under other weightings: 165th to 244th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Easthampton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 39 and 44 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**83** / 100

69th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 84 | 79 | 86 | 83 |

Rank under other weightings: 63rd to 77th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

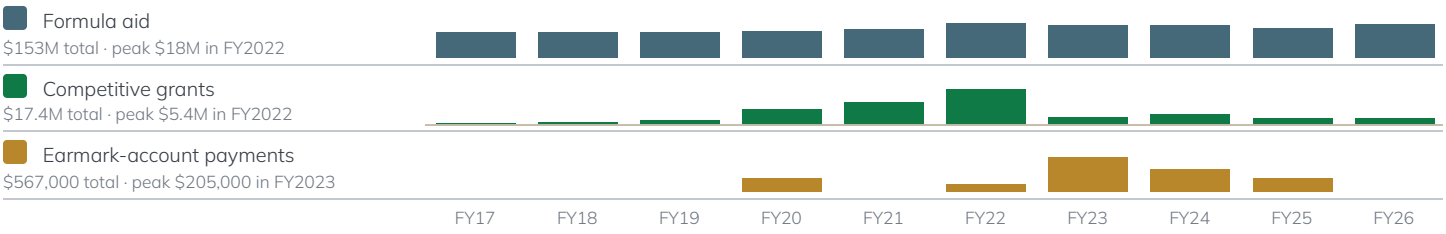
Easthampton received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 83 stays between 82 and 84 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Easthampton's town government and school districts received $153 million in formula aid and $17.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$153M** | **$17.4M** | **$567,000** |
| $9,515 per resident (193rd of 351) · gross | $1,083 per resident (72nd of 351) | $35.23 per resident (128th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Easthampton peaked in FY2022 at $5.4 million, 31% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $14.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Easthampton received $494,000 in local earmarks to its government, $834,000 placed in the city or town and $834,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$494,000** | **$834,000** | **$834,000** | **No** |
| $30.69 per resident (160th of 351) | $51.82 per resident (165th of 351) · 41% to organizations | $51.82 per resident (170th of 351) · 41% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 15 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $494,000 went to Easthampton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $340,000 went to organizations in Easthampton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Easthampton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (15 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "downtown pedestrian safety improvements to the city of Easthampton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "New City community park designs in the city of Easthampton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "The Treehouse Foundation, Inc. of the city of Easthampton to expand the intergenerational Treehouse Community model to the MetroWest region" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | "The Treehouse Foundation, Inc. of the city of Easthampton for planning to replicate the Intergenerational Treehouse Community model in the MetroWest region" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $100,000 | "Treehouse Foundation of Easthampton for planning to replicate the Intergenerational Treehouse Community model in the metrowest region" | Enacted organization named with the town |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Easthampton received 3.73 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**82.9**<br>146th of 351 · 5.2 per 1,000 residents (223rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$26.9M**<br>scored exposure $14M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**62**<br>223rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.3 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**16,150**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.76**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 3.73; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**15 acres**<br>0.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$5,894**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$391**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$9,894**<br>FY2017–2025 · 325th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN EASTHAMPTON

## Easthampton has 354 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 723 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**354 acres**<br>4.1% of Easthampton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**723 acres**<br>8.5% of Easthampton's land · 47 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**640 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**274 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 354 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 15 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 108 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 37 | 536 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 78 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 19 | 640 |
| Conservation restriction | 16 | 274 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 15 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Tom State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 353 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 92.6 miles of public road in Easthampton, the state maintains 2.9 (3%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.9 | 3% |
| Town-accepted | 83.7 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.7 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Easthampton $14.6 million and takes back $4.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $10.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.6 million** | **$4.1 million** | **$10.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 28% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $9.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $621,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $686,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $202,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $136,000 |
| State Owned Land | $6,009 |
| Public Libraries | $50,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,559 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $16,000 |
| Regional Transit | $171,000 |
| Special Education | $49 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.4M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.5M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN EASTHAMPTON

## State programs also awarded $1.8 million to organizations in Easthampton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Easthampton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | CitySpace nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $502,000 |
| FY2019 | CitySpace nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | CitySpace nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2017 | Easthampton Media nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $172,000 |
| FY2017 | CitySpace nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $135,000 |
| FY2024 | Greater Easthampton Chamber of Commerce nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $50,000 |
| FY2026 | CitySpace nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |

A further $546,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 23.6% of Easthampton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 36.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **36.7%** | **30.1%** | **23.6%** | **18.3%** |
| $10.8M of $29.3M · median town 14.1% | $11.3M of $37.7M · median town 12.2% | $13.5M of $57.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 29.6% · median town 10.0% |

**Easthampton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 19.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 28.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $10.8 million in FY2006 to $13.5 million in FY2025, +25.6% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+55.4%** | **+57.6%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $3.8M to $5.9M · all towns +54.0% | $7.1M to $11.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Easthampton's health insurance would have been $4.74 million in FY2025; it was $5.90 million, $1.16 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.86 million in FY2025; it was $11.2 million, $2.32 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Easthampton's government came to $494,000, 23.5% of the $2.10 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $494,000 | 23.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $819,000 | 38.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $819,000 | 38.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Easthampton's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 107th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$9.1M** | **$15.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **–4%** |
| 107th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Easthampton runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $50.7 million for schools serving Easthampton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Easthampton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$50.7M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,153 per resident (48th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Easthampton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Maple Elementary School | Easthampton | Core | $50.7M | $50.7M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $104 million against an approved budget of $109 million (under by $5 million); the local share moved from $58.4 million to $56.2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Easthampton has $2.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns


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## three bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.1M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.4M**<br>annual program: 2.3 years of its yearly money · 59th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**15**<br>three rated poor; about $12.9M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Easthampton came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Easthampton owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

**Easthampton owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $488,000 | $0 | $717,000 | $175,000 |
| FY2018 | $481,000 | $0 | $609,000 | $47,000 |
| FY2019 | $481,000 | $96,000 | $540,000 | $85,000 |
| FY2020 | $481,000 | $48,000 | $419,000 | $195,000 |
| FY2021 | $482,000 | $0 | $159,000 | $518,000 |
| FY2022 | $482,000 | $276,000 | $980,000 | $296,000 |
| FY2023 | $477,000 | $0 | $284,000 | $489,000 |
| FY2024 | $484,000 | $286,000 | $648,000 | $611,000 |
| FY2025 | $479,000 | $133,000 | $6,240 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $753,000 | $425,000 | $43,000 | $2.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $752,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.1M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Easthampton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Easthampton received $19.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 78% more than the $10.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Easthampton ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $834,000 in earmarks placed in Easthampton, $340,000 (41%) went to organizations rather than to Easthampton's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Easthampton** this town | **41** | **$9,515** | **$1,083** | **$51.82** | **3.73** | **2.9%** |
| Belchertown peer | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |
| South Hadley peer | 40 | $9,190 | $458 | $31.82 | 1.61 | 2.5% |
| Fairhaven peer | 47 | $10,747 | $508 | $12.58† | 0.36 | 2.8% |
| Ludlow peer | 42 | $10,596 | $407 | $132† | 1.85 | 2.8% |
| Carver peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Easton

Town · Bristol County · 25,316 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**9th Plymouth** · Bridget Plouffe 65% of residents
**3rd Bristol** · Lisa Field and Carol A. Doherty (until February 2025) 35% of residents

Easton is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol** · William J. Driscoll, Jr.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Easton Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Brockton, East Bridgewater, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Easton scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 39 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**30** / 100

307th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 34 | 28 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 295th to 316th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Easton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 29 and 31 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**39** / 100

229th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 43 | 39 | 37 |

Rank under other weightings: 228th to 236th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

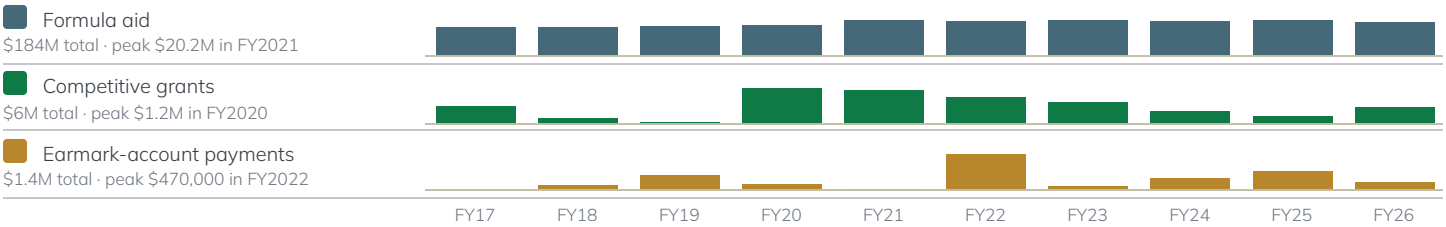
Easton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 38 and 40 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Easton's town government and school districts received $184 million in formula aid and $6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$184M** | **$6M** | **$1.4M** |
| $7,249 per resident (281st of 351) · gross | $236 per resident (231st of 351) | $54.82 per resident (67th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Easton were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Easton received $1.2 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.4 million placed in the city or town and $1.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **$1.4M** | **$1.4M** | **No** |
| $47.60 per resident (83rd of 351) | $53.96 per resident (157th of 351) · 12% to organizations | $56.92 per resident (155th of 351) · 11% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 23 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.2 million went to Easton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $161,000 went to organizations in Easton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Easton but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $75,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $75,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Easton (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Easton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (24 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $350,000 | "the improvement of public safety, public works, and council on aging parking lots and the improvement of sidewalks on Black Brook road in the town of Easton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $125,000 | "carbon vessels at the North Easton Village Wastewater Treatment Plant in Easton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "equipment for the Easton fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "equipment for the Easton fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the beautification and redevelopment of the Swift park in the town of Easton" | Enacted to the city or town government |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Easton received 1.08 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**117.0**<br>65th of 351 · 4.6 per 1,000 residents (255th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.9M**<br>scored exposure $4.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**135**<br>58th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**4**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**28.8 sq mi**<br>11% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**25,333**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.38**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.08; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,403 acres**<br>7.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$165,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$117**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,703**<br>FY2017–2025 · 190th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN EASTON

## Easton has 2,036 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 330 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,036 acres**<br>11.1% of Easton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**330 acres**<br>1.8% of Easton's land · 14 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**112 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 93 | 2,036 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 79 | 1,489 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 64 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 10 | 260 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 6 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 246 |
| Conservation restriction | 19 | 112 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 78 | 870 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 619 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hockomock Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,333 | |
| Borderland State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 704 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 132.8 miles of public road in Easton, the state maintains 8.1 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.1 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 117.1 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.7 | 6% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $75,000 | “updates and repairs to Borderland state park in the town of Easton” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Easton $15.8 million and takes back $1.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $14.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.8 million** | **$1.6 million** | **$14.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $12M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $202,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $189,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $276,000 |
| State Owned Land | $165,000 |
| Public Libraries | $68,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $428,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $101,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,267 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $26,000 |
| MBTA | $181,000 |
| Regional Transit | $14,000 |
| Special Education | $10,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $261,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $589,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN EASTON

## State programs also awarded $1.6 million to organizations in Easton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Association Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $600,000 |
| FY2025 | Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Easton Children's Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $129,000 |
| FY2016 | Oakes Ames Memorial Hall Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $20,000 |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.4% of Easton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 23.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **23.9%** | **18.2%** | **14.4%** | **13.0%** |
| $11.6M of $48.4M · median town 14.1% | $13.1M of $72M · median town 12.2% | $14.3M of $99.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 20.5% · median town 10.0% |

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**Easton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 20.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 29.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $11.6 million in FY2006 to $14.3 million in FY2025, +23.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $984,000 of Easton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+41.6%** | **+53.9%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $7.3M to $10.3M · all towns +54.0% | $12M to $18.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Easton's health insurance would have been $9.09 million in FY2025; it was $10.3 million, $1.22 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $15 million in FY2025; it was $18.5 million, $3.49 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Easton's government came to $1.1 million, 37.8% of the $3.03 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.1M | 37.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.3M | 43.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.4M | 45.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Easton's required school contribution is 3.3% of median household income, 30th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$12M** | **$38.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.3%** | **–7%** |
| 30th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Easton runs its own school district and also belongs to Southeastern and Bristol County; Easton accounts for 6% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $36.9 million for schools serving


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## Easton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Easton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$36.9M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,459 per resident (115th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Easton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Center Elementary School | Easton | Core | $36M | $36M |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$3,273 (2%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $910,000 (2%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Easton's share of the final cost was $83.5 million against its share of the approved budget of $96.6 million (under by $13.1 million); the local share moved from $59.7 million to $48.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Easton has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and four high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.6M** | **$8M** | **$1.5M** |
| $1.8M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 265th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **18** | **4** | **$500,000** |
| two rated poor; likely about $5.2M of work on those ($2.5M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of eight town-owned dams | bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Easton came on average 15 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Easton owns four high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $731,000 | $0 | $500,000 | $301,000 |
| FY2018 | $733,000 | $0 | $552,000 | $598,000 |
| FY2019 | $730,000 | $146,000 | $895,000 | $580,000 |
| FY2020 | $728,000 | $73,000 | $975,000 | $405,000 |
| FY2021 | $730,000 | $0 | $648,000 | $488,000 |
| FY2022 | $726,000 | $390,000 | $209,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $726,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $645,000 |
| FY2024 | $728,000 | $414,000 | $1.4M | $420,000 |
| FY2025 | $724,000 | $200,000 | $747,000 | $597,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $609,000 | $787,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $2.6M |

The full list of the 21 bridges in Easton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2017 | Small Bridge award | South Street culvert source | $450,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Easton received $7.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years,


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## 6% more than the $7.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Easton ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.4 million in earmarks placed in Easton, $161,000 (12%) went to organizations rather than to Easton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Easton** this town | **30** | **$7,249** | **$236** | **$53.96** | **1.08** | **3.3%** |
| Foxborough peer | 34 | $8,398 | $121 | $73.28† | 1.08 | 3.7% |
| Braintree peer | 39 | $9,109 | $142 | $117 | 0.55 | 3.4% |
| Stoneham peer | 28 | $6,600 | $119 | $85.70 | 1.97 | 2.6% |
| Westborough peer | 30 | $7,679 | $215 | $21.64 | 1.49 | 3.7% |
| Seekonk peer | 31 | $7,825 | $53.68 | $16.99 | 1.67 | 3.0% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Holden lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,276 | $103 | $15.70 | 0.39 | 2.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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DUKES COUNTY

# Edgartown

Town · Dukes County · 5,278 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**Barnstable-Dukes-Nantucket** · Thomas W. Moakley

STATE SENATE

**Cape and Islands** · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Edgartown Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Martha's Vineyard Regional School District**, shared with Aquinnah, Chilmark, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Martha's Vineyard Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Edgartown scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 92 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**56** / 100

80th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 63 | 46 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 46th to 112th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Edgartown received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 50 and 61 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**92** / 100

37th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | 97 | 79 | 97 |

Rank under other weightings: 30th to 45th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

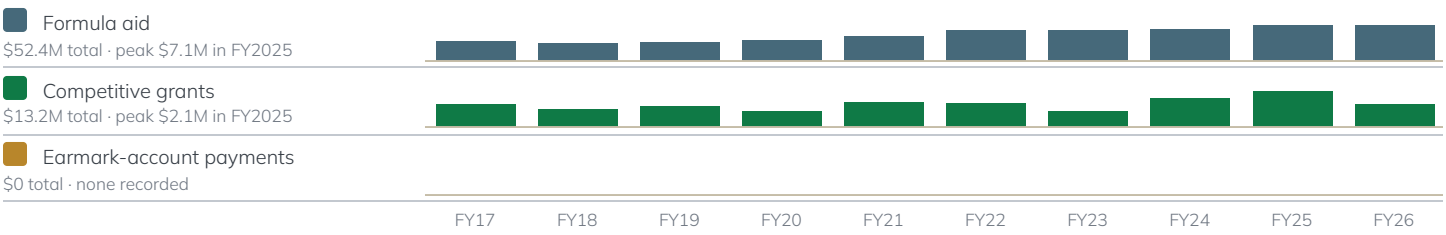
Edgartown received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 92 stays between 89 and 95 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Edgartown's town government and school districts received $52.4 million in formula aid and $13.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $52.4M | $13.2M | $0 |
| $9,919 per resident (180th of 351) · gross | $2,500 per resident (38th of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Edgartown were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $33.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Edgartown in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

Edgartown is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Edgartown's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Edgartown's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mattapoisett | $120,000 | $120,000 | $120,000 | $18.09 |
| Boxborough | $240,000 | $240,000 | $240,000 | $43.67 |
| Harvard | $125,000 | $125,000 | $125,000 | $18.05 |
| Topsfield | $350,000 | $446,000 | $446,000 | $67.96 |
| Newbury | $263,000 | $263,000 | $263,000 | $38.77 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Edgartown received 36% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**45.5**<br>268th of 351 · 8.6 per 1,000 residents (126th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.8M**<br>scored exposure $891,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**9**<br>338th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.8 sq mi**<br>17% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**63%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,543**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.13**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.36; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,848 acres**<br>16.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$2.7M**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$965**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$251,351**<br>FY2017–2025 · 4th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN EDGARTOWN

## Edgartown has 2,973 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 336 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,973 acres**<br>17.3% of Edgartown's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**336 acres**<br>2.0% of Edgartown's land · 15 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**18 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,055 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 59 | 2,973 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 14 | 2,928 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 20 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 69 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 248 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 4 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 18 |
| Conservation restriction | 92 | 1,055 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 12 | 2,792 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 135 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Manuel F. Correllus State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,712 | |
| Wasque Point WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 120 | |
| South Beach State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 71 | |
| Joseph Sylvia State Beach | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 46 | |
| Katama Plains WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 24 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 53.8 miles of public road in Edgartown, the state maintains 7.1 (13%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.1 | 13% |
| Town-accepted | 45.5 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.1 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Edgartown $4.6 million and takes back $1.9 million in assessments and charges, a net $2.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.6 million** | **$1.9 million** | **$2.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 41% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $245,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $60,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $107,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $56,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $17,000 |
| State Owned Land | $2.8M |
| Public Libraries | $12,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $231,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $20,000 |
| Regional Transit | $288,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $98,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.2M |

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| FY2022 | Sheriff's Meadow Foundation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $24,000 |
| FY2019 | Sheriff's Meadow Foundation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2019 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,000 (shared seven ways) |

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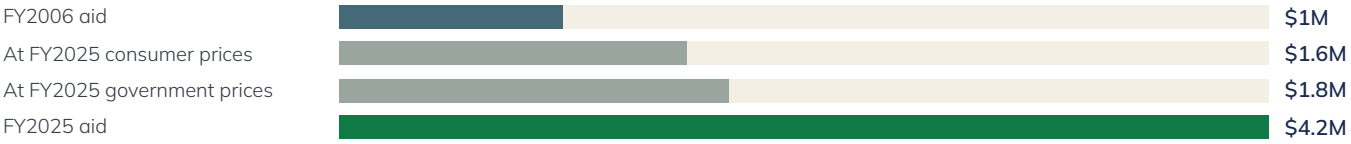
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|---|---|---|---|
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| Approved, Edgartown's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $21M | 1 | $8.66B |
| $3,970 per resident (22nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Edgartown's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Martha's Vineyard Regional High School | Marthas Vineyard | Core | $75.3M | $21M (28%) |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Edgartown has $3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.8M**<br>$871,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$435,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3M**<br>annual program: 6.1 years of its yearly money · 5th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1.3M of work on those ($634,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Edgartown came on average 42 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $237,000 | $0 | $450,000 | $217,000 |
| FY2018 | $240,000 | $0 | $128,000 | $329,000 |
| FY2019 | $239,000 | $48,000 | $0 | $616,000 |
| FY2020 | $239,000 | $24,000 | $0 | $879,000 |
| FY2021 | $238,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |
| FY2022 | $236,000 | $151,000 | $0 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $241,000 | $0 | $151,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2024 | $241,000 | $250,000 | $136,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2025 | $240,000 | $169,000 | $0 | $2.4M |
| FY2026 | $390,000 | $228,000 | $0 | $3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $389,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.4M |

The full list of the four bridges in Edgartown in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Edgartown received $13.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 18% more than the $11.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Edgartown is the only municipality, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in it in the


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## ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Edgartown** this town | **56** | **$9,919** | **$2,500** | **$0** | **0.36** | **3.9%** |
| Mattapoisett peer | 33 | $6,007 | $1,477 | $18.09 | 2.08 | 2.2% |
| Boxborough peer | 34 | $8,257 | $231 | $43.67 | 0.36 | 2.8% |
| Harvard peer | 39 | $8,662 | $563 | $18.05 | 0.96 | 2.1% |
| Topsfield peer | 34 | $8,832 | $158 | $67.96 | 1.04 | 2.6% |
| Newbury peer | 41 | $8,033 | $339 | $38.77 | 0.19 | 1.6% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Otis lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $6,679 | $2,109 | $0 | 1.01 | 2.2% |

SOURCES

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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Egremont

Town · Berkshire County · 1,230 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Southern Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Alford, Monterey, New Marlborough and Sheffield

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Egremont scores 52 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 96 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**52** / 100

111th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 54 | 53 | 51 |

Rank under other weightings: 99th to 123rd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Egremont received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 51 and 52 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**96** / 100

14th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 97 | 94 | 97 |

Rank under other weightings: 13th to 19th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

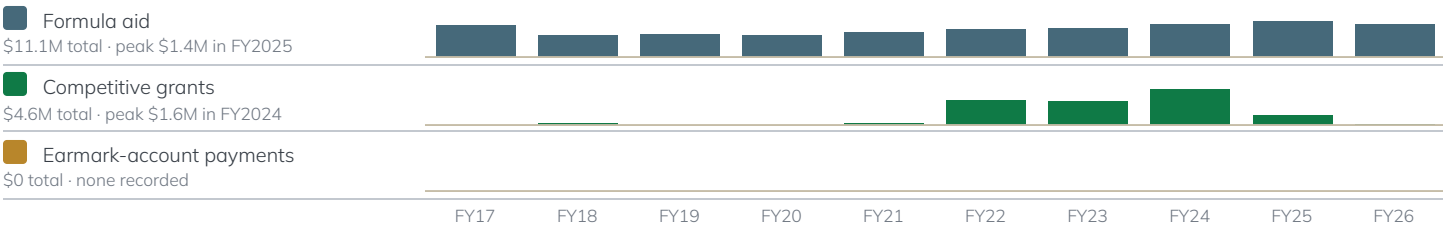
Egremont received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 96 stays between 96 and 97 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Egremont's town government and school districts received $11.1 million in formula aid and $4.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.1M** | **$4.6M** | **$0** |
| $9,039 per resident (220th of 351) · gross | $3,748 per resident (26th of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Egremont peaked in FY2024 at $1.6 million, 36% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Egremont received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $485,000 placed in the city or town and $485,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$0** | **$485,000** | **$485,000** | **No** |
| enacted, ten budgets | $394 per resident (2nd of 351) · all to organizations | $394 per resident (6th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $0 went to Egremont's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $485,000 went to organizations in Egremont or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Egremont, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "Greenagers, Inc. teen and young adult environmental programming" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "Greenagers, Inc. teen and young adult environmental programming" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "Greenagers, Inc. teen and young adult environmental programming" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "Greenagers, Inc. teen and young adult environmental programming" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $60,000 | "Greenagers, Inc. teen and young adult environmental programming" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Egremont received 2.06 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**35.9**<br>308th of 351 · 29.2 per 1,000 residents (41st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.8M**<br>scored exposure $2.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**32**<br>312th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.7 sq mi**<br>14% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**37%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,999**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**5.60**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.06; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,615 acres**<br>13.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$374,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$232**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$34,287**<br>FY2017–2025 · 84th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN EGREMONT

## Egremont has 1,645 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,598 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,645 acres**<br>13.8% of Egremont's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,598 acres**<br>13.4% of Egremont's land · 58 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**844 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**715 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 24 | 1,645 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 25 | 578 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 8 | 190 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 46 | 1,256 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 153 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 40 | 1,526 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 16 | 844 |
| Conservation restriction | 34 | 715 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 21 | 500 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 78 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jug End State Reservation and WMA | DCR and Fish and Game | 1,180 | |
| Karner Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 281 | |
| Jug End State Reservation and WMA | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 79 | |
| Dolomite Ledges WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 36 | |
| North Egremont WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 27 | |
| Jug End State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 21 | |
| Mount Everett State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 20 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 43.4 miles of public road in Egremont, the state maintains 6.2 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.2 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 35.9 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.3 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Egremont $482,000 and takes back $2,242 in assessments and charges, a net $480,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$482,000** | **$2,242** | **$480,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 0% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $85,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $9,006 |
| State Owned Land | $383,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,658 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $829 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $920 |
| Regional Transit | $493 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN EGREMONT

## State programs also awarded $452,000 to organizations in Egremont other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Egremont. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Greenagers nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $242,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

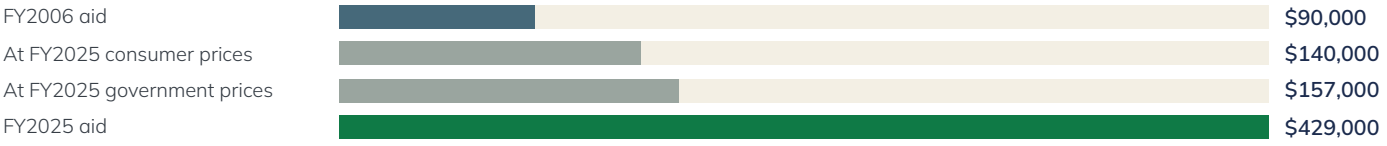
## State aid covered 5.6% of Egremont's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 3.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3.2% | 5.5% | 5.6% | 5.6% |
| $90,000 of $2.8M · median town 14.1% | $211,000 of $3.8M · median town 12.2% | $429,000 of $7.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.6% · median town 10.0% |

Egremont's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $300,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Egremont's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 207.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 173.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $90,000 in FY2006 to $429,000 in FY2025, +376.5% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +27.0% | +45.1% | 5 of 9 | 5 of 9 |
| $212,000 to $270,000 · all towns +54.0% | $465,000 to $675,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Egremont's health insurance would have been $265,000 in FY2025; it was $270,000, $4,401 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $581,000 in FY2025; it was $675,000, $94,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Egremont's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $57,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $435,000 | 7.6 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $435,000 | 7.6 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Egremont's required school contribution is 2.0% of median household income, 307th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $316,000 | $1.1M |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.0% | –10% |
| 307th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Egremont has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Southern Berkshire; Egremont accounts for 14% of that district's foundation budget. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Egremont, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Egremont has $761,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| $2.6M | $1.6M | $761,000 |
| $689,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 170th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **11**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.9M of work on those ($1.3M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$975,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $900,000 · culverts $75,000 |

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**Egremont owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $153,000 | $0 | $493,000 | $119,000 |
| FY2018 | $151,000 | $0 | $227,000 | $48,000 |
| FY2019 | $151,000 | $30,000 | $241,000 | $32,000 |
| FY2020 | $150,000 | $15,000 | $124,000 | $108,000 |
| FY2021 | $150,000 | $0 | $130,000 | $129,000 |
| FY2022 | $150,000 | $120,000 | $0 | $399,000 |
| FY2023 | $150,000 | $0 | $120,000 | $429,000 |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | $208,000 | $276,000 | $510,000 |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | $144,000 | $407,000 | $397,000 |
| FY2026 | $269,000 | $173,000 | $79,000 | $761,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $269,000 | $0 | $0 | $1M |

The full list of the 14 bridges in Egremont in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Prospect Lake Dam Repair source | $900,000 |
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Blunt Road over UNT to Karner Brook source | $49,000 |
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Blunt Road over Unnamed Tributary to Karner Brook source | $26,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Egremont received $5.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 28% more than the $4.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Egremont ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $485,000 in earmarks placed in Egremont went to organizations; none went to Egremont's government.


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Egremont** this town | **52** | **$9,039** | **$3,748** | **$394**† | **2.06** | **2.0%** |
| Erving peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $7,326 | $3,750 | $0 | 8.12 | 4.7% |
| West Stockbridge peer | 43 | $9,304 | $478 | $0 | 0.46 | 2.4% |
| Richmond peer | 40 | $8,072 | $776 | $0 | 0.19 | 2.2% |
| Tolland peer | 55 | $10,826 | $4,602 | $11.32 | 1.82 | 1.1% |
| Nahant peer | 30 | $5,917 | $268 | $131 | 0.69 | 1.6% |
| Chesterfield best in class of 30 | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Erving

Town · Franklin County · 1,703 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Franklin · Susannah M. Whipps

STATE SENATE

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Erving Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Gill, Greenfield, Heath and ten others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Erving scores 50 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 97 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**50** / 100

126th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 48 | 41 | 66 |

Rank under other weightings: 96th to 158th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Erving received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 50 stays between 45 and 54 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**97** / 100

10th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 97 | 96 | 99 |

Rank under other weightings: 5th to 16th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

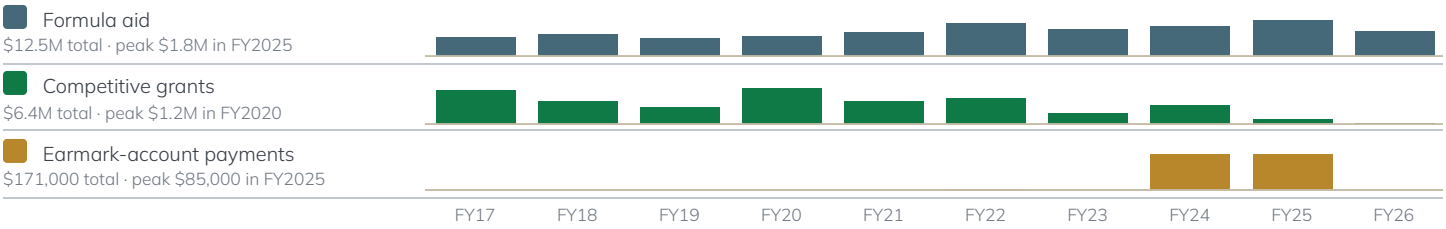
Erving received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 97 stays between 97 and 98 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Erving's town government and school districts received $12.5 million in formula aid and $6.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $12.5M | $6.4M | $171,000 |
| $7,326 per resident (276th of 351) · gross | $3,750 per resident (25th of 351) | $100 per resident (22nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Erving were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Erving in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $171,000 in payments to Erving's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Erving.

Erving is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Erving's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Erving's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Egremont | $0 | $485,000 | $485,000 | $394 |
| Richmond | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| West Stockbridge | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Nahant | $420,000 | $437,000 | $2.3M | $131 |
| Wellfleet | $187,000 | $262,000 | $262,000 | $59.49 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Erving received 8.12 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**17.6**<br>340th of 351 · 10.3 per 1,000 residents (104th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.5M**<br>scored exposure $3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**46**<br>279th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.8 sq mi**<br>30% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,746**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.86**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 8.12; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,724 acres**<br>30.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$73,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$26.64**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$60,456**<br>FY2017–2025 · 23rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ERVING

## Erving has 2,736 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 88 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,736 acres**<br>31.0% of Erving's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**88 acres**<br>1.0% of Erving's land · 9 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**32 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**141 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 32 | 2,736 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 11 | 2,648 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 3 | 42 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 4 | 35 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 11 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 86 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 32 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 141 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | 2,640 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 8 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Erving State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,567 | |
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 162 | |
| Millers River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 8 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 38.3 miles of public road in Erving, the state maintains 13.6 (35%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 13.6 | 35% |
| Town-accepted | 17.6 | 46% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.0 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Erving $941,000 and takes back $452,000 in assessments and charges, a net $490,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$941,000** | **$452,000** | **$490,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 48% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $630,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $61,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $46,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $92,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $7,350 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $26,000 |
| State Owned Land | $73,000 |
| Public Libraries | $6,655 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $892 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,320 |
| Regional Transit | $20,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $260,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $169,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ERVING

## State programs also awarded $257,000 to organizations in Erving other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Erving. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $150,000 |
| FY2026 | Western Massachusetts Climbers Coalition nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $99,000 |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.2% of Erving's general-fund spending in FY2025, the same share as in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **6.2%** | **7.5%** | **6.2%** | **4.4%** |
| $399,000 of $6.4M · median town 14.1% | $634,000 of $8.5M · median town 12.2% | $766,000 of $12.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.4% · median town 10.0% |

Erving's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $117,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Erving's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 23.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 10.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $399,000 in FY2006 to $766,000 in FY2025, +91.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $578,000 of Erving's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+86.7%** | **+83.4%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $796,000 to $1.5M · all towns +54.0% | $1.2M to $2.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Erving's health insurance would have been $994,000 in FY2025; it was $1.49 million, $492,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.52 million in FY2025; it was $2.23 million, $712,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Erving's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $690,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Erving's required school contribution is 4.7% of median household income, 2nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$726,000** | **$2.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **4.7%** | **+35%** |
| 2nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Erving runs its own school district and also belongs to Franklin County; Erving accounts for 5% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $6 million for schools serving Erving, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Erving's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$6M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,504 per resident (31st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Erving's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $6M (5%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Erving has $471,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.5M** | **$888,000** | **$471,000** |
| $455,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 114th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **8** | **0** | **$64,000** |
| three rated poor; likely about $11.4M of work on those ($10.8M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $64,000 |


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Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Erving came on average 34 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $85,000 | $0 | $0 | $85,000 |
| FY2018 | $85,000 | $0 | $60,000 | $111,000 |
| FY2019 | $86,000 | $17,000 | $0 | $214,000 |
| FY2020 | $86,000 | $8,585 | $0 | $308,000 |
| FY2021 | $85,000 | $0 | $0 | $394,000 |
| FY2022 | $85,000 | $58,000 | $323,000 | $229,000 |
| FY2023 | $83,000 | $0 | $58,000 | $254,000 |
| FY2024 | $83,000 | $158,000 | $50,000 | $445,000 |
| FY2025 | $84,000 | $126,000 | $411,000 | $243,000 |
| FY2026 | $142,000 | $86,000 | $0 | $471,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $142,000 | $0 | $0 | $613,000 |

The full list of the 16 bridges in Erving in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2020 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Wheelock Culvert Repair/Replacement and Data Redundancy source | $64,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Erving received $6.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 29% more than the $5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Erving is one of five municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Erving** this town | **50** | **$7,326** | **$3,750** | **$0** | **8.12** | **4.7%** |
| Egremont peer · best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Richmond peer · lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $8,072 | $776 | $0 | 0.19 | 2.2% |
| West Stockbridge peer | 43 | $9,304 | $478 | $0 | 0.46 | 2.4% |
| Nahant peer | 30 | $5,917 | $268 | $131 | 0.69 | 1.6% |
| Wellfleet peer | 37 | $4,162 | $3,572 | $59.49 | 1.85 | 1.3% |


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Essex

Town · Essex County · 3,701 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

5th Essex · Andrew Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (until November 2025)

STATE SENATE

First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Manchester Essex Regional School District**, shared with Manchester-by-the-Sea

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Essex scores 32 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 58 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**32** / 100

292nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 40 | 30 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 284th to 296th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Essex received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 29 and 34 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**58** / 100

153rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 67 | 74 | 32 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 130th to 186th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

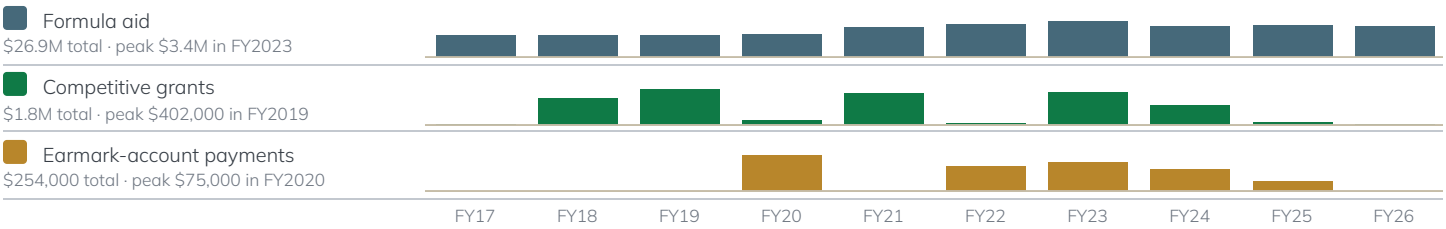
Essex received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 50 and 65 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Essex's town government and school districts received $26.9 million in formula aid and $1.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$26.9M** | **$1.8M** | **$254,000** |
| $7,261 per resident (279th of 351) · gross | $477 per resident (144th of 351) | $68.52 per resident (40th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Essex peaked in FY2019 at $402,000, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Essex received $523,000 in local earmarks to its government, $768,000 placed in the city or town and $768,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$523,000** | **$768,000** | **$768,000** | **No** |
| $141 per resident (11th of 351) | $208 per resident (9th of 351) · 32% to organizations | $208 per resident (18th of 351) · 32% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 22 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $523,000 went to Essex's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $245,000 went to organizations in Essex or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Essex, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (22 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the Essex National Heritage Commission, Inc. for the Future Leaders program to employ underserved youth in the county of Essex" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the Essex National Heritage Commission, Inc. for future leaders program to employ underserved youth in Essex" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "the rehabilitation of the recreation area known as the Centennial Grove in the town of Essex" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $67,000 (split three ways) | "in support of Manchester-by-the-Sea's Confronting the Challenges of Climate Change project in the city of Gloucester and the towns of Essex and Rockport" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $60,000 | "the town of Essex for a study relative to bridges in the town" | Enacted to the city or town government |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Essex received 75% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**23.2**<br>333rd of 351 · 6.3 per 1,000 residents (182nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.3M**<br>scored exposure $307,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**51**<br>258th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.0 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**12%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**4,218**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.80**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.75; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**47 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$3,238**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$69.08**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,690**<br>FY2017–2025 · 192nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ESSEX

## Essex has 25 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 301 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**25 acres**<br>0.3% of Essex's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**301 acres**<br>3.4% of Essex's land · 18 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**119 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,426 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 25 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 12 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 16 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 14 | 264 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 21 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 46 | 1,126 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 119 |
| Conservation restriction | 86 | 1,426 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 12 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Great Marsh North WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 18 | |
| Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 29.5 miles of public road in Essex, the state maintains 3.8 (13%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.8 | 13% |
| Town-accepted | 23.2 | 79% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.5 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Essex $397,000 and takes back $35,000 in assessments and charges, a net $362,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$397,000** | **$35,000** | **$362,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $324,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $14,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $47,000 |
| State Owned Land | $3,280 |
| Public Libraries | $9,006 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,605 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $2,282 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,240 |
| MBTA | $729 |
| Regional Transit | $28,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ESSEX

## State programs also awarded $507,000 to organizations in Essex other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Essex. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Manchester-Essex RSD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $49,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2021 | Essex County Greenbelt Association nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $41,000 |
| FY2026 | Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2022 | Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $25,000 |
| FY2020 | Essex County Greenbelt Association nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $17,000 (shared two ways) |

A further $339,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 1.8% of Essex's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 3.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3.5% | 1.9% | 1.8% | 1.6% |
| $314,000 of $8.9M · median town 14.1% | $271,000 of $13.9M · median town 12.2% | $346,000 of $19.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 1.9% · median town 10.0% |

Essex's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Essex's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 29.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 36.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $314,000 in FY2006 to $346,000 in FY2025, +10.2% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +67.1% | +53.4% | 7 of 9 | 7 of 9 |
| $421,000 to $703,000 · all towns +54.0% | $894,000 to $1.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Essex's health insurance would have been $525,000 in FY2025; it was $703,000, $178,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.12 million in FY2025; it was $1.37 million, $255,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Essex's government came to $433,000, 153.5% of the $282,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $433,000 | 153.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $672,000 | 2.4 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $672,000 | 2.4 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Essex's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 190th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $1.6M | $5.5M |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.6% | +6% |
| 190th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Essex has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Manchester Essex and Essex North Shore; Essex accounts for 42% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $5.3 million for schools serving Essex, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Essex's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $5.3M | 2 | $8.66B |
| $1,444 per resident (117th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Essex's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $7,874 (1%) |
| FY2019 | Manchester Memorial Elementary School | Manchester Essex | Core | $12.6M | $5.3M (42%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Essex's share of the final cost was $12,000 against its share of the approved budget of $18,000 (under by $6,000); the local share moved from $10,000 to $7,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Essex has $970,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.1M**<br>$555,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$964,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$970,000**<br>annual program: 2.7 years of its yearly money · 37th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$347,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $347,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Essex came on average 33 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $133,000 | $0 | $201,000 | $32,000 |
| FY2018 | $130,000 | $0 | $129,000 | $32,000 |
| FY2019 | $131,000 | $26,000 | $48,000 | $189,000 |
| FY2020 | $130,000 | $13,000 | $27,000 | $332,000 |
| FY2021 | $130,000 | $0 | $177,000 | $313,000 |
| FY2022 | $130,000 | $77,000 | $66,000 | $453,000 |
| FY2023 | $129,000 | $0 | $260,000 | $322,000 |
| FY2024 | $130,000 | $181,000 | $71,000 | $562,000 |
| FY2025 | $130,000 | $139,000 | $92,000 | $739,000 |
| FY2026 | $207,000 | $118,000 | $94,000 | $970,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $207,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The full list of the five bridges in Essex in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Apple Street Roadbed Elevation and Culvert Replacement Project source | $222,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Apple Street over UNT to Essex River source | $84,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Conomo Point Seawall Repair source | $1.7M |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Apple Street over Unnamed Tributary to Essex River source | $41,000 |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Conomo Point Seawall Repair Design source | $66,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Essex received $4.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 80% more than the $2.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Essex ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $768,000 in earmarks placed in Essex, $245,000 (32%) went to organizations rather than to Essex's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Essex** this town | **32** | **$7,261** | **$477** | **$208** | **0.75** | **2.6%** |
| Berlin peer | 32 | $7,567 | $464 | $104 | 2.37 | 2.7% |
| Boylston peer | 32 | $7,545 | $121 | $68.71 | 0.67 | 2.6% |
| Hadley peer | 38 | $6,882 | $989 | $42.59 | 2.48 | 2.0% |
| Mendon peer | 50 | $13,851 | $425 | $113 | 1.05 | 3.6% |
| Marion peer | 30 | $6,631 | $643 | $12.24 | 0.43 | 2.7% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Hinsdale lowest in class of 30 | 44 | $9,786 | $1,790 | $0 | 2.54 | 3.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Everett

City · Middlesex County · 50,045 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**28th Middlesex** · Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr. 89% of residents
**11th Suffolk** · Judith A. Garcia 8% of residents
**2nd Suffolk** · Daniel J. Ryan 3% of residents

Everett is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Middlesex and Suffolk** · Sal N. DiDomenico

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Everett Public Schools**, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Everett scores 68 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 56 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**68** / 100

17th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 70 | 64 | 65 | 73 |

Rank under other weightings: 15th to 19th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Everett received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 68 stays between 66 and 70 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**56** / 100

164th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 47 | 64 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 147th to 177th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

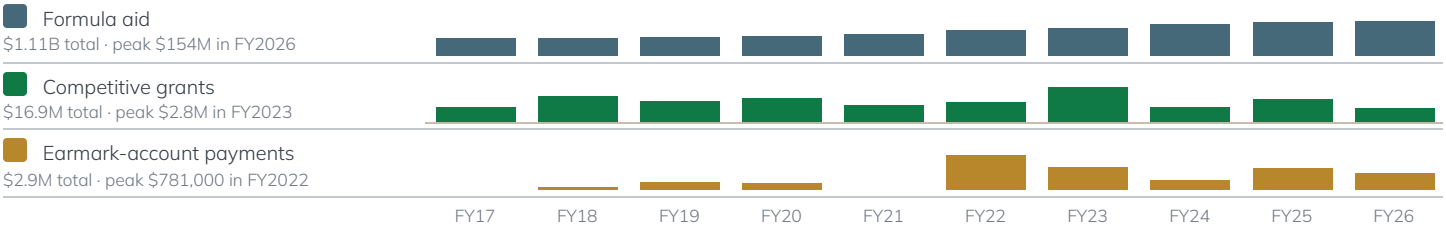
Everett received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 53 and 59 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Everett's town government and school districts received $1.11 billion in formula aid and $16.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.11B** | **$16.9M** | **$2.9M** |
| $22,244 per resident (18th of 351) · gross | $337 per resident (193rd of 351) | $57.83 per resident (62nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Everett were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $221 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Everett received $5 million in local earmarks to its government, $6 million placed in the city or town and $6.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$5M** | **$6M** | **$6.1M** | **No** |
| $101 per resident (22nd of 351) | $120 per resident (45th of 351) · 16% to organizations | $121 per resident (52nd of 351) · 16% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 76 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $5 million went to Everett's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $968,000 went to organizations in Everett or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Everett but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $50,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $50,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Everett (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Everett, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (77 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $1M (split three ways) | "the hazardous materials response team in the cities of Cambridge, Everett and Boston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $250,000 | "public schools in the city of Everett" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $200,000 | "the music program at Everett high school in the city of Everett" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $167,000 (split three ways) | "the hazardous materials response team in the cities of Cambridge, Everett and Boston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2021 | $167,000 (split three ways) | "the hazardous materials response team in the cities of Cambridge, Everett and Boston" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 77 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Everett received 2.38 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**58.1**<br>219th of 351 · 1.2 per 1,000 residents (348th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**2**<br>345th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**3.4 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**50,239**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**8.34**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.38; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$41,825**<br>FY2017–2025 · 51st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN EVERETT

## Everett has 59 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**59 acres**<br>2.7% of Everett's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 59 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 3 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 3 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Revere Beach Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 43 | |
| Mystic River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | |
| Mystic View Road | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Allied Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Allied Veterans Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Town Line Brook | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 65.4 miles of public road in Everett, the state maintains 2.8 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.8 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 58.1 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.6 | 7% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $50,000 | “the Allied Veterans Memorial Rink in the city of Everett” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Everett $140 million and takes back $24.8 million in assessments and charges, a net $115 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$140 million** | **$24.8 million** | **$115 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 18% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $128M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $2.8M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $8.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $45,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $214,000 |
| Public Libraries | $139,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $2.9M |
| Air Pollution Districts | $16,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $31,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $379,000 |
| MBTA | $4M |
| Special Education | $9,011 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $505,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $17M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN EVERETT

## State programs also awarded $1.2 million to organizations in Everett other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town’s share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | MetroNorth Regional Employment Board nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $300,000 |
| FY2023 | Cities of Everett & Boston nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $225,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2019 | Cities of Everett & Somerville nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $212,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2020 | Cities of Everett and Somerville nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $212,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2020 | Cities of Everett and Somerville nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $200,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2020 | Cities of Chelsea and Everett nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $52,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2025 | Mystic River Watershed Association nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $17,000 (shared six ways) |

A further $5,146 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family’s name.


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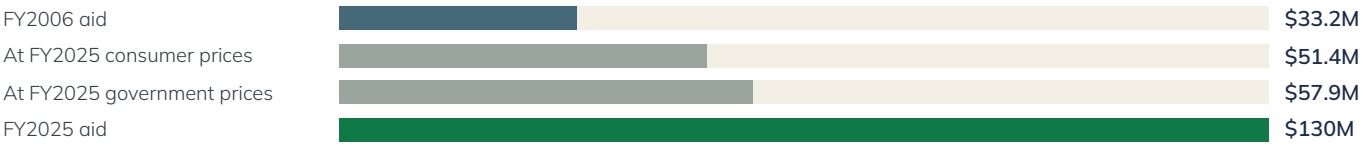
COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 42.0% of Everett's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 27.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **27.0%** | **41.8%** | **42.0%** | **35.2%** |
| $33.2M of $123M · median town 14.1% | $73.4M of $176M · median town 12.2% | $130M of $310M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 24.8% · median town 10.0% |

**Everett's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 152.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 124.7% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $33.2 million in FY2006 to $130 million in FY2025, +292.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.8 million of Everett's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+105.6%** | **+78.1%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $21.7M to $44.6M · all towns +54.0% | $35.4M to $63.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Everett's health insurance would have been $27.1 million in FY2025; it was $44.6 million, $17.5 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $44.2 million in FY2025; it was $63.1 million, $18.8 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+41%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+71%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Everett's government came to $4.7 million, 20.7% of the $22.9 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $4.7M | 20.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $5.5M | 24.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $5.6M | 24.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Everett's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 52nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$127M** | **$45.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **+37%** |
| 52nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Everett runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $947,000 for schools serving Everett, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Everett's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$947,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $18.93 per resident (269th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Everett's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Webster School | Everett | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $947,000 | $947,000 |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Everett has $608,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$7.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$608,000**<br>annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 307th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Everett came on average 25 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $645,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $645,000 |
| FY2018 | $651,000 | $0 | $423,000 | $873,000 |
| FY2019 | $646,000 | $129,000 | $1.2M | $1M |
| FY2020 | $637,000 | $64,000 | $499,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2021 | $641,000 | $0 | $958,000 | $910,000 |
| FY2022 | $684,000 | $194,000 | $56,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2023 | $691,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $938,000 |
| FY2024 | $693,000 | $314,000 | $613,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2025 | $697,000 | $201,000 | $1.6M | $663,000 |
| FY2026 | $885,000 | $369,000 | $1.3M | $608,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $887,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

The full list of the eight bridges in Everett in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Everett received $23.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 22% more than the $18.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Everett ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $6 million in earmarks placed in Everett, $968,000 (16%) went to organizations rather than to Everett's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Everett** this town | **68** | **$22,244** | **$337** | **$120** | **2.38** | **3.1%** |
| Taunton peer | 59 | $17,881 | $149 | $94.17† | 0.82 | 2.7% |
| Amherst peer | 36 | $8,017 | $722 | $75.58† | 2.44 | 3.7% |
| Leominster peer | 58 | $16,497 | $382 | $54.84† | 1.58 | 2.5% |
| Westfield peer | 52 | $14,111 | $235 | $64.11 | 0.63 | 2.6% |
| West Springfield peer | 57 | $16,581 | $376 | $85.85 | 0.82 | 2.9% |
| Salem best in class of 30 | 46 | $10,823 | $853 | $157† | 2.62 | 2.9% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Fairhaven

Town · Bristol County · 15,903 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

10th Bristol · Mark D. Sylvia

STATE SENATE

Second Bristol and Plymouth · Mark C. Montigny

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Fairhaven Public Schools, the town's own district

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Dartmouth and New Bedford

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Fairhaven scores 47 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 61 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**47** / 100

150th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 40 | 47 | 57 |

Rank under other weightings: 110th to 184th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Fairhaven received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 44 and 50 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**61** / 100

146th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | 57 | 54 | 72 |

Rank under other weightings: 131st to 161st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

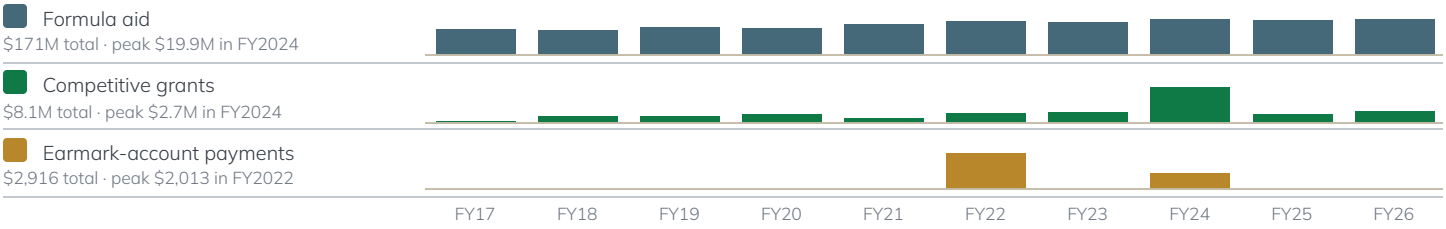
Fairhaven received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 61 stays between 57 and 64 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Fairhaven's town government and school districts received $171 million in formula aid and $8.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $171M | $8.1M | $2,916 |
| $10,747 per resident (155th of 351) · gross | $508 per resident (138th of 351) | $0.18 per resident (337th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Fairhaven peaked in FY2024 at $2.7 million, 33% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $15.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Fairhaven received $25,000 in local earmarks to its government, $200,000 placed in the city or town and $200,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $25,000 | $200,000 | $200,000 | No |
| $1.57 per resident (300th of 351) | $12.58 per resident (300th of 351) · 88% to organizations | $12.58 per resident (301st of 351) · 88% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $25,000 went to Fairhaven's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $175,000 went to organizations in Fairhaven or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Fairhaven, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the Fairhaven senior center for kitchen renovation and upgrades" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Fairhaven received 36% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**82.1**<br>148th of 351 · 5.2 per 1,000 residents (222nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5.4M**<br>scored exposure $2.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**54**<br>246th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.4 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**16,536**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.34**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.36; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**403 acres**<br>5.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$311,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$772**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,073**<br>FY2017–2025 · 292nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN FAIRHAVEN

## Fairhaven has 389 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 517 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**389 acres**<br>4.9% of Fairhaven's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**517 acres**<br>6.5% of Fairhaven's land · 34 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**72 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**711 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 32 | 389 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 22 | 360 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 71 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 28 | 432 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 13 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 13 | 250 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 72 |
| Conservation restriction | 32 | 711 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | 342 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 19 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| West Island State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 323 | |
| Fort Phoenix State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 33 | |
| South Shore Marshes WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 17 | |
| Nasketucket Bay State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 108.7 miles of public road in Fairhaven, the state maintains 10.0 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.0 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 82.1 | 75% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 16.7 | 15% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Fairhaven $14.1 million and takes back $870,000 in assessments and charges, a net $13.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.1 million** | **$870,000** | **$13.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $32,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $368,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $124,000 |
| State Owned Land | $311,000 |
| Public Libraries | $45,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $275,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $55,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,238 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $16,000 |
| Regional Transit | $103,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $354,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $62,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN FAIRHAVEN

## State programs also awarded $287,000 to organizations in Fairhaven other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Whitfield-Manjiro Friendship Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $204,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 21.1% of Fairhaven's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 29.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **29.0%** | **25.3%** | **21.1%** | **20.0%** |
| $10.7M of $37M · median town 14.1% | $11.4M of $45.2M · median town 12.2% | $13.4M of $63.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 27.7% · median town 10.0% |

Fairhaven's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Fairhaven's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 19.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 28.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $10.7 million in FY2006 to $13.4 million in FY2025, +24.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1 million of Fairhaven's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+33.7%** | **+47.8%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $6.1M to $8.1M · all towns +54.0% | $7.4M to $10.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Fairhaven's health insurance would have been $7.60 million in FY2025; it was $8.13 million, $536,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.23 million in FY2025; it was $10.9 million, $1.70 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Fairhaven's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $2.05 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
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| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $150,000 | 7.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $150,000 | 7.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Fairhaven's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 141st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$11.7M** | **$18.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+11%** |
| 141st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Fairhaven runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater New Bedford and Bristol County; Fairhaven accounts for 8% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.2 million for schools serving Fairhaven, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Fairhaven's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.2M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $203 per resident (224th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Fairhaven's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$12,000 (6%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $3.2M (6%) |


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**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Fairhaven's share of the final cost was $6.5 million against its share of the approved budget of $6.3 million (over by $163,000); the local share moved from $3.1 million to $3.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Fairhaven has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.5M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.4M**<br>annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 94th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**4**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Fairhaven came on average 41 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $524,000 | $0 | $1M | $524,000 |
| FY2018 | $522,000 | $0 | $319,000 | $1M |
| FY2019 | $520,000 | $104,000 | $1.1M | $1.3M |
| FY2020 | $517,000 | $52,000 | $268,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2021 | $516,000 | $0 | $491,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2022 | $512,000 | $274,000 | $571,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2023 | $505,000 | $0 | $714,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | $507,000 | $288,000 | $911,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2025 | $508,000 | $139,000 | $168,000 | $2M |
| FY2026 | $781,000 | $428,000 | $1.1M | $2.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $781,000 | $0 | $644,000 | $2.2M |

The full list of the 17 bridges in Fairhaven in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Fairhaven received $8.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 89% of the $9.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Fairhaven ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $200,000 in earmarks placed in Fairhaven, $175,000 (88%) went to organizations rather than to Fairhaven's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fairhaven** this town | **47** | **$10,747** | **$508** | **$12.58**† | **0.36** | **2.8%** |
| Ayer peer | 45 | $10,265 | $930 | $112† | 1.63 | 3.1% |
| Easthampton peer | 41 | $9,515 | $1,083 | $51.82 | 3.73 | 2.9% |
| Carver peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |
| Wareham peer | 47 | $10,699 | $733 | $18.13 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Stoughton peer | 43 | $10,942 | $402 | $41.94 | 0.88 | 3.0% |
| Great Barrington best in class of 30 | 42 | $9,461 | $2,113 | $175† | 2.92 | 3.7% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Fall River

City · Bristol County · 94,082 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

### STATE HOUSE

7th Bristol · Alan Silvia 45% of residents
6th Bristol · Carole A. Fiola 44% of residents
8th Bristol · Steven J. Ouellette 11% of residents

Fall River is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

### STATE SENATE

First Bristol and Plymouth · Michael J. Rodrigues

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Fall River Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Greater Fall River Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Somerset, Swansea and Westport

### REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

**Fall River scores 72 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 55 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.**

### ALL STATE AID

**72** / 100

10th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 74 | 63 | 70 | 81 |

Rank under other weightings: 7th to 11th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Fall River received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 72 stays between 69 and 75 under every weighting tested.

### DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**55** / 100

168th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 42 | 58 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 148th to 185th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

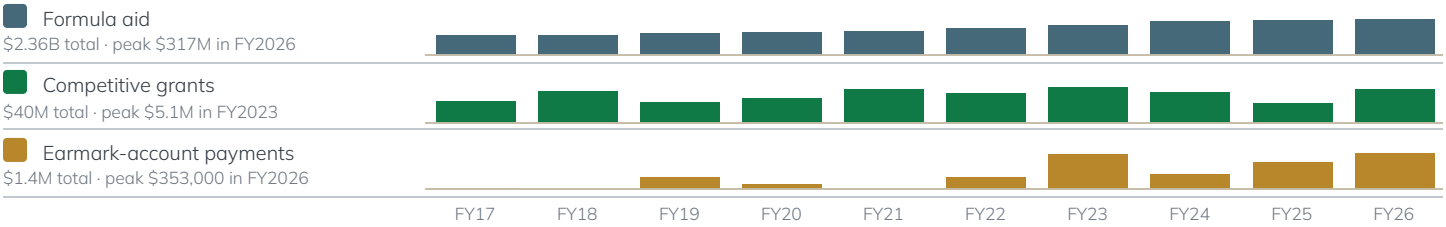
Fall River received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 51 and 59 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

**Fall River's town government and school districts received $2.36 billion in formula aid and $40 million in competitive grants over ten years.**

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.36B** | **$40M** | **$1.4M** |
| $25,031 per resident (10th of 351) · gross | $426 per resident (158th of 351) | $14.70 per resident (231st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Fall River were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $113 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

**Fall River received $1.6 million in local earmarks to its government, $7.3 million placed in the city or town and $8 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.**

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.6M** | **$7.3M** | **$8M** | **No** |
| $17.41 per resident (228th of 351) | $77.65 per resident (98th of 351) · 78% to organizations | $85.09 per resident (100th of 351) · 71% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 74 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.6 million went to Fall River's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $5.7 million went to organizations in Fall River or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Fall River but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $75,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $700,000 in ten clauses for state facilities located in Fall River (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Fall River, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (84 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | $500,000 | "the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2020 | $500,000 | "the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2018 | $400,000 | "the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2017 | $400,000 | "the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2025 | $300,000 | "Fall River Emergency Medical Services for home health visits to support emergency room diversion" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 84 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Fall River received 89% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**228.2**<br>11th of 351 · 2.4 per 1,000 residents (330th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.4M**<br>scored exposure $5.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**148**<br>42nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**6**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**33.1 sq mi**<br>20% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**94,467**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.31**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.89; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,832 acres**<br>22.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$665,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$138**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,343**<br>FY2017–2025 · 302nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN FALL RIVER

## Fall River has 5,012 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 119 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5,012 acres**<br>23.6% of Fall River's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**119 acres**<br>0.6% of Fall River's land · 4 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**4,098 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 37 | 5,012 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 11 | 1,160 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 106 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 2 | 13 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 176 |
| Conservation restriction | 34 | 4,098 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 666 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 4 | 395 |
| Other state agencies | 2 | 96 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 1 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| SE Mass Bioreserve | DCR and Fish and Game | 2,668 | |
| Freetown-Fall River State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,876 | |
| Copicut WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 305 | |
| SE Mass Bioreserve | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 111 | |
| Quequechan River Rail Trail | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 19 | |
| Fall River Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | |
| Fall River State Piers | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |
| South Watuppa Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5 | |
| Arthur R Driscoll Memorial Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Cook Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3 | |
| Vietnam Veterans Pool - Fall River | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 272.6 miles of public road in Fall River, the state maintains 18.3 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 18.3 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 227.0 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 27.3 | 10% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $25,000 | “Bridgewater state university, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, for a reduced fare pilot program for student…” |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | “the Veterans Educational Service Center at Bristol Community College” |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | “the Veterans’ Educational Service Center at Bristol Community College” |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | “the Veterans Educational Service Center at Bristol Community College” |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | “the Veterans Educational Service Center at Bristol Community College” |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Veterans Educational Services Center at Bristol Community College” |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Veterans Educational Services Center at Bristol Community College” |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Veteran Educational Services Center located at Bristol Community College” |
| FY2017 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Veteran Educational Services Center located at Bristol Community College” |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | “the installation of a transient dockage at the Fall River boathouse at Heritage State Park for recreational boating” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Fall River $291 million and takes back $47.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $244 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$291 million** | **$47.1 million** | **$244 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 16% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $251M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $7.5M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $196,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $30.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $1.2M |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $559,000 |
| State Owned Land | $681,000 |
| Public Libraries | $336,000 |


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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $801,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $151,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $24,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $323,000 |
| Regional Transit | $2.3M |
| Special Education | $80,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $3.1M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $40.4M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN FALL RIVER

## State programs also awarded $7.4 million to organizations in Fall River other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Fall River. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Durfee Trust Limited Partnership nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $558,000 |
| FY2024 | Durfee Trust Limited Partnership nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $400,000 |
| FY2026 | Eagle Event Center nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $350,000 |
| FY2017 | Narrows Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2022 | Bristol County Chamber Foundation regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | Bristol County Chamber Foundation regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | Narrows Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $77,000 |
| FY2023 | Bristol Community College nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $75,000 |
| FY2020 | Narrows Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $70,000 |
| FY2023 | Narrows Center for the Arts, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $50,000 |
| FY2021 | The Trustees of Reservations nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 |
| FY2023 | USS Massachusetts Memorial Committee nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $20,000 |
| FY2026 | Preservation Society of Fall River nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $20,000 |
| FY2023 | Southcoast Open Air Market nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $15,000 |
| FY2023 | On Stage Theatrical Productions nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $12,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 20 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $5.2 million in 17 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 56.3% of Fall River's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 53.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **53.5%** | **54.0%** | **56.3%** | **47.0%** |
| $122M of $229M · median town 14.1% | $134M of $248M · median town 12.2% | $242M of $430M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 53.7% · median town 10.0% |

Fall River's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $20.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Fall River's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 27.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 13.4% above grown by the government price index.**





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Gross state aid went from $122 million in FY2006 to $242 million in FY2025, +97.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $4.4 million of Fall River's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+137.6%** | **+132.2%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $32M to $76.1M · all towns +54.0% | $43.3M to $100M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Fall River's health insurance would have been $40 million in FY2025; it was $76.1 million, $36.1 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $54 million in FY2025; it was $100 million, $46.4 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+58%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+74%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Fall River's government came to $1.5 million, 3.4% of the $44.1 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.5M | 3.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $6.7M | 15.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $7.4M | 16.7% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Fall River's required school contribution is 2.0% of median household income, 311th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$252M** | **$47.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.0%** | **+36%** |
| 311th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Fall River runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater Fall River and Bristol County; Fall River accounts for 72% and 10% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $320 million for schools serving Fall River, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Fall River's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$320M** | **6** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,398 per resident (35th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Fall River's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Greater Fall River | Core | $24.4M | $17.7M (72%) |
| FY2024 | Resiliency Preparatory Academy | Fall River | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $6.5M | $6.5M |
| FY2022 | Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School | Greater Fall River | Core | $149M | $108M (72%) |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$19,000 (10%) |
| FY2019 | Resiliency Preparatory Academy | Fall River | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Boiler) | $6.2M | $6.2M |
| FY2018 | Samuel Watson Elementary School | Fall River | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors; Partial Boiler) | $4.2M | $4.2M |
| FY2018 | James Tasney Elementary School | Fall River | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors; Partial Boiler) | $2.1M | $2.1M |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $5.2M (10%) |
| FY2018 | B.M.C. Durfee High School | Fall River | Core | $170M | $170M |


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**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Fall River; Fall River's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $17.7 million, $17.7 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Fall River's share of the final cost was $273 million against its share of the approved budget of $274 million (under by $369,000); the local share moved from $98.1 million to $102 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Fall River has $5.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and six high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$26.5M**<br>$4.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$18M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$5.9M**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 139th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**9**<br>two rated poor; likely about $3M of work on those ($2.6M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**6**<br>of nine town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$582,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $547,000 · culverts $35,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.9M | $0 | $930,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2018 | $1.9M | $0 | $1.1M | $2.2M |
| FY2019 | $1.9M | $381,000 | $2.5M | $2M |
| FY2020 | $1.9M | $192,000 | $2.5M | $1.7M |
| FY2021 | $1.9M | $0 | $1.9M | $1.7M |
| FY2022 | $1.9M | $757,000 | $2M | $2.3M |
| FY2023 | $1.9M | $0 | $2.5M | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | $1.9M | $957,000 | $1.9M | $2.7M |
| FY2025 | $1.9M | $530,000 | $2.1M | $2.9M |
| FY2026 | $2.7M | $1.3M | $368,000 | $6.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2.7M | $0 | $653,000 | $8.5M |

The full list of the 79 bridges in Fall River in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | FY24 Upper Lake Noquochoke Dam Removal source | $101,000 |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Sawdy Pond Dam Repair Design and Permit source | $148,000 |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Upper Lake Noquochoke Dam Removal Design source | $128,000 |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Bell Rock Rd over Rattlesnake Brook source | $35,000 |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Rattlesnake Brook Dam Removal source | $170,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Fall River received $49.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 89% of the $55.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Fall River ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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## nearest peers.

Of the $7.3 million in earmarks placed in Fall River, $5.7 million (78%) went to organizations rather than to Fall River's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fall River** this town | **72** | **$25,031** | **$426** | **$77.65†** | **0.89** | **2.0%** |
| Lawrence peer | 81 | $35,983 | $392 | $72.86† | 1.09 | 1.0% |
| New Bedford peer | 73 | $27,251 | $466 | $126† | 1.34 | 1.9% |
| Lynn peer | 72 | $27,652 | $300 | $87.92† | 1.51 | 2.5% |
| Brockton peer | 72 | $26,796 | $378 | $70.10 | 1.28 | 2.3% |
| Springfield peer · best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Falmouth

Town · Barnstable County · 33,039 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**3rd Barnstable** · David T. Vieira 66% of residents
**Barnstable-Dukes-Nantucket** · Thomas W. Moakley 34% of residents

Falmouth is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Plymouth and Barnstable** · Dylan A. Fernandes

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Falmouth Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bourne, Marion, Sandwich and Wareham

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Falmouth scores 22 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 18 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**22** / 100

348th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 21 | 27 | 19 |

Rank under other weightings: 347th to 349th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Falmouth received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 22 stays between 20 and 23 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**18** / 100

318th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 20 | 16 | 18 |

Rank under other weightings: 315th to 325th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

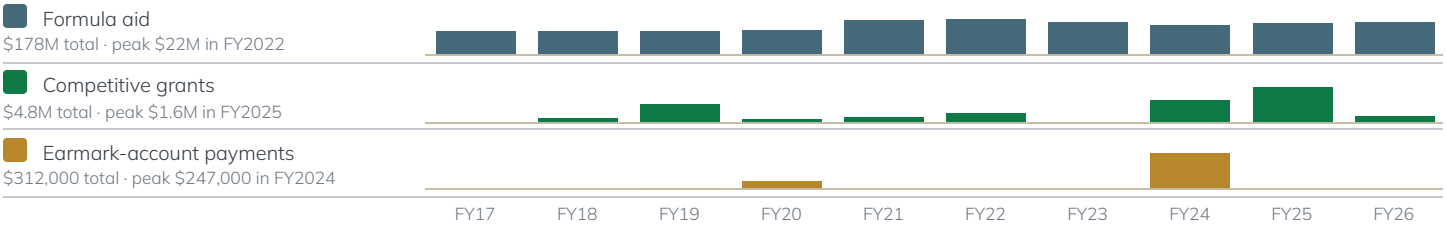
Falmouth received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 18 stays between 18 and 19 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Falmouth's town government and school districts received $178 million in formula aid and $4.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$178M** | **$4.8M** | **$312,000** |
| $5,383 per resident (340th of 351) · gross | $146 per resident (295th of 351) | $9.43 per resident (263rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Falmouth peaked in FY2025 at $1.6 million, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $53 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Falmouth received $401,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2 million placed in the city or town and $2.2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$401,000** | **$2M** | **$2.2M** | **No** |
| $12.15 per resident (259th of 351) | $60.26 per resident (138th of 351) · 80% to organizations | $66.46 per resident (129th of 351) · 72% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 30 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $401,000 went to Falmouth's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.6 million went to organizations in Falmouth or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Falmouth but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $205,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $205,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Falmouth (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Falmouth, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (32 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $350,000 | "the Falmouth housing authority for the repair and renovation of affordable housing in the town of Falmouth" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "research and education at the Marine Biological Laboratory in the town of Falmouth" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "research and education at The Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole in the town of Falmouth" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $200,000 | "the development and implementation of science, technology, engineering and mathematics educational and skills training opportunities for public school students and educators at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole in the town of Falmouth" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $175,000 | "shellfish propagation in Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties to be administered jointly by the director of marine fisheries and counties" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |

Printed: the 5 largest of 32 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Falmouth received 76% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**231.1**<br>10th of 351 · 7.0 per 1,000 residents (159th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$39.9M**<br>scored exposure $7.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**81**<br>161st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**44.1 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**28%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**46,847**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.41**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.76; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,490 acres**<br>8.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$871,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$350**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$44,290**<br>FY2017–2025 · 48th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN FALMOUTH

## Falmouth has 2,432 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 330 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,432 acres**<br>8.6% of Falmouth's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**330 acres**<br>1.2% of Falmouth's land · 31 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,408 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 80 | 2,432 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 59 | 1,829 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 49 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 20 | 188 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 93 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 21 | 411 |
| Conservation restriction | 241 | 1,408 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 40 | 1,389 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | 357 |
| Military Division | 1 | 80 |
| Other state agencies | 4 | 2 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 1 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Frances A. Crane WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,956 | |
| Washburn Island | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 285 | |
| Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 94 | |
| Shining Sea Bikeway | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 49 | |
| Quashnet River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 31 | |
| Frank L. Perry Reforestation Lot | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 17 | |
| Childs River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 349.1 miles of public road in Falmouth, the state maintains 24.8 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 24.8 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 230.9 | 66% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 93.4 | 27% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $30,000 | “a study of Eel Pond Inlet in the Waquoit Bay watershed” |
| FY2017 | $175,000 | “shellfish propagation in Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties to be administered jointly by the director of marine fisheries and counties” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Falmouth $15.4 million and takes back $4.8 million in assessments and charges, a net $10.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.4 million** | **$4.8 million** | **$10.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 31% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $133,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.4M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $340,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $274,000 |
| State Owned Land | $893,000 |
| Public Libraries | $72,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $1.2M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $487,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $20,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $45,000 |
| Regional Transit | $224,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $451,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.4M |

### STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN FALMOUTH

## State programs also awarded $5.4 million to organizations in Falmouth other than the town government,


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## FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Falmouth. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Barnstable County regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $500,000 |
| FY2026 | Falmouth Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $400,000 |
| FY2017 | Friends of Nobska Light nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2018 | Marine Biological Laboratory nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2019 | College Light Opera Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Friends of Nobska Light nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | College Light Opera Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Highfield Hall & Gardens nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $169,000 |
| FY2022 | Friends of Nobska Light nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $160,000 |
| FY2025 | Falmouth EDIC nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $145,000 |
| FY2019 | Falmouth Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $75,000 |
| FY2026 | Farming Falmouth nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $42,000 |
| FY2021 | College Light Opera Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $40,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 22 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $1.1 million in 7 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.9% of Falmouth's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.1%** | **8.0%** | **7.9%** | **4.8%** |
| $8.3M of $90.9M · median town 14.1% | $10M of $126M · median town 12.2% | $14.3M of $179M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.4% · median town 10.0% |

Falmouth's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $762,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Falmouth's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 11.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 1.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.3 million in FY2006 to $14.3 million in FY2025, +72.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.5 million of Falmouth's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+49.2%** | **+56.7%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $11.1M to $16.6M · all towns +54.0% | $19.5M to $30.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Falmouth's health insurance would have been $13.9 million in FY2025; it was $16.6 million, $2.70 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $24.3 million in FY2025; it was $30.5 million, $6.20 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Falmouth's government came to $396,000, 7.3% of the $5.46 million rise in its health insurance.


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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $396,000 | 7.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.7M | 30.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.9M | 34.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Falmouth's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 106th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$10.9M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$40M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.9%**<br>106th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+51%**<br>after inflation |

Falmouth runs its own school district and also belongs to Upper Cape Cod; Falmouth accounts for 24% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.4 million for schools serving Falmouth, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Falmouth's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.4M**<br>$42.06 per resident (257th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Falmouth's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Teaticket Elementary School | Falmouth | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.4M | $1.4M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $3.3 million against an approved budget of $3.7 million (under by $418,000); the local share moved from $2.3 million to $2.1 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Falmouth has $8.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$18.8M**<br>$3.4M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$8.4M**<br>annual program: 3.2 years of its yearly money · 20th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**12**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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**Falmouth owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.4M | $1.1M |
| FY2018 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.6M | $2.3M |
| FY2019 | $1.3M | $255,000 | $612,000 | $3.4M |
| FY2020 | $1.3M | $127,000 | $1.1M | $3.7M |
| FY2021 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.3M | $3.7M |
| FY2022 | $1.3M | $767,000 | $1.9M | $3.7M |
| FY2023 | $1.3M | $0 | $979,000 | $4M |
| FY2024 | $1.3M | $760,000 | $846,000 | $5.2M |
| FY2025 | $1.3M | $344,000 | $1.2M | $5.6M |
| FY2026 | $2M | $1.2M | $400,000 | $8.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2M | $0 | $0 | $10.4M |

The full list of the 30 bridges in Falmouth in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Menahaut Road Coastal Infrastructure Design and Permit source | $239,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Falmouth received $8.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 47% of the $18 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Falmouth ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2 million in earmarks placed in Falmouth, $1.6 million (80%) went to organizations rather than to Falmouth's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Falmouth** this town | **22** | **$5,383** | **$146** | **$60.26†** | **0.76** | **2.9%** |
| Gloucester peer | 28 | $6,787 | $774 | $145† | 2.12 | 3.6% |
| Bourne peer | 29 | $6,777 | $185 | $55.96† | 0.51 | 2.9% |
| Barnstable peer | 27 | $6,526 | $289 | $69.38† | 0.74 | 3.6% |
| Dennis peer | 25 | $4,788 | $436 | $12.61† | 0.90 | 2.4% |
| Woburn peer | 31 | $6,812 | $255 | $85.34† | 0.44 | 3.5% |
| Chatham best in class of 30 | 23 | $4,225 | $743 | $246† | 0.70 | 1.8% |
| Tisbury lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |


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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Fitchburg

City · Worcester County · 41,798 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Worcester · Michael P. Kushmerek

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Middlesex · John J. Cronin

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Fitchburg Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Gardner, Harvard, Holden, Hubbardston and nine others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Fitchburg scores 68 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 75 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**68** / 100

16th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | 60 | 68 | 74 |

Rank under other weightings: 14th to 22nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Fitchburg received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 68 stays between 65 and 71 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**75** / 100

95th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 66 | 78 | 79 |

Rank under other weightings: 86th to 113th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

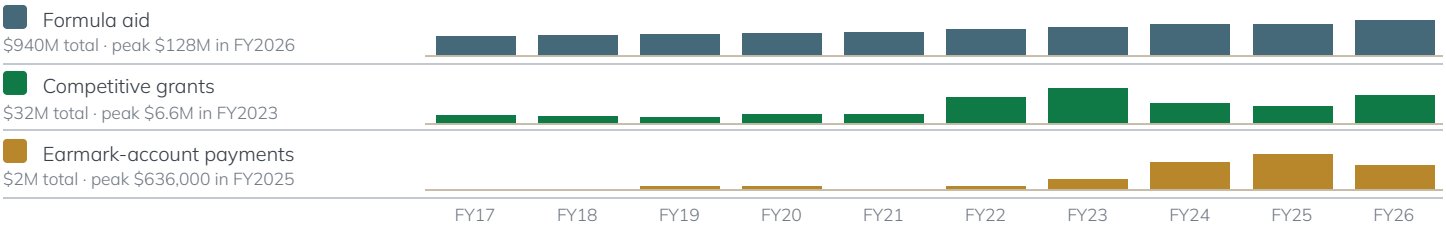
Fitchburg received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 75 stays between 72 and 77 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Fitchburg's town government and school districts received $940 million in formula aid and $32 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$940M** | **$32M** | **$2M** |
| $22,494 per resident (15th of 351) · gross | $765 per resident (101st of 351) | $47.42 per resident (83rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Fitchburg peaked in FY2023 at $6.6 million, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $53.8 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Fitchburg received $1.9 million in local earmarks to its government, $4.9 million placed in the city or town and $9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.9M** | **$4.9M** | **$9M** | **No** |
| $45.61 per resident (90th of 351) | $118 per resident (46th of 351) · 61% to organizations | $216 per resident (15th of 351) · 34% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 44 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.9 million went to Fitchburg's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $3 million went to organizations in Fitchburg or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Fitchburg but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $300,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $4.1 million in three clauses for state facilities located in Fitchburg (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Fitchburg, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (47 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $3.8M | "the recognition of additional allowable costs to the standard base rate over the base year rate established on October 1, 2024, for a nursing facility located on Martha's Vineyard Island and within 8 miles of a hospital that has received federal government designation as a Critical Access Hospital" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2026 | $750,000 | "the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority for downtown housing and economic development" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $750,000 | "the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority for downtown housing and economic development" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $750,000 | "not less than $750,000 shall be extended to the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority for downtown redevelopment efforts in the city of Fitchburg" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $304,000 | "the city of Fitchburg for downtown housing development" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 47 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Fitchburg received 2.33 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**180.6**<br>24th of 351 · 4.3 per 1,000 residents (268th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$58.9M**<br>scored exposure $19.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**154**<br>34th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**16**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**27.8 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**41,865**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.24**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.33; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**242 acres**<br>1.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$99,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$410**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,657**<br>FY2017–2025 · 311th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN FITCHBURG

## Fitchburg has 297 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,274 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**297 acres**<br>1.7% of Fitchburg's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,274 acres**<br>7.2% of Fitchburg's land · 57 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**375 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,425 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 9 | 297 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 45 | 324 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 30 | 820 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 14 | 302 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 13 | 152 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 17 | 604 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 10 | 375 |
| Conservation restriction | 64 | 1,425 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 9 | 122 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 4 | 102 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 32 | 100 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Leominster State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 182 | |
| Scripture Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 103 | |
| Willard Brook State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | |
| Johnson Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 202.5 miles of public road in Fitchburg, the state maintains 8.6 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.6 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 180.6 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 13.3 | 7% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $250,000 | “Thrive Scholars to support college to career services” |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | “costs related to relocation and modernization of equipment for the automotive technology center at Mount Wachusett Community College in the city of…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Fitchburg $107 million and takes back $9.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $97.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$107 million** | **$9.7 million** | **$97.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $92.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.9M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $384,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $10.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $485,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $224,000 |
| State Owned Land | $102,000 |
| Public Libraries | $145,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $105,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $96,000 |
| Regional Transit | $1.2M |
| Special Education | $72,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $2.8M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $5.5M |

### STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN FITCHBURG

## State programs also awarded $6.6 million to organizations in Fitchburg other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Fitchburg. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | NewVue Communities nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $726,000 |
| FY2027 | NewVue Communities nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $695,000 |
| FY2022 | FSU Foundation nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $475,000 |
| FY2025 | Montachusett Regional Planning Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $458,000 |
| FY2027 | Montachusett Regional Planning Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $248,000 |
| FY2023 | Fitchburg Art Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Fitchburg State University nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Worcester Regional Strategic Opportunities Foundation, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $90,000 |
| FY2017 | Fitchburg Art Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2018 | Fitchburg State University Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2016 | Fitchburg Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $24,000 |
| FY2023 | Stratton Players nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $17,000 |
| FY2023 | Friends of Fitchburg Abolitionist Park nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $2,750 |

A further $3.4 million in 6 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 51.0% of Fitchburg's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 50.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **50.1%** | **51.6%** | **51.0%** | **46.4%** |
| $51.3M of $102M · median town 14.1% | $58.6M of $114M · median town 12.2% | $91.3M of $179M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 47.9% · median town 10.0% |

Fitchburg's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $6.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Fitchburg's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 14.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 1.9% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $51.3 million in FY2006 to $91.3 million in FY2025, +77.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.8 million of Fitchburg's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+84.3%** | **+76.3%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $16.4M to $30.2M · all towns +54.0% | $24.9M to $44M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Fitchburg's health insurance would have been $20.5 million in FY2025; it was $30.2 million, $9.74 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $31.2 million in FY2025; it was $44 million, $12.8 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Fitchburg's government came to $1.5 million, 10.9% of the $13.8 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.5M | 10.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.7M | 26.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.8M | 27.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Fitchburg's required school contribution is 2.1% of


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## median household income, 296th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$92.6M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$26.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.1%**<br>296th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+30%**<br>after inflation |

Fitchburg runs its own school district and also belongs to Montachusett; Fitchburg accounts for 27% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $54.8 million for schools serving Fitchburg, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Fitchburg's share<br>**$54.8M**<br>$1,311 per resident (127th of 351) | Projects<br>**3**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Fitchburg's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Crocker Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Fitchburg | Core | $4.5M | $4.5M |
| FY2024 | Arthur M. Longsjo Middle School | Fitchburg | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.5M | $1.5M |
| FY2022 | Arthur M. Longsjo Middle School | Fitchburg | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $3.5M | $3.5M |
| FY2021 | Crocker Elementary School | Fitchburg | Core | $42.1M | $42.1M |
| FY2021 | Crocker Elementary School grant increased by Board vote | Fitchburg | Core | $700,000 | $700,000 |
| FY2020 | South Street Elementary School | Fitchburg | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof; Partial Boiler) | $2.5M | $2.5M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $5.2 million to grants for one project serving Fitchburg, $4.5 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $2.2 million against an approved budget of $3.1 million (under by $929,000); the local share moved from $621,000 to $470,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Fitchburg has $3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and 16 high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$16.3M**<br>$2.8M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$11.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3M**<br>annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 151st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**31**<br>two rated poor; likely about $11.6M of work on those ($10.6M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**16**<br>of 27 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.3M**<br>bridges $370,000 · dams $741,000 · culverts $144,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Fitchburg came on average 20 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.1M | $0 | $1M | $302,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.2M | $230,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.1M | $224,000 | $866,000 | $708,000 |
| FY2020 | $1.1M | $112,000 | $1M | $946,000 |
| FY2021 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.5M | $544,000 |
| FY2022 | $1.1M | $602,000 | $1.4M | $840,000 |
| FY2023 | $1.1M | $0 | $602,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | $1.1M | $637,000 | $618,000 | $2.5M |
| FY2025 | $1.1M | $309,000 | $1.1M | $2.8M |
| FY2026 | $1.7M | $939,000 | $2.5M | $3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.7M | $0 | $0 | $4.7M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Scott Reservoir Dam Seepage Mitigation Design source | $250,000 |
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Scott Reservoir Dam Repair Design and Permit source | $77,000 |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | FY23 McTaggarts Dam Removal Design source | $39,000 |
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Ashby West Road over Falulah Brook / Ashby West Road over Tributary to Falulah Brook / Sheffield Street over Sucker Brook source | $144,000 |
| FY2020 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | McTaggart's Pond Dam Removal source | $375,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fitchburg** this town | **68** | **$22,494** | **$765** | **$118**† | **2.33** | **2.1%** |
| Holyoke peer | 78 | $31,543 | $801 | $77.35† | 1.95 | 1.7% |
| Chicopee peer · lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |
| Pittsfield peer | 59 | $17,230 | $454 | $131† | 1.56 | 2.6% |
| Chelsea peer | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Gardner peer | 60 | $17,461 | $784 | $85.79† | 2.19 | 2.3% |
| Springfield best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Florida

Town · Berkshire County · 668 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

STATE SENATE

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Florida Public Schools, the town's own district

Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Lanesborough, Monroe, North Adams, Savoy and Williamstown

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Florida scores 64 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 87 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**64** / 100

28th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 65 | 48 | 78 |

Rank under other weightings: 15th to 50th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Florida received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 64 stays between 59 and 68 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**87** / 100

56th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 88 | 88 | 77 | 94 |

Rank under other weightings: 49th to 61st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

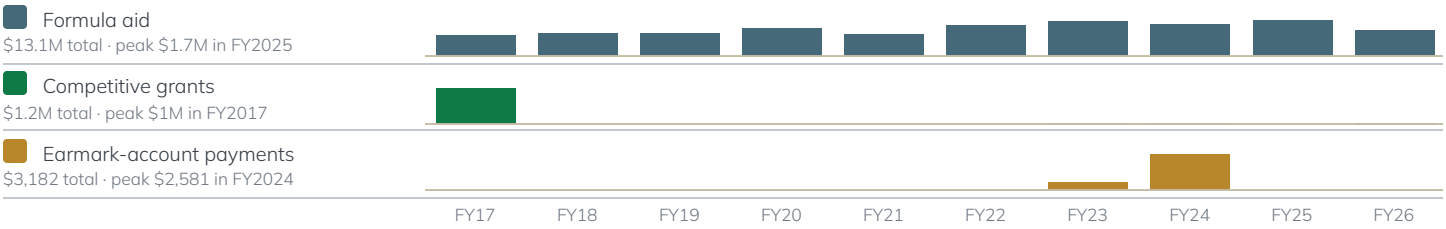
Florida received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 87 stays between 84 and 89 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Florida's town government and school districts received $13.1 million in formula aid and $1.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $13.1M | $1.2M | $3,182 |
| $19,543 per resident (28th of 351) · gross | $1,744 per resident (52nd of 351) | $4.76 per resident (289th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Florida peaked in FY2017 at $1 million, 86% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 668 residents, a single payment moves Florida's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $863,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Florida in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $3,182 in payments to Florida's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Florida.

Florida is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Florida's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Florida's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leyden | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $157 |
| New Braintree | $290,000 | $290,000 | $290,000 | $298 |
| Petersham | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Heath | $0 | $50,000 | $50,000 | $65.36 |
| Goshen | $75,000 | $75,000 | $75,000 | $81.97 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Florida received 14% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**39.8**<br>293rd of 351 · 59.6 per 1,000 residents (14th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5.9M**<br>scored exposure $567,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**69**<br>200th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**24.4 sq mi**<br>35% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**5%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**704**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.14; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5,391 acres**<br>34.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$76,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$14.07**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$37,964**<br>FY2017–2025 · 67th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN FLORIDA

## Florida has 5,448 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 286 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5,448 acres**<br>34.9% of Florida's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**286 acres**<br>1.8% of Florida's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**284 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 75 | 5,448 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 13 | 4,490 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 98 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 189 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 284 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | 4,490 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Savoy Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,962 | |
| Mohawk Trail State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,459 | |
| Monroe State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,121 | |
| Florida State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 907 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 47.5 miles of public road in Florida, the state maintains 7.2 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.2 | 15% |
| Town-accepted | 39.8 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.5 | 1% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Florida $948,000 and takes back $199,000 in assessments and charges, a net $750,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| $948,000 | $199,000 | $750,000 |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 21% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $580,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $59,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $121,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $65,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $35,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $8,056 |
| State Owned Land | $76,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,602 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $258 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,600 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $46,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $151,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN FLORIDA

## State programs also awarded $80,000 to organizations in Florida other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Florida. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Florida Mountaineers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $67,000 |
| FY2025 | Florida Mountaineers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,333 (shared three ways) |
| FY2026 | Florida Mountaineers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $4,700 (shared three ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## The Division of Local Services shows no FY2025 general-fund spending for Florida; in FY2016 state aid covered 21.1% of it.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23.6% | 21.1% | not reported | not reported |
| $553,000 of $2.3M · median town 14.1% | $679,000 of $3.2M · median town 12.2% | aid $898,000; spending not reported · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 19.7% · median town 10.0% |

Florida's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $345,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Florida's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 4.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 6.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $553,000 in FY2006 to $898,000 in FY2025, +62.4% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| not reported | not reported | 1 of 8 | 0 of 8 |
| FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +54.0% | FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth · one year not reported | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth · one year not reported |

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Florida's health insurance is not reported for FY2016 or FY2025, so its earmarks are not set against it.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | not reported | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | not reported | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | not reported | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Florida's required school contribution is 3.2% of median household income, 36th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $862,000 | $836,000 |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 3.2% | +21% |
| 36th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Florida runs its own school district and also belongs to Northern Berkshire; Florida accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.7 million for schools serving Florida, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Florida's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $1.7M | 2 | $8.66B |
| $2,600 per resident (70th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Florida's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $571,000 | $35,000 (6%) |
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $9.8M | $598,000 (6%) |
| FY2022 | Abbott Memorial School | Florida | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.1M | $1.1M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Florida; Florida's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $35,000. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Florida's share of the final cost was $1.5 million against its share of the approved budget of $1.7 million (under by $162,000); the local share moved from $553,000 to $529,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Florida has $934,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| $2.8M | $1.5M | $934,000 |
| $735,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 111th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| 4 | 0 | $0 |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Florida came on average 28 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026;


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counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $164,000 | $0 | $94,000 | $117,000 |
| FY2018 | $163,000 | $0 | $195,000 | $117,000 |
| FY2019 | $163,000 | $33,000 | $229,000 | $269,000 |
| FY2020 | $162,000 | $16,000 | $379,000 | $171,000 |
| FY2021 | $161,000 | $0 | $0 | $332,000 |
| FY2022 | $161,000 | $133,000 | $242,000 | $384,000 |
| FY2023 | $160,000 | $0 | $266,000 | $278,000 |
| FY2024 | $160,000 | $217,000 | $93,000 | $562,000 |
| FY2025 | $159,000 | $146,000 | $415,000 | $453,000 |
| FY2026 | $291,000 | $190,000 | $0 | $934,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $291,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The full list of the six bridges in Florida in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Florida received $1.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 55% of the $2.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Florida is one of three municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

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| **Florida** this town | **64** | **$19,543** | **$1,744** | **$0** | **0.14** | **3.2%** |
| Leyden peer | 52 | $13,247 | $3,201 | $157 | 2.17 | 2.2% |
| New Braintree peer · best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |
| Petersham peer · lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |
| Heath peer | 70 | $20,313 | $6,568 | $65.36† | 0.84 | 1.5% |
| Goshen peer | 58 | $15,373 | $3,510 | $81.97 | 1.88 | 2.3% |

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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Foxborough

Town · Norfolk County · 18,615 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Bristol · Michael S. Chaisson

STATE SENATE

Bristol and Norfolk · Paul R. Feeney

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Foxborough Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Foxborough scores 34 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 18 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**34** / 100

272nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 39 | 31 | 33 |

Rank under other weightings: 258th to 284th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Foxborough received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 33 and 35 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**18** / 100

320th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 21 | 15 | 17 |

Rank under other weightings: 319th to 326th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

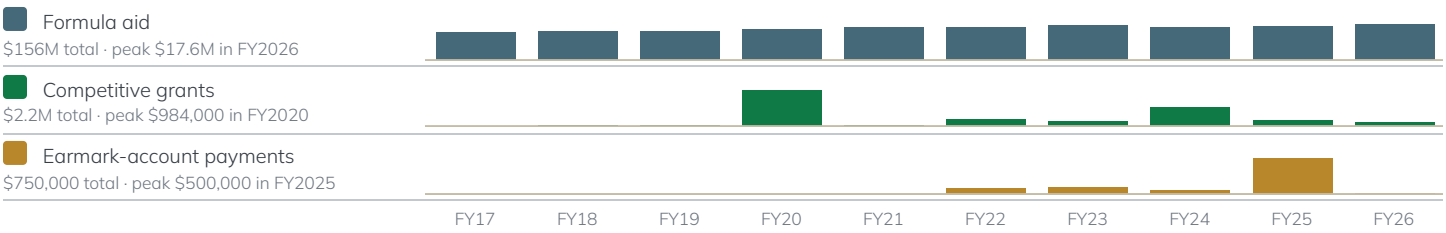
Foxborough received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 18 stays between 17 and 19 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Foxborough's town government and school districts received $156 million in formula aid and $2.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$156M** | **$2.2M** | **$750,000** |
| $8,398 per resident (240th of 351) · gross | $121 per resident (312th of 351) | $40.29 per resident (109th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Foxborough peaked in FY2020 at $984,000, 44% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $37.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Foxborough received $452,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.4 million placed in the city or town and $1.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$452,000** | **$1.4M** | **$1.4M** | **No** |
| $24.26 per resident (187th of 351) | $73.28 per resident (107th of 351) · 67% to organizations | $73.28 per resident (115th of 351) · 67% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 22 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $452,000 went to Foxborough's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $912,000 went to organizations in Foxborough or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Foxborough, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (22 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $150,000 | "the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association for workforce development training opportunities and technical education in secondary and post-secondary schools for careers in the marine trades" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association, Inc. to increase workforce development training opportunities and technical education in secondary and post-secondary schools for careers in the marine trades" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "Massachusetts Marine Trades Association for workforce development training opportunities and technical education in secondary and post-secondary schools for careers in the marine trades" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association to increase workforce development training opportunities and technical education in secondary and post-secondary schools for careers in the marine trades" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association to increase workforce development training opportunities and technical education in secondary and post-secondary schools for careers in the marine trades" | Enacted organization based here |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Foxborough received 1.08 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**93.4**<br>114th of 351 · 5.0 per 1,000 residents (230th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.1M**<br>scored exposure $333,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**147**<br>46th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**5**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**19.9 sq mi**<br>6% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**18,615**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.74**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.08; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**530 acres**<br>4.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$199,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$375**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$32,635**<br>FY2017–2025 · 93rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN FOXBOROUGH

## Foxborough has 835 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 160 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**835 acres**<br>6.6% of Foxborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**160 acres**<br>1.3% of Foxborough's land · 19 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**71 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**146 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 41 | 835 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 28 | 911 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 7 | 60 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 63 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 36 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 232 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 71 |
| Conservation restriction | 19 | 146 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 9 | 745 |
| Other state agencies | 19 | 166 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| F. Gilbert Hills State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 819 | |
| Hersey Farm Agricultural Field 2 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 13 | |
| Hersey Farm Agricultural Field 3 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |
| Hersey Farm Agricultural Field 4 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |
| Hersey Farm Agricultural Field 1 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 114.0 miles of public road in Foxborough, the state maintains 16.1 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 16.1 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 92.5 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.3 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Foxborough $13.4 million and takes back $2.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $10.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.4 million** | **$2.7 million** | **$10.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 20% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $452,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $95,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $175,000 |
| State Owned Land | $199,000 |
| Public Libraries | $53,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $153,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $96,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,434 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $21,000 |
| Regional Transit | $156,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $513,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.8M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN FOXBOROUGH

## State programs also awarded $859,000 to organizations in Foxborough other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Foxborough. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Foxborough Regional Center for Performing Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $90,000 |
| FY2024 | Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $81,000 |
| FY2019 | Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, South Region state agency | MassTrails Grants | $41,000 |
| FY2025 | Southeast Regional Planning & Economic Development District regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $39,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2020 | Towns of Foxborough, Plainville and Wrentham nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $25,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2021 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,333 (shared three ways) |
| FY2020 | Foxborough Regional Center for Performing Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2025 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $3,833 (shared three ways) |

A further $564,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.1% of Foxborough's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.0%** | **16.6%** | **13.1%** | **10.1%** |
| $8.7M of $48.2M · median town 14.1% | $10.6M of $64.2M · median town 12.2% | $12.2M of $92.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 17.6% · median town 10.0% |

Foxborough's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $237,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Foxborough's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 9.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 19.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.7 million in FY2006 to $12.2 million in FY2025, +40.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $666,000 of Foxborough's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+40.0%** | **+65.4%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $6.5M to $9M · all towns +54.0% | $10.5M to $17.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Foxborough's health insurance would have been $8.07 million in FY2025; it was $9.05 million, $979,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $13.2 million in FY2025; it was $17.4 million, $4.27 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+91%), FY2020 (+54%) and FY2021 (−63%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+145%) and FY2021 (−63%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Foxborough's government came to $397,000, 15.3% of the $2.59 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $397,000 | 15.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.1M | 42.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.1M | 42.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Foxborough's required school contribution is 3.7% of


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## median household income, 7th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$10.4M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$30.8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.7%**<br>7th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–13%**<br>after inflation |

Foxborough runs its own school district and also belongs to Southeastern and Norfolk County; Foxborough accounts for 3% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $15.4 million for schools serving Foxborough, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Foxborough's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.4M**<br>$826 per resident (158th of 351) | **2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Foxborough's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $39,000 (2%) |
| FY2019 | Mabelle M. Burrell Elementary School | Foxborough | Core | $15.3M | $15.3M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Foxborough's share of the final cost was $31.9 million against its share of the approved budget of $34.7 million (under by $2.8 million); the local share moved from $19.3 million to $17.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Foxborough has $344,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and five high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.1M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | **$7.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$344,000**<br>annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 339th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**5**<br>of ten town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$935,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $935,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Foxborough came on average 16 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $645,000 | $0 | $725,000 | $0 |
| FY2018 | $642,000 | $0 | $584,000 | $58,000 |
| FY2019 | $644,000 | $129,000 | $637,000 | $193,000 |
| FY2020 | $650,000 | $65,000 | $908,000 | $7 |
| FY2021 | $638,000 | $0 | $445,000 | $193,000 |
| FY2022 | $624,000 | $309,000 | $397,000 | $728,000 |
| FY2023 | $619,000 | $0 | $832,000 | $515,000 |
| FY2024 | $625,000 | $339,000 | $408,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | $622,000 | $169,000 | $1.2M | $640,000 |
| FY2026 | $942,000 | $497,000 | $1.5M | $591,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $943,000 | $0 | $247,000 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 32 bridges in Foxborough in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Glue Factory Dam Removal Design and Permit source | $100,000 |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | West Street Dam Removal source | $708,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | West Street Dam Removal Design source | $127,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Foxborough received $8.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 15% more than the $7.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Foxborough ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.4 million in earmarks placed in Foxborough, $912,000 (67%) went to organizations rather than to Foxborough's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Foxborough** this town | **34** | **$8,398** | **$121** | **$73.28**† | **1.08** | **3.7%** |
| Easton peer | 30 | $7,249 | $236 | $53.96 | 1.08 | 3.3% |
| Westborough peer | 30 | $7,679 | $215 | $21.64 | 1.49 | 3.7% |
| Seekonk peer | 31 | $7,825 | $53.68 | $16.99 | 1.67 | 3.0% |
| Stoneham peer | 28 | $6,600 | $119 | $85.70 | 1.97 | 2.6% |
| Hull peer | 42 | $8,515 | $509 | $61.46† | 1.65 | 1.6% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Holden lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,276 | $103 | $15.70 | 0.39 | 2.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Framingham

City · Middlesex County · 72,399 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

### STATE HOUSE

**6th Middlesex** · Priscila S. Sousa 58% of residents
**7th Middlesex** · Jack Patrick Lewis 32% of residents
**4th Middlesex** · Danielle W. Gregoire 8% of residents
**19th Worcester** · Kate Donaghue 2% of residents

Framingham is split among four House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

### STATE SENATE

**Middlesex and Norfolk** · Karen E. Spilka

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Framingham Public Schools**, the city's own district
**South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton and Natick

### REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Framingham scores 54 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 38 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

#### ALL STATE AID

**54** / 100

94th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 52 | 52 | 56 |

Rank under other weightings: 87th to 104th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Framingham received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 53 and 55 under every weighting tested.

#### DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**38** / 100

234th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 36 | 41 | 40 |

Rank under other weightings: 224th to 241st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

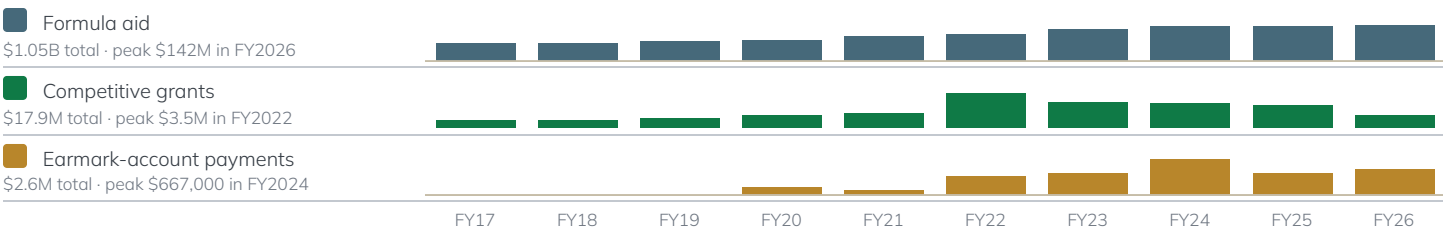
Framingham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 38 and 40 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Framingham's town government and school districts received $1.05 billion in formula aid and $17.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.05B** | **$17.9M** | **$2.6M** |
| $14,513 per resident (84th of 351) · gross | $248 per resident (227th of 351) | $35.27 per resident (127th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Framingham were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $80.4 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Framingham received $2.7 million in local earmarks to its government, $11.4 million placed in the city or town and $16.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$2.7M** | **$11.4M** | **$16.5M** | **No** |
| $37.83 per resident (124th of 351) | $157 per resident (18th of 351) · 76% to organizations | $227 per resident (13th of 351) · 52% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 85 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $2.7 million went to Framingham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $8.6 million went to organizations in Framingham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $5.1 million in two clauses for state facilities located in Framingham (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Framingham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (87 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $5M | "capital projects relating to the Christa McAuliffe Center at Framingham State University" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | "United Way of Tri-County, Inc.'s Mass 211 and Call 2 Talk programs" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2025 | $1.1M | "United Way of Tri-County, Inc.'s Call 2 Talk program" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2024 | $1.1M | "the United Way of Tri-County's Call 2 Talk program" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2020 | $300,000 | "social and emotional learning programming at the Framingham Public Schools" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 87 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Framingham received 72% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**218.0**<br>12th of 351 · 3.0 per 1,000 residents (317th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$53.4M**<br>scored exposure $9.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**161**<br>33rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**25.0 sq mi**<br>9% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**72,814**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.75**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.72; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**971 acres**<br>6.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$911,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$938**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,956**<br>FY2017–2025 · 228th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN FRAMINGHAM

## Framingham has 1,483 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 113 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,483 acres**<br>9.3% of Framingham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**113 acres**<br>0.7% of Framingham's land · 9 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**26 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**335 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 62 | 1,483 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 59 | 947 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 4 | 13 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 100 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 20 | 406 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 26 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 335 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | 670 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 6 | 169 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 38 | 59 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 4 | 48 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Callahan State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 658 | |
| Sudbury Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 472 | |
| Cochituate State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 112 | |
| Hultman Aqueduct | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 98 | |
| Weston Aqueduct | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 76 | |
| Sudbury Aqueduct | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 32 | |
| South Middlesex Reg Voc Tech School | State: SOUTH MIDDLESEX REG VOC TECH SCHOOL | 26 | |
| Framingham State College | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 10 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 241.5 miles of public road in Framingham, the state maintains 16.2 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 16.2 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 217.2 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.5 | 3% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $5M | “capital projects relating to the Christa McAuliffe Center at Framingham State University” |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | “the Danforth museum and art school project at Framingham State University” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Framingham $111 million and takes back $11.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $100 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$111 million** | **$11.4 million** | **$100 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $93.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $3M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $12.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $278,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $267,000 |
| State Owned Land | $933,000 |
| Public Libraries | $204,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $24,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $44,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $105,000 |
| MBTA | $195,000 |
| Regional Transit | $1.7M |
| Special Education | $47,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $907,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $8.3M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN FRAMINGHAM

## State programs also awarded $1.1 million to organizations in Framingham other than the town government,


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## FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Framingham State University nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2022 | Native Plant Trust nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2023 | Framingham State University nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $75,000 |
| FY2026 | Native Plant Trust nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $62,000 |
| FY2023 | Amazing Things Arts Center, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $30,000 |
| FY2019 | Framingham History Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $14,000 |
| FY2026 | Gems @ The Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,300 |
| FY2020 | Native Plant Trust nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $701,000 in 6 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

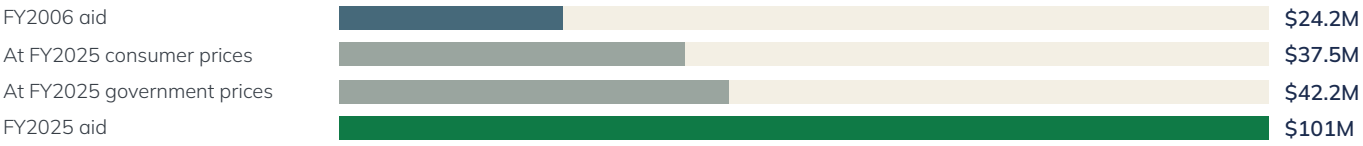
## State aid covered 28.6% of Framingham's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 13.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.8%** | **19.8%** | **28.6%** | **26.2%** |
| $24.2M of $175M · median town 14.1% | $50.6M of $255M · median town 12.2% | $101M of $352M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.9% · median town 10.0% |

Framingham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $7.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Framingham's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 168.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 138.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $24.2 million in FY2006 to $101 million in FY2025, +316.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.7 million of Framingham's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+23.3%** | **+49.0%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $34M to $41.9M · all towns +54.0% | $47.3M to $70.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Framingham's health insurance would have been $42.5 million in FY2025; it was $41.9 million, $531,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $59.1 million in FY2025; it was $70.5 million, $11.4 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Framingham's government came to $2.4 million, 29.9% of the $7.93 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $2.4M | 29.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $9.4M | 118.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $14.5M | 182.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Framingham's required school contribution is 3.1% of


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## median household income, 49th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$101M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$89.2M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.1%**<br>49th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+51%**<br>after inflation |

Framingham runs its own school district and also belongs to South Middlesex; Framingham accounts for 76% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $39.5 million for schools serving Framingham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Framingham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$39.5M**<br>$545 per resident (178th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Framingham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Fuller Middle School | Framingham | Core | $39.5M | $39.5M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $96.9 million against an approved budget of $98.3 million (under by $1.3 million); the local share moved from $58.8 million to $60.2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Framingham has $4.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$25.4M**<br>$3.9M of it one-time supplements | **$18.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$4.5M**<br>annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 162nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**26**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$636,000**<br>bridges $481,000 · dams $0 · culverts $155,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Framingham came on average 19 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.9M | $0 | $2.7M | $1.2M |
| FY2018 | $1.9M | $0 | $1.9M | $1.2M |
| FY2019 | $1.9M | $377,000 | $2.1M | $1.8M |
| FY2020 | $1.9M | $187,000 | $2.1M | $1.7M |
| FY2021 | $1.9M | $0 | $2.2M | $1.4M |
| FY2022 | $1.8M | $725,000 | $376,000 | $3.5M |
| FY2023 | $1.8M | $0 | $3.9M | $1.4M |
| FY2024 | $1.8M | $891,000 | $2.7M | $1.3M |
| FY2025 | $1.8M | $485,000 | $2.6M | $1M |
| FY2026 | $2.5M | $1.2M | $284,000 | $4.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2.5M | $0 | $0 | $7M |

The full list of the 70 bridges in Framingham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Colonial Drive over Landham Brook source | $155,000 |


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MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Framingham received $31 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $29.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Framingham ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $11.4 million in earmarks placed in Framingham, $8.6 million (76%) went to organizations rather than to Framingham's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Framingham** this town | **54** | **$14,513** | **$248** | **$157**† | **0.72** | **3.1%** |
| Methuen peer | 56 | $15,084 | $205 | $59.13† | 0.39 | 2.6% |
| Peabody peer | 39 | $9,164 | $124 | $37.54 | 0.34 | 3.1% |
| Haverhill peer | 58 | $16,056 | $523 | $98.18† | 2.11 | 2.7% |
| Malden peer | 51 | $13,164 | $195 | $58.55† | 1.64 | 2.4% |
| Randolph peer | 46 | $11,148 | $123 | $35.83 | 0.23 | 2.3% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Fairhaven lowest in class of 30 | 47 | $10,747 | $508 | $12.58† | 0.36 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Franklin

City · Norfolk County · 33,154 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
10th Norfolk · Jeffrey N. Roy

**STATE SENATE**
Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex · Rebecca L. Rausch

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Franklin Public Schools, the city's own district
Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Medfield, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Plainville, Seekonk, Sherborn and two others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Franklin scores 49 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 34 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**49** / 100

129th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 57 | 42 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 115th to 142nd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Franklin received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 47 and 52 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**34** / 100

252nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 39 | 35 | 33 |

Rank under other weightings: 247th to 256th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

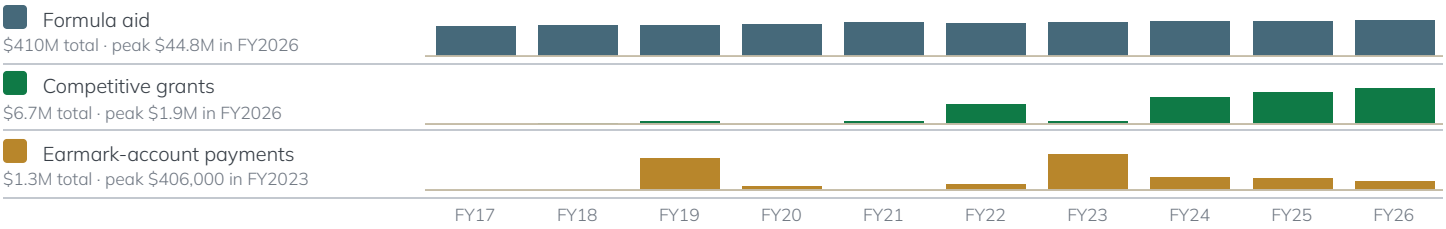
Franklin received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 33 and 36 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Franklin's town government and school districts received $410 million in formula aid and $6.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$410M** | **$6.7M** | **$1.3M** |
| $12,355 per resident (124th of 351) · gross | $201 per resident (252nd of 351) | $38.26 per resident (117th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Franklin peaked in FY2026 at $1.9 million, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $19.9 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Franklin received $1.1 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.4 million placed in the city or town and $2.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.1M** | **$2.4M** | **$2.4M** | **No** |
| $32.01 per resident (151st of 351) | $72.43 per resident (110th of 351) · 56% to organizations | $73.18 per resident (117th of 351) · 55% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 47 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.1 million went to Franklin's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.3 million went to organizations in Franklin or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Franklin but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $25,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $25,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Franklin (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Franklin, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (49 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $200,000 | "improvements to the King street memorial park in the city known as the town of Franklin" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "the Franklin Performing Arts Company, Inc" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the Franklin Performing Arts Company, Inc" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the SAFE Coalition Incorporated to provide support, education, treatment options and coping mechanisms for those affected by substance use disorder in the city known as the town of Franklin" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the Franklin Performing Arts Company, Inc" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 49 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Franklin received 69% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**142.0**<br>39th of 351 · 4.3 per 1,000 residents (270th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.6M**<br>scored exposure $2.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**108**<br>102nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.6 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**33,348**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.17**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.69; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**797 acres**<br>4.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$240,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$301**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$26,680**<br>FY2017–2025 · 128th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN FRANKLIN

## Franklin has 864 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 456 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**864 acres**<br>5.1% of Franklin's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**456 acres**<br>2.7% of Franklin's land · 38 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**125 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**4 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 45 | 864 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 51 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 19 | 176 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 19 | 280 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 21 | 511 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 125 |
| Conservation restriction | 2 | 4 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 51 |


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| Southern New England Trunkline Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | |
| Staff Sergeant Robert Pirelli Veterans Memorial Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Franklin Food Pantry nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2025 | Children's Museum of Franklin nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $145,000 |
| FY2026 | R & B Realty Trust nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2017 | Hampden County Sheriff's Department regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $93,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2018 | Gill-Montague RSD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $37,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2024 | Children's Museum of Franklin nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2020 | Frankin & Bellingham Rail Trail Committee nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 |
| FY2019 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 |
| FY2021 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,333 (shared three ways) |
| FY2025 | Franklin Bellingham Rail Trail Committee nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,132 (shared two ways) |
| FY2025 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $3,833 (shared three ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 22.7% of Franklin's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 34.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **34.3%** | **29.1%** | **22.7%** | **17.9%** |
| $28.5M of $83.1M · median town 14.1% | $31.5M of $108M · median town 12.2% | $34M of $150M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 30.9% · median town 10.0% |

Franklin's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Franklin's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 23.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 31.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $28.5 million in FY2006 to $34 million in FY2025, +19.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1 million of Franklin's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+40.9%** | **+66.3%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $3.9M to $5.5M · all towns +54.0% | $9.2M to $15.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Franklin's health insurance would have been $4.86 million in FY2025; it was $5.48 million, $621,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $11.5 million in FY2025; it was $15.3 million, $3.81 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Franklin's government came to $1 million, 63.6% of the $1.59 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1M | 63.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2M | 127.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.1M | 129.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Franklin's required school contribution is 3.1% of


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## median household income, 50th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$31.6M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$55.7M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.1%**<br>50th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–4%**<br>after inflation |

Franklin runs its own school district and also belongs to Tri County and Norfolk County; Franklin accounts for 18% and 7% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $18.7 million for schools serving Franklin, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Franklin's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.7M**<br>$565 per resident (175th of 351) | **2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Franklin's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School<br>supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $3.6M (18%) |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $15M (18%) |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $117,000 (7%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Franklin; Franklin's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $3.6 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Franklin has $2.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.4M**<br>$2.3M of it one-time supplements | **$9.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$2.4M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 105th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$44,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $44,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Franklin came on average 25 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $948,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $892,000 |
| FY2018 | $930,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $1.1M |
| FY2019 | $919,000 | $184,000 | $556,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2020 | $910,000 | $91,000 | $1.1M | $2.1M |
| FY2021 | $917,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $1.8M |
| FY2022 | $924,000 | $463,000 | $907,000 | $2.3M |
| FY2023 | $931,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | $933,000 | $514,000 | $1M | $2.1M |
| FY2025 | $940,000 | $259,000 | $1.2M | $2M |
| FY2026 | $1.4M | $752,000 | $1.5M | $2.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.4M | $0 | $376,000 | $3.8M |


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The full list of the 35 bridges in Franklin in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | South Street over Miscoe Brook source | $44,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Franklin received $9.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 6% more than the $8.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Franklin ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.4 million in earmarks placed in Franklin, $1.3 million (56%) went to organizations rather than to Franklin's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Franklin** this town | **49** | **$12,355** | **$201** | **$72.43** † | **0.69** | **3.1%** |
| Mansfield peer | 46 | $11,457 | $163 | $30.37 | 0.28 | 3.4% |
| Tewksbury peer | 38 | $8,861 | $181 | $59.49 | 0.24 | 2.8% |
| Shrewsbury peer | 36 | $8,418 | $158 | $25.41 | 0.74 | 3.1% |
| Pembroke peer | 45 | $10,627 | $65.81 | $40.00 | 0.27 | 2.6% |
| Holden peer | 50 | $13,276 | $103 | $15.70 | 0.39 | 2.6% |
| Braintree best in class of 30 | 39 | $9,109 | $142 | $117 | 0.55 | 3.4% |
| Uxbridge lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $11,199 | $436 | $15.55 | 1.22 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Freetown

Town · Bristol County · 9,285 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

8th Bristol · Steven J. Ouellette 66% of residents
6th Bristol · Carole A. Fiola 34% of residents

Freetown is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

First Bristol and Plymouth · Michael J. Rodrigues

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District, shared with Lakeville
Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Berkley, Bridgewater, Dighton, Middleborough, Raynham, Rehoboth and Taunton

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Freetown scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 31 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**43** / 100

176th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 41 | 54 | 38 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 162nd to 203rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Freetown received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 41 and 46 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**31** / 100

263rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 43 | 22 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 256th to 272nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

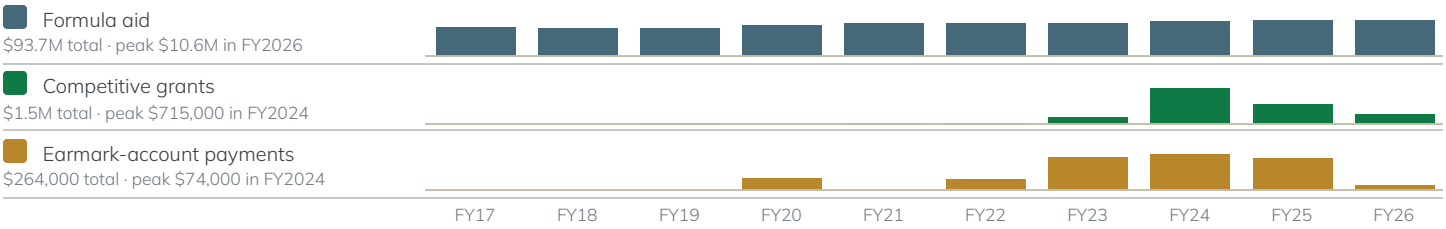
Freetown received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 28 and 34 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Freetown's town government and school districts received $93.7 million in formula aid and $1.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $93.7M | $1.5M | $264,000 |
| $10,093 per resident (175th of 351) · gross | $164 per resident (271st of 351) | $28.45 per resident (152nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Freetown peaked in FY2024 at $715,000, 47% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.8 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Freetown received $548,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.3 million placed in the city or town and $1.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $548,000 | $1.3M | $1.4M | No |
| $58.97 per resident (59th of 351) | $145 per resident (30th of 351) · 59% to organizations | $147 per resident (37th of 351) · 58% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 19 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $548,000 went to Freetown's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $798,000 went to organizations in Freetown or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Freetown but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $20,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $20,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Freetown (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Freetown, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (20 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $250,000 | "as a grant to the Crystal Springs school in the town of Freetown to support programs and services for children, adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $250,000 | "as a grant to the Crystal Springs school in the town of Freetown to support programs and services for children, adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "as a grant to the Crystal Springs school in the town of Freetown to support programs and services for children, adolescents and young adults with developmental disabilities" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $130,000 | "the purchase body-worn cameras for the police department in the town of Freetown" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "the town of Freetown to conduct an updated feasibility study for the new town hall and to paint the Old School House" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 20 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Freetown received 30% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**77.7**<br>165th of 351 · 8.4 per 1,000 residents (130th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.2M**<br>scored exposure $1.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**75**<br>180th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**34.5 sq mi**<br>25% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,285**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.01**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.30; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5,080 acres**<br>23.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$403,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$79.34**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$29,813**<br>FY2017–2025 · 107th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN FREETOWN

## Freetown has 5,646 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,048 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5,646 acres**<br>25.6% of Freetown's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,048 acres**<br>9.3% of Freetown's land · 67 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**60 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**390 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 51 | 5,646 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 34 | 5,447 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 38 | 1,051 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 27 | 967 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 30 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 44 | 1,393 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 60 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 390 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 25 | 4,614 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 833 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Freetown-Fall River State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4,140 | |
| SE Mass Bioreserve | DCR and Fish and Game | 646 | |
| Mill Brook Bogs WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 576 | |
| Copicut WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 283 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 108.2 miles of public road in Freetown, the state maintains 15.4 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 15.4 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 76.9 | 71% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.6 | 3% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $20,000 | “a flood management study of the Assawompset pond complex that is a part of the Taunton river watershed in the towns of Freetown, Lakeville…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Freetown $1.8 million and takes back $340,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.8 million** | **$340,000** | **$1.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 19% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $17,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $40,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $111,000 |
| State Owned Land | $406,000 |
| Public Libraries | $24,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $182,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $86,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,241 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| Regional Transit | $58,000 |

### STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN FREETOWN

## State programs also awarded $226,000 to organizations in Freetown other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Freetown. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

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| FY2025 | Pilgrim Sands Trail Riders nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $6,250 (shared two ways) |
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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

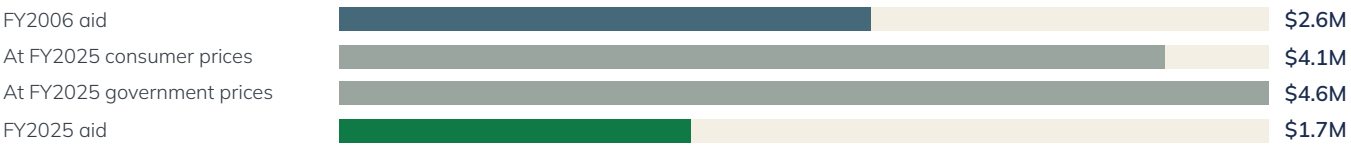
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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $388,000 | 59.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $935,000 | 143.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $955,000 | 146.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Freetown's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 137th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.6M** | **$13M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **−14%** |
| 137th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Freetown has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Freetown, Freetown-Lakeville, Bristol Plymouth and Bristol County; Freetown accounts for 100%, 42%, 6% and 5% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $12 million for schools serving Freetown, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Freetown's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$12M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,291 per resident (130th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Freetown's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $20.2M | $1.2M (6%) |
| FY2023 | Assawompset Elementary School | Freetown Lakeville | Accelerated Repair (Windows/ Doors) | $2.3M | $957,000 (42%) |
| FY2022 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $126M | $7.2M (6%) |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$9,455 (5%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $2.6M (5%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Freetown; Freetown's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.2 million, $1.2 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Freetown's share of the final cost was $6.9 million against its share of the approved budget of $6.9 million (over by $1,000); the local share moved from $3.3 million to $3.5 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Freetown has $354,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.3M** | **$5.2M** | **$354,000** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 314th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **8** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Freetown came on average 12 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $401,000 | $0 | $395,000 | $13,000 |
| FY2018 | $400,000 | $0 | $288,000 | $152,000 |
| FY2019 | $397,000 | $79,000 | $121,000 | $508,000 |
| FY2020 | $403,000 | $40,000 | $877,000 | $74,000 |
| FY2021 | $403,000 | $0 | $419,000 | $58,000 |
| FY2022 | $402,000 | $255,000 | $330,000 | $385,000 |
| FY2023 | $401,000 | $0 | $350,000 | $436,000 |
| FY2024 | $400,000 | $351,000 | $879,000 | $307,000 |
| FY2025 | $401,000 | $213,000 | $718,000 | $204,000 |
| FY2026 | $659,000 | $389,000 | $898,000 | $354,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $657,000 | $0 | $0 | $1M |

The full list of the 27 bridges in Freetown in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Freetown received $3.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 71% of the $4.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Freetown ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.3 million in earmarks placed in Freetown, $798,000 (59%) went to organizations rather than to Freetown's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Freetown** this town | **43** | **$10,093** | **$164** | **$145**† | **0.30** | **2.8%** |
| Lakeville peer | 44 | $10,579 | $119 | $49.61 | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Groveland peer | 52 | $13,007 | $476 | $36.55 | 0.95 | 2.5% |
| Rehoboth peer | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |
| Charlton peer | 56 | $14,031 | $197 | $23.82 | 0.74 | 3.0% |
| Dighton peer | 56 | $15,030 | $168 | $76.89 | 0.53 | 2.4% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Gardner

City · Worcester County · 21,148 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
2nd Worcester · Jonathan D. Zlotnik

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Gardner Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Harvard, Holden, Hubbardston and nine others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Gardner scores 60 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 74 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**60** / 100

44th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 62 | 50 | 63 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 33rd to 61st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Gardner received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 60 stays between 58 and 63 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**74** / 100

101st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 75 | 65 | 76 | 78 |

Rank under other weightings: 93rd to 117th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

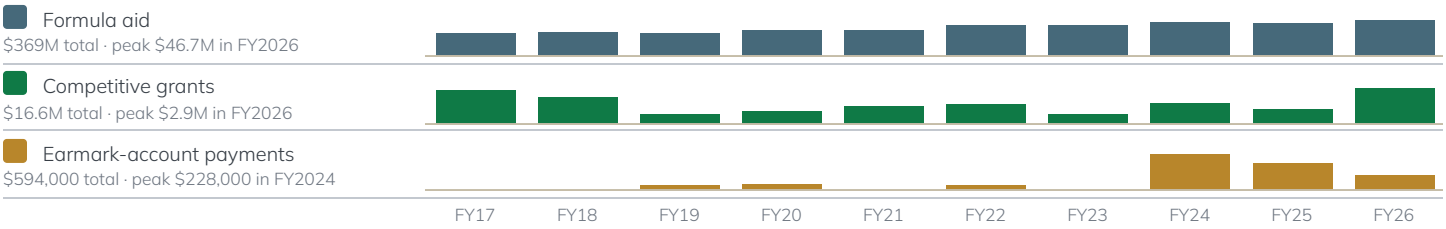
Gardner received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 74 stays between 72 and 76 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Gardner's town government and school districts received $369 million in formula aid and $16.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $369M | $16.6M | $594,000 |
| $17,461 per resident (45th of 351) · gross | $784 per resident (97th of 351) | $28.08 per resident (154th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Gardner were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $18.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Gardner received $200,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.8 million placed in the city or town and $2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $200,000 | $1.8M | $2M | No |
| $9.46 per resident (272nd of 351) | $85.79 per resident (88th of 351) · 89% to organizations | $95.25 per resident (85th of 351) · 80% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 23 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $200,000 went to Gardner's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.6 million went to organizations in Gardner or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $200,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Gardner (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Gardner, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (25 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $150,000 | "the Mount Wachusett Community College advanced manufacturing and technology training program" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2026 | $125,000 | "the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. for supportive housing programs and operational functions" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2020 | $124,000 | "the women's housing program at the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2019 | $124,000 | "the operation of the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center women's housing program" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2018 | $124,000 | "the operation of the women's housing program at the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 25 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Gardner received 2.19 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**94.7**<br>108th of 351 · 4.5 per 1,000 residents (261st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$20M**<br>scored exposure $7.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**117**<br>82nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**5**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.1 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**21,148**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.70**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.19; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,178 acres**<br>8.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$99,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$83.90**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$9,754**<br>FY2017–2025 · 327th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GARDNER

## Gardner has 1,116 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 315 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,116 acres**<br>7.9% of Gardner's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**315 acres**<br>2.2% of Gardner's land · 9 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**288 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 18 | 1,116 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 18 | 1,129 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 84 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 231 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 133 |
| Conservation restriction | 7 | 288 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 6 | 885 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 1 | 173 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 45 |
| Other state agencies | 6 | 18 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 3 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 3 |
| Military Division | 1 | 2 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| High Ridge WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 882 | |
| Dunn State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 132 | |
| Westminster State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 47 | |
| Quag Pond Bog Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 33 | |
| Mount Wachusett Community College Fields | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 17 | |
| Gardner Veterans Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Gardner Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 117.0 miles of public road in Gardner, the state maintains 12.9 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.9 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 94.7 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.8 | 5% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $50,000 | “the Forest and Wood Products Institute at Mount Wachusett Community College, which shall be known as the Senator Robert D. Wetmore Forest and Wood…” |
| FY2020 | $150,000 | “the Mount Wachusett Community College advanced manufacturing and technology training program” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Gardner $39.9 million and takes back $1.8 million in assessments and charges, a net $38.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$39.9 million** | **$1.8 million** | **$38.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $33M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $56,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $643,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $5.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $428,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $115,000 |
| State Owned Land | $101,000 |
| Public Libraries | $83,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $78,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,438 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $37,000 |
| Regional Transit | $339,000 |
| Special Education | $8,936 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.1M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $230,000 |

### STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN GARDNER

## State programs also awarded $1.5 million to organizations in Gardner other than the town government,


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## FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Gardner. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Mass Ave Rentals nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $900,000 |
| FY2016 | Mount Wachusett Community College nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |

A further $526,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 44.6% of Gardner's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 55.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **55.9%** | **49.6%** | **44.6%** | **42.3%** |
| $24.2M of $43.3M · median town 14.1% | $25.4M of $51.1M · median town 12.2% | $36.6M of $82.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 50.8% · median town 10.0% |

Gardner's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

### Gardner's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 2.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 13.2% below grown by the government price index.




Gross state aid went from $24.2 million in FY2006 to $36.6 million in FY2025, +51.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $808,000 of Gardner's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+87.9%** | **+80.6%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $8.8M to $16.6M · all towns +54.0% | $11.3M to $20.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Gardner's health insurance would have been $11 million in FY2025; it was $16.6 million, $5.58 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $14.1 million in FY2025; it was $20.3 million, $6.28 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Gardner's government came to $100,000, 1.3% of the $7.78 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $100,000 | 1.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.5M | 19.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.7M | 21.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Gardner's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 283rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$34.7M** | **$13.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **+23%** |
| 283rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Gardner runs its own school district and also belongs to Montachusett; Gardner accounts for 11% of that district's foundation budget.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $56.3 million for schools serving Gardner, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Gardner's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$56.3M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,663 per resident (66th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Gardner's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Gardner Middle School | Gardner | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $5.1M | $5.1M |
| FY2020 | Waterford Street Elementary School | Gardner | Core | $51.2M | $51.2M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $78.8 million against an approved budget of $89.6 million (under by $10.8 million); the local share moved from $38.3 million to $29.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Gardner has $718,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and five high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.7M** | **$7.1M** | **$718,000** |
| $1.5M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 300th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **23** | **5** | **$682,000** |
| four rated poor; likely about $8.2M of work on those ($5.6M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of nine town-owned dams | bridges $73,000 · dams $485,000 · culverts $123,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $604,000 | $0 | $842,000 | $378,000 |
| FY2018 | $601,000 | $0 | $495,000 | $484,000 |
| FY2019 | $599,000 | $120,000 | $322,000 | $881,000 |
| FY2020 | $616,000 | $62,000 | $1.2M | $358,000 |
| FY2021 | $613,000 | $0 | $586,000 | $385,000 |
| FY2022 | $612,000 | $316,000 | $763,000 | $551,000 |
| FY2023 | $597,000 | $0 | $889,000 | $259,000 |
| FY2024 | $596,000 | $337,000 | $929,000 | $262,000 |
| FY2025 | $595,000 | $165,000 | $735,000 | $287,000 |
| FY2026 | $906,000 | $495,000 | $970,000 | $718,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $907,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |

The full list of the 62 bridges in Gardner in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Keyes Road over Wilder Brook source | $123,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Wayside Pond Dam Repair Design source | $125,000 |
| FY2020 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Wright's Reservoir Dam Repair source | $293,000 |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Wright's Reservoir Dam Repair Design source | $67,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Gardner received $18.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 35% more than the $14 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Gardner ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.8 million in earmarks placed in Gardner, $1.6 million (89%) went to organizations rather than to Gardner's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Gardner** this town | **60** | **$17,461** | **$784** | **$85.79†** | **2.19** | **2.3%** |
| Southbridge peer | 68 | $21,891 | $992 | $33.72 | 1.54 | 2.3% |
| Greenfield peer | 53 | $14,180 | $1,705 | $134† | 4.81 | 2.9% |
| North Adams peer | 71 | $21,747 | $1,967 | $32.72 | 3.15 | 2.5% |
| Athol peer | 69 | $23,699 | $853 | $117† | 1.25 | 1.4% |
| Holyoke peer | 78 | $31,543 | $801 | $77.35† | 1.95 | 1.7% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Warren lowest in class of 30 | 67 | $20,879 | $1,969 | $10.98 | 1.67 | 2.5% |

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ESSEX COUNTY

# Georgetown

Town · Essex County · 8,474 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
2nd Essex · Kristin E. Kassner

**STATE SENATE**
First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Georgetown Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Amesbury, Groveland, Haverhill, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley and two others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Georgetown scores 46 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 27 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**46** / 100

157th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 57 | 40 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 142nd to 178th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Georgetown received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 46 stays between 43 and 48 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**27** / 100

277th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 35 | 26 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 273rd to 287th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

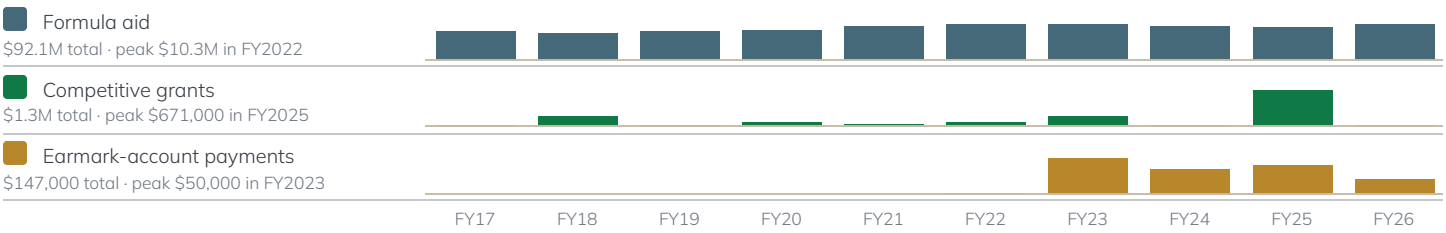
Georgetown received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 25 and 29 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Georgetown's town government and school districts received $92.1 million in formula aid and $1.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$92.1M** | **$1.3M** | **$147,000** |
| $10,873 per resident (152nd of 351) · gross | $155 per resident (287th of 351) | $17.33 per resident (218th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Georgetown peaked in FY2025 at $671,000, 51% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Georgetown received $225,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$225,000** | **$225,000** | **$225,000** | **No** |
| $26.52 per resident (183rd of 351) | $26.52 per resident (252nd of 351) | $26.52 per resident (256th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: ten clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Georgetown's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Georgetown, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (ten clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $30,000 | "the town of Georgetown for a bridge feasibility study of the Mill street bridge" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $30,000 | "a youth community center in the town of Georgetown" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the treatment of invasive species in the Pentucket pond and Rock pond in the town of Georgetown" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "repairs to the parking lot at town hall in the town of Georgetown" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2021 | $23,000 (split 11 ways) | "equally to the city of Gloucester and the towns of Boxford, Essex, Georgetown, Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Middleton, Newbury, North Andover, precincts 5 to 8, inclusive, Rockport, Rowley, Wenham, West Newbury, North Reading and Wilmington for costs associated with the..." | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 10 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Georgetown received 60% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**56.7**<br>223rd of 351 · 6.7 per 1,000 residents (168th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3.3M**<br>scored exposure $322,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**87**<br>148th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.9 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,474**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.01**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.60; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,153 acres**<br>14.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$256,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$222**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,167**<br>FY2017–2025 · 239th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GEORGETOWN

## Georgetown has 1,125 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 97 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,125 acres**<br>13.7% of Georgetown's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**97 acres**<br>1.2% of Georgetown's land · 9 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**242 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 40 | 1,125 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 27 | 1,115 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 2 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 8 | 95 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 119 |
| Conservation restriction | 18 | 242 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 582 |
| Environmental Protection | 15 | 450 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 5 | 80 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 2 | 3 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Georgetown-Rowley State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 594 | |
| Crane Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 382 | |
| Upper Parker River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 92 | |
| Baldpate Pond State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 57 | |
| Rock Pond Boat Launch | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 64.8 miles of public road in Georgetown, the state maintains 4.2 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.2 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 56.6 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.2 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Georgetown $7.7 million and takes back $683,000 in assessments and charges, a net $7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.7 million** | **$683,000** | **$7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $17,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $205,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $937,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $15,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $65,000 |
| State Owned Land | $256,000 |
| Public Libraries | $23,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $57,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,894 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $6,500 |
| Regional Transit | $69,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $508,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $40,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 20.0% of Georgetown's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 31.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **31.5%** | **23.2%** | **20.0%** | **19.0%** |
| $5.8M of $18.5M · median town 14.1% | $6.4M of $27.5M · median town 12.2% | $7.2M of $36.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 25.6% · median town 10.0% |

Georgetown's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $276,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Georgetown's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 19.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 28.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5.8 million in FY2006 to $7.2 million in FY2025, +24.2% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+22.6%** | **+53.9%** | **8 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $2.8M to $3.5M · all towns +54.0% | $4.7M to $7.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Georgetown's health insurance would have been $3.54 million in FY2025; it was $3.48 million, $64,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $5.89 million in FY2025; it was $7.25 million, $1.37 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Georgetown's government came to $205,000, 31.9% of the $642,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $205,000 | 31.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $205,000 | 31.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $205,000 | 31.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Georgetown's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 155th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$6.3M** | **$13.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **–3%** |
| 155th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Georgetown runs its own school district and also belongs to Whittier; Georgetown accounts for 5% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Georgetown, FY2017 to August 2026.

Not counted: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Georgetown has $631,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.6M** | **$3.4M** | **$631,000** |
| $834,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 227th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **4** | **1** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Georgetown came on average 14 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Georgetown owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $307,000 | $0 | $756,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $304,000 | $0 | $170,000 | $134,000 |
| FY2019 | $304,000 | $61,000 | $375,000 | $221,000 |
| FY2020 | $303,000 | $30,000 | $542,000 | $12,000 |
| FY2021 | $305,000 | $0 | $312,000 | $5,744 |
| FY2022 | $306,000 | $186,000 | $290,000 | $208,000 |
| FY2023 | $306,000 | $0 | $483,000 | $31,000 |
| FY2024 | $307,000 | $186,000 | $307,000 | $217,000 |
| FY2025 | $307,000 | $85,000 | $135,000 | $474,000 |
| FY2026 | $492,000 | $286,000 | $471,000 | $781,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $491,000 | $0 | $150,000 | $1.1M |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Georgetown received $1.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 52% of the $3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Georgetown ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Georgetown** this town | **46** | **$10,873** | **$155** | **$26.52** | **0.60** | **2.7%** |
| Millis peer | 39 | $9,221 | $150 | $151 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Rutland peer | 59 | $17,290 | $124 | $22.03 | 0.61 | 2.2% |
| Uxbridge peer | 48 | $11,199 | $436 | $15.55 | 1.22 | 2.8% |
| Southampton peer | 49 | $11,984 | $317 | $22.65 | 1.74 | 2.9% |
| Westminster peer · best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Berkley lowest in class of 30 | 51 | $12,903 | $95.35 | $13.91 | 0.18 | 2.7% |

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Gill

Town · Franklin County · 1,740 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Franklin · Susannah M. Whipps

STATE SENATE

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Gill-Montague Regional School District, shared with Montague

Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Greenfield, Heath and ten others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Gill scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 31 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**40** / 100

210th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 34 | 48 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 174th to 257th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Gill received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 38 and 43 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**31** / 100

264th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 29 | 28 | 35 |

Rank under other weightings: 251st to 279th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

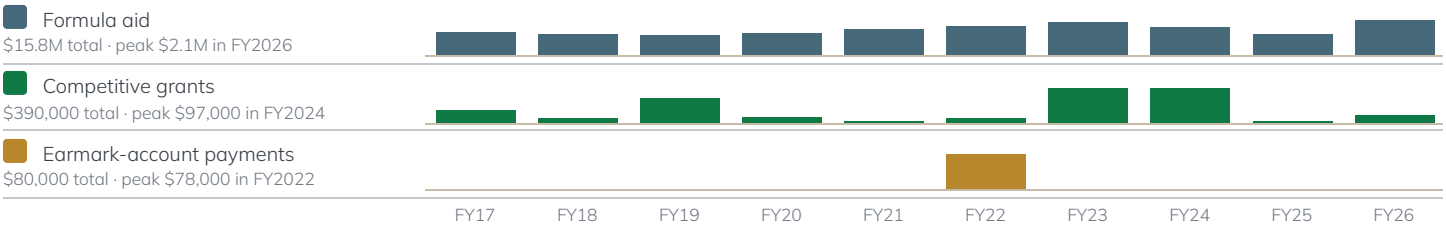
Gill received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 30 and 33 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Gill's town government and school districts received $15.8 million in formula aid and $390,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $15.8M | $390,000 | $80,000 |
| $9,063 per resident (218th of 351) · gross | $224 per resident (240th of 351) | $46.01 per resident (87th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Gill peaked in FY2024 at $97,000, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Gill received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $88,000 placed in the city or town and $88,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $88,000 | $88,000 | No |
| enacted, ten budgets | $50.29 per resident (168th of 351) · all to organizations | $50.29 per resident (175th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $0 went to Gill's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $88,000 went to organizations in Gill or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Gill, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $40,000 | "the purposes of the operation of the Riverside Theatre Works and $10,000 for the Menino Arts Center" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $38,000 (split two ways) | "the purposes of the operation of the Riverside Theatre Works of Boston" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $10,000 | "the purposes of the operation of the programs of Riverside Theatre Works" | Enacted organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Gill received 47% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**34.5**<br>317th of 351 · 19.8 per 1,000 residents (59th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2M**<br>scored exposure $638,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**58**<br>234th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.8 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,740**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.82**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.47; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**261 acres**<br>3.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$29,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$113**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,876**<br>FY2017–2025 · 308th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GILL

## Gill has 276 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,789 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**276 acres**<br>3.1% of Gill's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,789 acres**<br>20.3% of Gill's land · 60 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**651 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**929 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 276 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 67 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 26 | 906 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 26 | 730 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 154 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 39 | 1,720 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 13 | 651 |
| Conservation restriction | 32 | 929 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 67 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 261 | |
| Barton Island | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 11 | |
| Gill Boat Launch | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 4 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 40.5 miles of public road in Gill, the state maintains 4.0 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.0 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 34.5 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.9 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Gill $370,000 and takes back $7,891 in assessments and charges, a net $362,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$370,000** | **$7,891** | **$362,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 2% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $312,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $22,000 |
| State Owned Land | $29,000 |
| Public Libraries | $6,362 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $428 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,740 |
| Regional Transit | $5,723 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN GILL

## State programs also awarded $78,000 to organizations in Gill other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Gill. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Gill-Montague RSD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $37,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2021 | Bernardston-Gill-Leyden Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,939 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $25,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## The Division of Local Services shows no FY2025 general-fund spending for Gill; in FY2016 state aid covered 9.0% of it.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.2%** | **9.0%** | not reported | not reported |
| $228,000 of $2.5M · median town 14.1% | $275,000 of $3.1M · median town 12.2% | aid $353,000; spending not reported · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.7% · median town 10.0% |

Gill's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $646,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Gill's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 0.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 11.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $228,000 in FY2006 to $353,000 in FY2025, +55.0% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| not reported | not reported | **4 of 8** | **5 of 8** |
| FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +54.0% | FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth · one year not reported | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth · one year not reported |

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+32%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Gill's health insurance is not reported for FY2016 or FY2025, so its earmarks are not set against it.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | not reported | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $78,000 | not reported | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $78,000 | not reported | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Gill's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 281st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$932,000** | **$1.3M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **+21%** |
| 281st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Gill has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Gill-Montague and Franklin County; Gill accounts for 12% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.4 million for schools serving Gill, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Gill's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.4M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,944 per resident (91st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Gill's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $3.1M (3%) |
| FY2026 | Gill Elementary School | Gill Montague | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.5M | $302,000 (12%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Gill has $533,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.5M** | **$1.7M** | **$533,000** |
| $673,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 258th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **6** one rated poor; about $562,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | **0** the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$0** bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Gill came on average 25 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Gill owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $150,000 | $0 | $161,000 | $150,000 |
| FY2018 | $149,000 | $0 | $100,000 | $208,000 |
| FY2019 | $148,000 | $30,000 | $68,000 | $318,000 |
| FY2020 | $148,000 | $15,000 | $191,000 | $290,000 |
| FY2021 | $148,000 | $0 | $283,000 | $155,000 |
| FY2022 | $147,000 | $115,000 | $138,000 | $279,000 |
| FY2023 | $146,000 | $0 | $241,000 | $184,000 |
| FY2024 | $147,000 | $204,000 | $207,000 | $328,000 |
| FY2025 | $147,000 | $143,000 | $0 | $617,000 |
| FY2026 | $261,000 | $166,000 | $511,000 | $533,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $260,000 | $0 | $0 | $793,000 |

The full list of the eight bridges in Gill in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Gill received $502,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 19% of the $2.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Gill ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $88,000 in earmarks placed in Gill went to organizations; none went to Gill's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Gill** this town | **40** | **$9,063** | **$224** | **$50.29**† | **0.47** | **2.3%** |
| Wales peer | 59 | $16,913 | $776 | $88.28 | 0.37 | 2.1% |
| Clarksburg peer | 65 | $21,258 | $932 | $15.00 | 3.56 | 2.1% |
| Bernardston peer · lowest in class of 30 | 55 | $15,799 | $1,227 | $0 | 0.44 | 2.9% |
| East Brookfield peer | 55 | $15,885 | $104 | $94.64 | 0.06 | 3.2% |
| Warwick peer | 52 | $14,769 | $2,887 | $64.43 | 2.79 | 1.7% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Gloucester

City · Essex County · 30,075 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

5th Essex · Andrew Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (until November 2025)

STATE SENATE

First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Gloucester Public Schools**, the city's own district

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Gloucester scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 72 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

328th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 27 | 35 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 294th to 342nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Gloucester received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 25 and 31 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**72** / 100

109th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 74 | 71 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 101st to 117th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

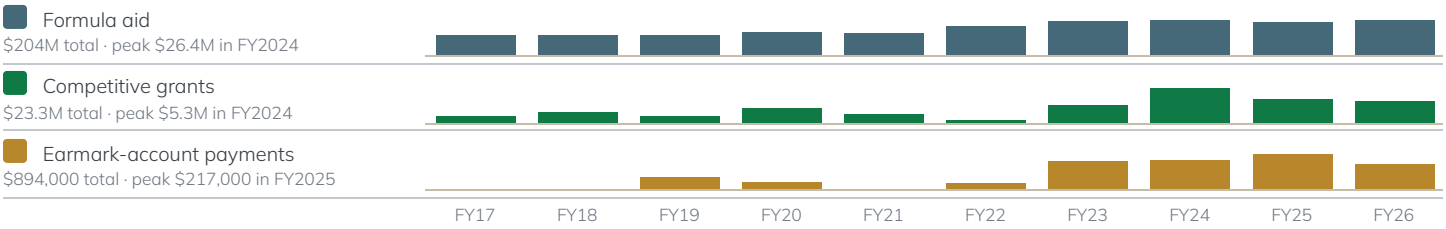
Gloucester received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 72 stays between 70 and 74 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Gloucester's town government and school districts received $204 million in formula aid and $23.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$204M** | **$23.3M** | **$894,000** |
| $6,787 per resident (303rd of 351) · gross | $774 per resident (100th of 351) | $29.72 per resident (148th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Gloucester peaked in FY2024 at $5.3 million, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $47.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Gloucester received $1.3 million in local earmarks to its government, $4.4 million placed in the city or town and $4.6 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.3M** | **$4.4M** | **$4.6M** | **No** |
| $43.16 per resident (96th of 351) | $145 per resident (28th of 351) · 70% to organizations | $153 per resident (30th of 351) · 67% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 64 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.3 million went to Gloucester's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $3.1 million went to organizations in Gloucester or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Gloucester but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $222,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $222,000 in three clauses for state facilities located in Gloucester (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Gloucester, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (67 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute Incorporated for the development and implementation of environmental DNA research and testing" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute, Inc. for a research project utilizing environmental DNA" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $200,000 | "Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute Incorporated for a research project to characterize the impact of offshore wind on economically important species using acoustic telemetry and environmental DNA" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $200,000 | "a program of collaborative shellfish research by the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute, in collaboration with the Division of Marine Fisheries and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst/Marine Station Gloucester" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $197,000 | "Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute and the division of marine fisheries to employ environmental DNA to perform fisheries research in support of the Massachusetts blue economy" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 67 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Gloucester received 2.12 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**88.1**<br>125th of 351 · 2.9 per 1,000 residents (319th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.3M**<br>scored exposure $1.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**77**<br>176th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**13**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**7%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**32,515**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.22**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.12; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**7 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$43,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$6,198**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$28,724**<br>FY2017–2025 · 114th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GLOUCESTER

## Gloucester has 9 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 102 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**9 acres**<br>0.1% of Gloucester's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**102 acres**<br>0.6% of Gloucester's land · 7 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,360 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 9 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 6 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 76 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 7 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 19 |
| Conservation restriction | 54 | 1,360 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 6 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| State Fish Pier | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 9 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 166.7 miles of public road in Gloucester, the state maintains 14.7 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.7 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 88.1 | 53% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 63.8 | 38% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $38,000 | “a needs assessment at the UMass Amherst Marine Station Gloucester” |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | “the operation of the Gloucester Marine Station at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst” |
| FY2018 | $85,000 | “renovations and improvements to the UMASS Marine Station Gloucester” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Gloucester $18.6 million and takes back $3 million in assessments and charges, a net $15.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.6 million** | **$3 million** | **$15.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 16% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $12.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $30,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $186,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $5.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $259,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $276,000 |
| State Owned Land | $44,000 |
| Public Libraries | $68,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $13,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $19,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $45,000 |
| Regional Transit | $439,000 |
| Special Education | $9,226 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $2.4M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $50,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN GLOUCESTER

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Manship Artist Residence and Studios nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $207,000 |
| FY2019 | Cape Ann Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Cape Ann Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2017 | Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $130,000 |
| FY2025 | Hammond Castle Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2024 | Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $122,000 |
| FY2019 | Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $120,000 |
| FY2016 | Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $116,000 |
| FY2022 | Wellspring House nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | Wellspring House nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Wellspring House nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2020 | Hammond Castle Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | Biomimicry New England nonprofit | DCS Cooling Corridors Grant | $97,000 |
| FY2023 | Mass Audubon nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $97,000 |
| FY2026 | Manship Artists Residency nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $58,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 31 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $4.6 million in 30 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.3% of Gloucester's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 15.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.8%** | **11.7%** | **12.3%** | **10.4%** |
| $12.3M of $77.5M · median town 14.1% | $12M of $103M · median town 12.2% | $17.3M of $141M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.2% · median town 10.0% |

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**Gloucester's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 9.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 19.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $12.3 million in FY2006 to $17.3 million in FY2025, +41.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.6 million of Gloucester's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+47.0%** | **+60.9%** | **8 of 9** | **7 of 9** |
| $11.8M to $17.3M · all towns +54.0% | $19.6M to $31.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Gloucester's health insurance would have been $14.7 million in FY2025; it was $17.3 million, $2.61 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $24.5 million in FY2025; it was $31.6 million, $7.07 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Gloucester's government came to $1.1 million, 19.2% of the $5.55 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.1M | 19.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.8M | 68.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $4M | 72.0% | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## Gloucester's required school contribution is 3.6% of median household income, 13th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$12.7M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$41.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.6%**<br>13th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+49%**<br>after inflation |

Gloucester runs its own school district and also belongs to Essex North Shore; Gloucester accounts for 7% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $38.3 million for schools serving Gloucester, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Gloucester's share<br>**$38.3M**<br>$1,273 per resident (131st of 351) | Projects<br>**4**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Gloucester's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | East Gloucester Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Gloucester | Core | $5.5M | $5.5M |
| FY2023 | Ralph B. O'Maley Innovation Middle School | Gloucester | Accelerated Repair (Windows/ Doors) | $3.7M | $3.7M |
| FY2021 | East Gloucester Elementary School | Gloucester | Core | $26.9M | $26.9M |
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $47,000 (7%) |
| FY2017 | Gloucester High School | Gloucester | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.1M | $2.1M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Gloucester; Gloucester's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $5.5 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Gloucester's share of the final cost was $4.1 million against its share of the approved budget of $5.1 million (under by $937,000); the local share moved from $2.9 million to $2.5 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Gloucester has $280,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and 13 high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9.3M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$280,000**<br>annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 347th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**13**<br>of 15 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$4.5M**<br>bridges $1.1M · dams $3.4M · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Gloucester came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $672,000 | $0 | $474,000 | $198,000 |
| FY2018 | $666,000 | $0 | $874,000 | $4,196 |
| FY2019 | $664,000 | $133,000 | $721,000 | $80,000 |
| FY2020 | $664,000 | $66,000 | $661,000 | $150,000 |
| FY2021 | $659,000 | $0 | $745,000 | $64,000 |
| FY2022 | $656,000 | $294,000 | $695,000 | $320,000 |
| FY2023 | $652,000 | $0 | $294,000 | $677,000 |
| FY2024 | $654,000 | $346,000 | $1.7M | $30 |
| FY2025 | $653,000 | $183,000 | $675,000 | $161,000 |
| FY2026 | $946,000 | $481,000 | $1.3M | $280,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $944,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The full list of the 17 bridges in Gloucester in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Fernwood Lake West Dam Improvements Design source | $112,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Haskell Pond Dam Repair Permit FY21 source | $63,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Haskell Pond Dam Repair Phase III source | $1M |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Gloucester High School Flood Mitigation Barrier source | $2.4M |
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Haskell Reservoir Dam Repair Phase 2 source | $1.2M |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Lane's Cove Breakwater Repair source | $1M |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Haskell Reservoir Dam Repair source | $1M |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Gloucester received $31.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 24% more than the $25.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Gloucester ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $4.4 million in earmarks placed in Gloucester, $3.1 million (70%) went to organizations rather than to Gloucester's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Gloucester** this town | **28** | **$6,787** | **$774** | **$145**† | **2.12** | **3.6%** |
| Falmouth peer | 22 | $5,383 | $146 | $60.26† | 0.76 | 2.9% |
| Yarmouth peer | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |
| Barnstable peer | 27 | $6,526 | $289 | $69.38† | 0.74 | 3.6% |
| Westport peer | 30 | $6,951 | $107 | $52.17 | 0.45 | 3.2% |
| Norwood peer | 34 | $7,831 | $166 | $22.99 | 0.33 | 3.0% |
| Chatham best in class of 30 | 23 | $4,225 | $743 | $246† | 0.70 | 1.8% |
| Tisbury lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Goshen

Town · Hampshire County · 915 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Hampshire · Lindsay N. Sabadosa

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Chesterfield-Goshen Regional School District, shared with Chesterfield
Hampshire Regional School District, shared with Chesterfield, Southampton, Westhampton and Williamsburg

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Goshen scores 58 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 95 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

58 / 100

56th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 61 | 59 | 58 | 55 |

Rank under other weightings: 46th to 65th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Goshen received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 57 and 60 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

95 / 100

23rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 96 | 96 | 94 | 95 |

Rank under other weightings: 17th to 29th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

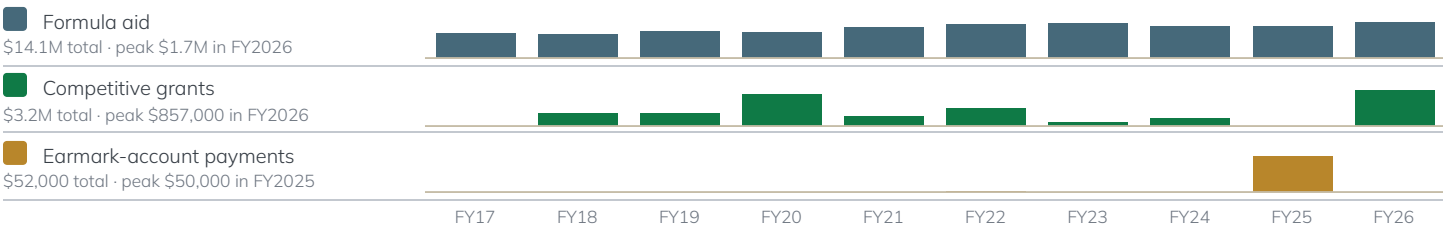
Goshen received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 95 stays between 95 and 96 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Goshen's town government and school districts received $14.1 million in formula aid and $3.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $14.1M | $3.2M | $52,000 |
| $15,373 per resident (69th of 351) · gross | $3,510 per resident (28th of 351) | $56.70 per resident (64th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Goshen peaked in FY2026 at $857,000, 27% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 915 residents, a single payment moves Goshen's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $887,000, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Goshen received $75,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $75,000 | $75,000 | $75,000 | No |
| $81.97 per resident (36th of 351) | $81.97 per resident (94th of 351) | $81.97 per resident (104th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Goshen's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Goshen, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the town of Goshen for the Re-Imagine Goshen Center Project to transform underutilized areas downtown in the town of Goshen into integrated public spaces" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "trail linkages and trail projects, including design and construction of infrastructure, for the development of the Highlands footpath between the towns of Lee and Goshen" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Goshen received 1.88 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**24.9**<br>330th of 351 · 27.2 per 1,000 residents (46th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.5M**<br>scored exposure $894,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**65**<br>208th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.3 sq mi**<br>18% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**28%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,301**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**7.76**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.88; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,005 acres**<br>18.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$57,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$28.67**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,698**<br>FY2017–2025 · 191st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GOSHEN

## Goshen has 2,044 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,795 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,044 acres**<br>18.5% of Goshen's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,795 acres**<br>16.2% of Goshen's land · 61 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**783 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 20 | 2,044 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 1,924 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 29 | 921 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 17 | 593 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 15 | 281 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 30 | 1,226 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 783 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 1,417 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 6 | 507 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| D.A.R. State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,504 | |
| Lilly Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 367 | |
| Swift River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 173 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 42.1 miles of public road in Goshen, the state maintains 7.2 (17%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.2 | 17% |
| Town-accepted | 24.9 | 59% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.1 | 12% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Goshen $313,000 and takes back $3,851 in assessments and charges, a net $309,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$313,000** | **$3,851** | **$309,000** |
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|---|---|
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| State Owned Land | $57,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,019 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $318 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,100 |
| Regional Transit | $2,433 |

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| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Goshen Highlanders Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $40,000 |
| FY2025 | Williams-Boltwood House Trust nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $16,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 8.3% of Goshen's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.5%** | **8.7%** | **8.3%** | **8.2%** |
| $159,000 of $1.9M · median town 14.1% | $216,000 of $2.5M · median town 12.2% | $289,000 of $3.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.6% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–33.8%** | **+30.9%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $22,000 to $15,000 · all towns +54.0% | $139,000 to $182,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Goshen's health insurance would have been $28,000 in FY2025; it was $15,000, $13,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $174,000 in FY2025; it was $182,000, $8,437 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+57%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (–45%), FY2021 (+71%) and FY2023 (–48%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Goshen's reported health insurance fell from $22,000 in FY2016 to $15,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $75,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $75,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $75,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Goshen's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 273rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$773,000** | **$932,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **–1%** |
| 273rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Goshen has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Goshen, Chesterfield-Goshen and Hampshire; Goshen accounts for 100%, 45% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Goshen, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Goshen has $177,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.9M** | **$1.5M** | **$177,000** |
| $542,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 338th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **3** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Goshen came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $110,000 | $0 | $117,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $107,000 | $0 | $107,000 | $10 |
| FY2019 | $107,000 | $21,000 | $109,000 | $21,000 |
| FY2020 | $106,000 | $11,000 | $94,000 | $48,000 |
| FY2021 | $106,000 | $0 | $123,000 | $30,000 |
| FY2022 | $106,000 | $83,000 | $130,000 | $89,000 |
| FY2023 | $105,000 | $0 | $146,000 | $47,000 |
| FY2024 | $104,000 | $176,000 | $172,000 | $155,000 |
| FY2025 | $104,000 | $132,000 | $252,000 | $139,000 |
| FY2026 | $186,000 | $120,000 | $264,000 | $181,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $186,000 | $0 | $3,545 | $363,000 |

The full list of the five bridges in Goshen in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Goshen received $3.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 91% of the $3.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Goshen ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Goshen** this town | **58** | **$15,373** | **$3,510** | **$81.97** | **1.88** | **2.3%** |
| New Braintree peer · best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |
| Petersham peer · lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |
| Ashfield peer | 45 | $10,211 | $1,970 | $48.86† | 1.85 | 2.4% |
| Florida peer | 64 | $19,543 | $1,744 | $0 | 0.14 | 3.2% |
| Leyden peer | 52 | $13,247 | $3,201 | $157 | 2.17 | 2.2% |

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DUKES COUNTY

# Gosnold

Town · Dukes County · 31 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
**Barnstable-Dukes-Nantucket** · Thomas W. Moakley

STATE SENATE
**Cape and Islands** · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
**Gosnold Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Martha's Vineyard Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Gosnold scores 82 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 96 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**82** / 100

1st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 85 | 86 | 73 | 84 |

Rank under other weightings: 1st to 2nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Gosnold received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 82 stays between 80 and 84 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**96** / 100

17th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 100 | 100 | 84 | 100 |

Rank under other weightings: 5th to 28th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

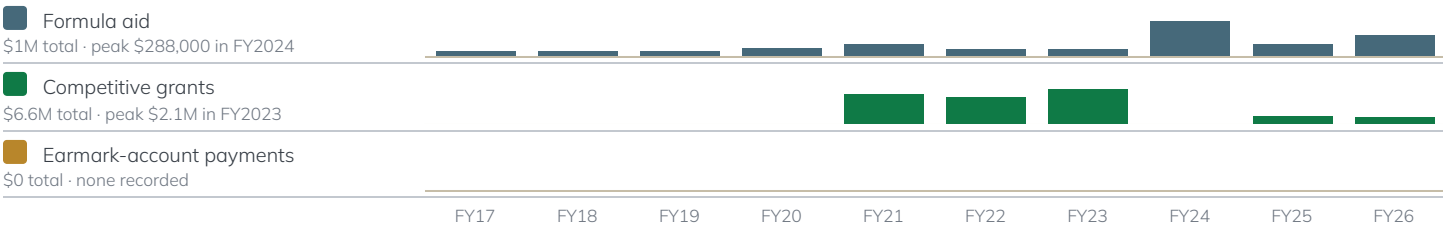
Gosnold received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 96 stays between 94 and 98 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Gosnold's town government and school districts received $1 million in formula aid and $6.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $1M | $6.6M | $0 |
| $32,727 per resident (3rd of 351) · gross | $214,090 per resident (1st of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Gosnold peaked in FY2023 at $2.1 million, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 31 residents, a single payment moves Gosnold's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Gosnold in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

Gosnold is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Gosnold's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Gosnold's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Washington | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Alford | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Tyringham | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Aquinnah | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $150 |
| Monterey | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Gosnold received 76% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**2.0**<br>351st of 351 · 64.5 per 1,000 residents (12th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**0**<br>346th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.2 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**86%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**265**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.73**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.76; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**68 acres**<br>0.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$34,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$502**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$392,988**<br>FY2017–2025 · 1st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GOSNOLD

## Gosnold has 96 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 3,502 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**96 acres**<br>1.1% of Gosnold's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**3,502 acres**<br>41.5% of Gosnold's land · 3 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,141 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 96 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 16 | 207 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 3,502 |
| Conservation restriction | 29 | 2,141 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | 116 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 91 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Penikese Island Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 88 | |
| Gosnold WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 4 | |
| Tarpaulin Cove Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 4 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 2.0 miles of public road in Gosnold, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 2.0 | 100% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Gosnold $41,000 and takes back $3,798 in assessments and charges, a net $37,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$41,000** | **$3,798** | **$37,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2,906 |
| State Owned Land | $34,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,132 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $3,629 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $169 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN GOSNOLD

## State programs also awarded $61,000 to organizations in Gosnold other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Gosnold. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Cuttyhunk Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $48,000 |
| FY2023 | Cuttyhunk Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |
| FY2019 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,000 (shared seven ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## The Division of Local Services shows no FY2025 general-fund spending for Gosnold; in FY2016 state aid covered 3.2% of it.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1.8%** | **3.2%** | not reported | not reported |
| $24,000 of $1.3M · median town 14.1% | $43,000 of $1.3M · median town 12.2% | aid $41,000; spending not reported · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 2.5% · median town 10.0% |

**Gosnold's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 8.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 3.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $24,000 in FY2006 to $41,000 in FY2025, +67.9% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| not reported | not reported | **4 of 6** | **3 of 6** |
| FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +54.0% | FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth · three years not reported | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth · three years not reported |

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+33%) and FY2024 (+56%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Gosnold's health insurance is not reported for FY2016 or FY2025, so its earmarks are not set against it.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $0 | not reported | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | not reported | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | not reported | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Gosnold had no resident pupils in DESE's FY2026 Chapter 70 enrollment.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>not available<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>$0<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>not available<br>no Census median income | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>not available<br>after inflation |

DESE's FY2026 Chapter 70 files assign Gosnold no foundation enrollment or district share. DESE counts no resident pupils for Gosnold in FY2026.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Gosnold, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Gosnold has $99,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>$343,000<br>$234,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>$229,000<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>$99,000<br>annual program: 6.0 years of its yearly money · 7th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>0<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>0<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>$0<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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| Chapter 90 by state fiscal year | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
| FY2017 | $9,007 | $0 | $0 | $9,007 |
| FY2018 | $8,955 | $0 | $0 | $18,000 |
| FY2019 | $8,898 | $1,780 | $0 | $29,000 |
| FY2020 | $8,838 | $884 | $0 | $38,000 |
| FY2021 | $8,826 | $0 | $0 | $47,000 |
| FY2022 | $8,819 | $6,669 | $0 | $63,000 |
| FY2023 | $8,650 | $0 | $6,669 | $65,000 |
| FY2024 | $8,611 | $109,000 | $43,000 | $177,000 |
| FY2025 | $8,553 | $106,000 | $0 | $291,000 |
| FY2026 | $15,000 | $9,650 | $217,000 | $99,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $15,000 | $0 | $0 | $114,000 |

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Gosnold received $6.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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years, 2.7 times the $2.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Gosnold is one of eight municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gosnold this town | 82 | $32,727 | $214,090 | $0 | 0.76 | not available |
| Mount Washington peer · lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $22,393 | $6,365 | $0 | 1.07 | 0.4% |
| Alford peer | 43 | $5,565 | $1,817 | $0 | 0.13 | 0.9% |
| Tyringham peer | 34 | $4,388 | $85.59 | $0 | 0.28 | 1.0% |
| Aquinnah peer | 38 | $6,830 | $786 | $150 | 2.09 | 1.9% |
| Monterey peer | 67 | $11,798 | $7,628 | $0 | 3.68 | 1.8% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Grafton

Town · Worcester County · 19,902 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

9th Worcester · David K. Muradian, Jr.

STATE SENATE

Second Worcester · Michael O. Moore

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Grafton Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville and four others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Grafton scores 36 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 61 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**36** / 100

249th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 41 | 33 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 233rd to 265th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Grafton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 35 and 38 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**61** / 100

144th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 63 | 67 | 56 |

Rank under other weightings: 135th to 152nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

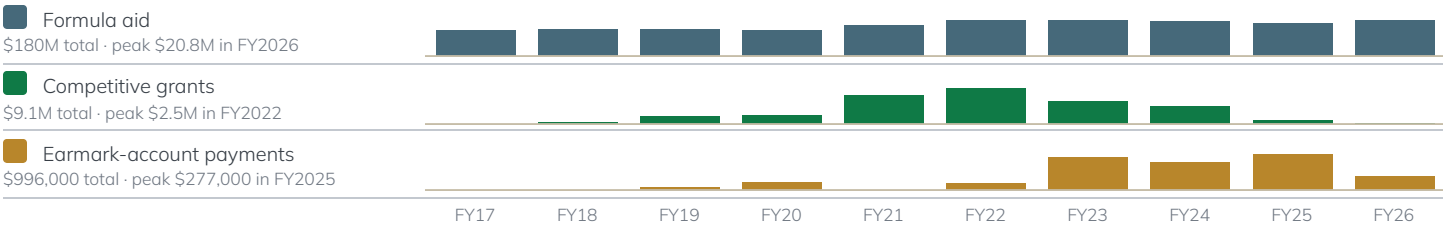
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STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Grafton's town government and school districts received $180 million in formula aid and $9.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$180M** | **$9.1M** | **$996,000** |
| $9,020 per resident (221st of 351) · gross | $459 per resident (149th of 351) | $50.07 per resident (77th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Grafton peaked in FY2022 at $2.5 million, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Grafton received $678,000 in local earmarks to its government, $725,000 placed in the city or town and $725,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$678,000** | **$725,000** | **$725,000** | **No** |
| $34.06 per resident (143rd of 351) | $36.42 per resident (214th of 351) · 6% to organizations | $36.42 per resident (220th of 351) · 6% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 20 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $678,000 went to Grafton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $47,000 went to organizations in Grafton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Grafton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (20 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $70,000 | "the town of Grafton for the removal of invasive plants" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $57,000 | "additional warning sirens at the Grafton and Upton railroad propane facility in the town of Grafton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the town of Grafton for the removal of invasive plants" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "municipal center upgrades in the town of Grafton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "public safety improvements in Grafton" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 20 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Grafton received 1.97 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**85.7**<br>134th of 351 · 4.3 per 1,000 residents (269th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16.2M**<br>scored exposure $5.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**183**<br>17th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.8 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**19,923**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.71**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.97; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**88 acres**<br>0.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$8,771**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$99.38**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$23,727**<br>FY2017–2025 · 147th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GRAFTON

## Grafton has 103 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 751 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**103 acres**<br>0.7% of Grafton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**751 acres**<br>5.1% of Grafton's land · 51 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**19 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**649 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 103 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 12 | 150 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 39 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 29 | 352 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 20 | 360 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 30 | 606 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 19 |
| Conservation restriction | 23 | 649 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 7 | 100 |
| Other state agencies | 3 | 46 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 2 | 4 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quinsigamond Marsh Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 58 | |
| Martha Deering WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 23 | |
| Quinsigamond River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 19 | |
| Hovey Dam | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 2 | |
| Irish Dam | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 104.3 miles of public road in Grafton, the state maintains 14.5 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.5 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 85.7 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.8 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Grafton $17.3 million and takes back $771,000 in assessments and charges, a net $16.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$17.3 million** | **$771,000** | **$16.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $14M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $12,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $966,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $46,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $114,000 |
| State Owned Land | $8,986 |
| Public Libraries | $58,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $87,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,454 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $19,000 |
| MBTA | $53,000 |
| Regional Transit | $102,000 |
| Special Education | $17,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $300,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $188,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN GRAFTON

## State programs also awarded $775,000 to organizations in Grafton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Grafton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Apple Tree Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $219,000 |
| FY2024 | Hassanamisco Nipmuc Band nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $137,000 |
| FY2026 | Hassanamisco Nipmuc Band nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $92,000 |
| FY2023 | Central MA Regional Planning Commission - Grafton regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $18,000 (shared six ways) |

A further $309,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 20.0% of Grafton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 25.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **25.2%** | **23.5%** | **20.0%** | **19.0%** |
| $8.3M of $33M · median town 14.1% | $12.5M of $53.1M · median town 12.2% | $16.2M of $80.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 23.3% · median town 10.0% |

Grafton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $635,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Grafton's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 25.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 11.5% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.3 million in FY2006 to $16.2 million in FY2025, +94.5% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+56.7%** | **+74.9%** | **8 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $3.7M to $5.8M · all towns +54.0% | $5.9M to $10.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Grafton's health insurance would have been $4.60 million in FY2025; it was $5.77 million, $1.17 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $7.42 million in FY2025; it was $10.4 million, $2.97 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Grafton's government came to $568,000, 27.2% of the $2.09 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $568,000 | 27.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $615,000 | 29.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $615,000 | 29.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Grafton's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 110th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$14.1M** | **$28.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **–1%** |
| 110th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Grafton runs its own school district and also belongs to Blackstone Valley; Grafton accounts for 7% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $274,000 for schools serving Grafton,


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## FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Grafton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$274,000**<br>$13.76 per resident (272nd of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Grafton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $215,000 (7%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $58,000 (7%) |

Not counted: North Street Elementary School (Grafton), approved FY2018 for up to $1.5 million. It lapsed or was withdrawn after approval.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Grafton has $4.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.4M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | **$1.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$4.7M**<br>annual program: 5.1 years of its yearly money · 9th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
| **36**<br>one rated poor; likely about $416,000 of work on those ($200,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **2**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$508,000**<br>bridges $100,000 · dams $342,000 · culverts $66,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Grafton came on average 70 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $500,000 | $0 | $184,000 | $500,000 |
| FY2018 | $498,000 | $0 | $428,000 | $571,000 |
| FY2019 | $501,000 | $100,000 | $173,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2020 | $499,000 | $50,000 | $0 | $1.7M |
| FY2021 | $497,000 | $0 | $795,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2022 | $498,000 | $284,000 | $762,000 | $2.9M |
| FY2023 | $500,000 | $0 | $330,000 | $3.1M |
| FY2024 | $503,000 | $297,000 | $1.1M | $2.8M |
| FY2025 | $503,000 | $141,000 | $730 | $3.5M |
| FY2026 | $786,000 | $441,000 | $57,000 | $4.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $786,000 | $0 | $0 | $5.5M |

The full list of the 69 bridges in Grafton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Fisherville Dam Repair Design source | $154,000 |
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Merriam Road over Flagg Brook, tributary to Miscoe Brook source | $66,000 |
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Fisherville Dam Repair Design and Permit source | $188,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Grafton received $10.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 49% more than the $6.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Grafton ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $725,000 in earmarks placed in Grafton, $47,000 (6%) went to organizations rather than to Grafton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Grafton** this town | **36** | **$9,020** | **$459** | **$36.42** | **1.97** | **2.9%** |
| Bellingham peer | 39 | $9,082 | $546 | $23.24 | 1.24 | 3.0% |
| Wilbraham peer | 44 | $12,134 | $123 | $109† | 0.42 | 3.1% |
| Millbury peer | 44 | $9,909 | $648 | $53.29 | 1.09 | 2.5% |
| Tyngsborough peer | 42 | $10,115 | $758 | $44.22 | 2.20 | 3.2% |
| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

FAIRNESS INDEX CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

STATE MONEY CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

EARMARKS General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

SCHOOLS DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

SCHOOL BUILDINGS Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Granby

Town · Hampshire County · 6,080 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

3rd Hampshire · Mindy Domb 53% of residents
2nd Hampshire · Homar Gómez 47% of residents

Granby is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester · Jacob R. Oliveira

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Granby Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Belchertown, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Oakham, Palmer, Ware and Warren

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Granby scores 49 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 16 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**49** / 100

130th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 51 | 51 | 47 |

Rank under other weightings: 117th to 139th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Granby received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 48 and 50 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**16** / 100

330th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 16 | 18 | 14 |

Rank under other weightings: 324th to 333rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

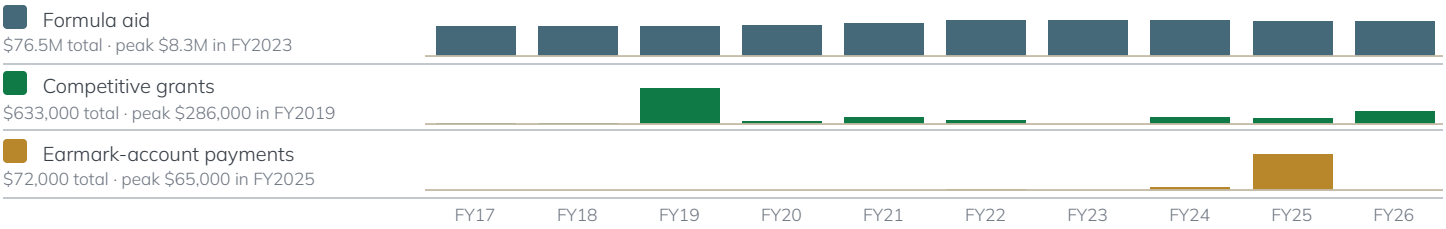
Granby received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 16 stays between 15 and 16 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Granby's town government and school districts received $76.5 million in formula aid and $633,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$76.5M** | **$633,000** | **$72,000** |
| $12,582 per resident (122nd of 351) · gross | $104 per resident (321st of 351) | $11.92 per resident (247th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Granby peaked in FY2019 at $286,000, 45% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

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EARMARKS

## Granby received $70,000 in local earmarks to its government, $160,000 placed in the city or town and $160,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$70,000** | **$160,000** | **$160,000** | **No** |
| $11.51 per resident (263rd of 351) | $26.32 per resident (254th of 351) · 56% to organizations | $26.32 per resident (258th of 351) · 56% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $70,000 went to Granby's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $90,000 went to organizations in Granby or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Granby, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "purchase portable communication radios for the Granby fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $35,000 | "Friends of Granby Veterans, Inc. to cover the costs associated with the construction and maintenance of a veterans memorial in the town of Granby" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "Granby To-Go, Inc. to support the in-school food pantry and clothing distribution program in the town of Granby" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $10,000 | "the Granby Legion Post 266 to support the renovation of its community kitchen" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $10,000 | "the Granby senior center food pantry to support the purchase of food resources for individuals and families in the town of Granby" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Granby received 31% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**58.0**<br>220th of 351 · 9.5 per 1,000 residents (113th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.7M**<br>scored exposure $4.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**84**<br>157th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**27.8 sq mi**<br>14% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,226**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.76**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.31; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,234 acres**<br>12.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$118,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$52.95**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,836**<br>FY2017–2025 · 242nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GRANBY

## Granby has 2,537 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 3,500 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,537 acres**<br>14.3% of Granby's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**3,500 acres**<br>19.7% of Granby's land · 139 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**447 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**424 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 77 | 2,537 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 150 | 2,494 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 28 | 674 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 77 | 1,621 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 34 | 1,206 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 11 | 447 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 424 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 141 | 2,185 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 310 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Holyoke Range State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,286 | |
| Facing Rock WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 158 | |
| Bachelor Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 93 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 68.7 miles of public road in Granby, the state maintains 7.9 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.7 | 11% |
| DCR | 0.2 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 58.0 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.9 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Granby $7.1 million and takes back $1.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $5.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.1 million** | **$1.6 million** | **$5.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 22% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $203,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $493,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $7,969 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $76,000 |
| State Owned Land | $122,000 |
| Public Libraries | $21,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $613,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,792 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $8,940 |
| Regional Transit | $43,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $305,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $597,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN GRANBY

## State programs also awarded $81,000 to organizations in Granby other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Kestrel Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $20,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2022 | Kestrel Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

A further $45,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 30.0% of Granby's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 38.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **38.4%** | **38.0%** | **30.0%** | **23.9%** |
| $5M of $13M · median town 14.1% | $6.3M of $16.6M · median town 12.2% | $7M of $23.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 38.0% · median town 10.0% |

Granby's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $160,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Granby's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 10.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 20.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5 million in FY2006 to $7 million in FY2025, +39.4% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+34.2%** | **+51.3%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $1.3M to $1.7M · all towns +54.0% | $2.4M to $3.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Granby's health insurance would have been $1.60 million in FY2025; it was $1.72 million, $120,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.03 million in FY2025; it was $3.67 million, $639,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Granby's government came to $60,000, 13.7% of the $438,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $60,000 | 13.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $115,000 | 26.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $115,000 | 26.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Granby's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 259th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.1M** | **$6.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **–3%** |
| 259th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Granby runs its own school district and also belongs to Pathfinder; Granby accounts for 3% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Granby, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Granby has $758,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.4M** | **$3.2M** | **$758,000** |
| $1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.9 years of its yearly money · 234th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **14** | **2** | **$75,000** |
| none rated poor | of three town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $75,000 · culverts $0 |


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Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Granby came on average 16 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $281,000 | $0 | $353,000 | $38,000 |
| FY2018 | $280,000 | $0 | $250,000 | $68,000 |
| FY2019 | $279,000 | $56,000 | $221,000 | $181,000 |
| FY2020 | $278,000 | $28,000 | $351,000 | $135,000 |
| FY2021 | $278,000 | $0 | $354,000 | $59,000 |
| FY2022 | $278,000 | $194,000 | $0 | $530,000 |
| FY2023 | $274,000 | $0 | $421,000 | $383,000 |
| FY2024 | $274,000 | $282,000 | $631,000 | $309,000 |
| FY2025 | $273,000 | $179,000 | $666,000 | $94,000 |
| FY2026 | $464,000 | $285,000 | $85,000 | $758,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $463,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The full list of the 16 bridges in Granby in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Forge Pond Dam & Dike Design and Permit source | $75,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Granby received $793,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 21% of the $3.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Granby ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $160,000 in earmarks placed in Granby, $90,000 (56%) went to organizations rather than to Granby's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Granby** this town | **49** | **$12,582** | **$104** | **$26.32**† | **0.31** | **2.4%** |
| Hampden peer | 31 | $7,912 | $119 | $42.46 | 1.10 | 3.0% |
| Leicester peer | 55 | $13,695 | $728 | $56.82 | 1.36 | 2.8% |
| Ashburnham peer | 54 | $16,359 | $402 | $26.50† | 0.70 | 2.5% |
| Brimfield peer | 50 | $12,874 | $303 | $64.78 | 0.46 | 2.7% |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Conway lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $12,799 | $405 | $0 | 0.68 | 2.5% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Granville

Town · Hampden County · 1,846 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Hampden · Nicholas A. Boldyga | Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark | Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District, shared with Southwick and Tolland | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Granville scores 50 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 92 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**50** / 100

123rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 51 | 42 | 50 | 56 |

Rank under other weightings: 102nd to 150th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Granville received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 50 stays between 48 and 52 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**92** / 100

42nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | 91 | 86 | 95 |

Rank under other weightings: 38th to 44th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

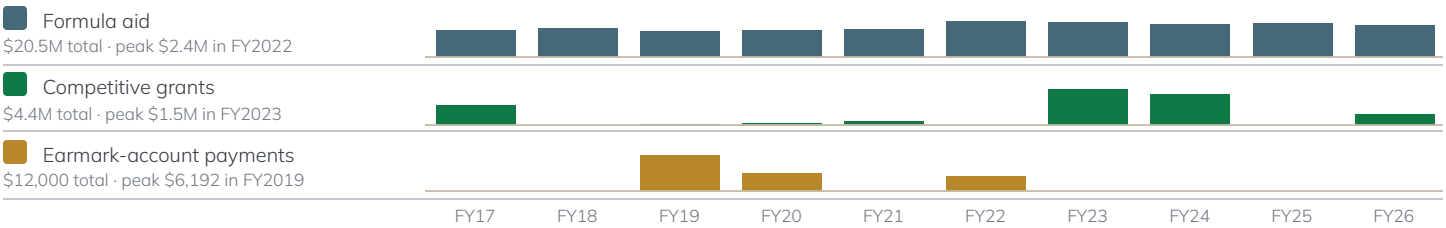
Granville received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 92 stays between 90 and 93 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Granville's town government and school districts received $20.5 million in formula aid and $4.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $20.5M | $4.4M | $12,000 |
| $11,112 per resident (144th of 351) · gross | $2,359 per resident (40th of 351) | $6.36 per resident (278th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Granville peaked in FY2023 at $1.5 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $886,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Granville in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $12,000 in payments to Granville's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Granville.

Granville is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Granville's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Granville's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Buckland | $12,000 | $112,000 | $112,000 | $55.26 |
| Hardwick | $190,000 | $270,000 | $270,000 | $101 |
| Colrain | $0 | $50,000 | $50,000 | $30.73 |
| Huntington | $0 | $75,000 | $75,000 | $33.78 |
| Charlemont | $165,000 | $165,000 | $165,000 | $148 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Granville received 73% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**64.3**<br>203rd of 351 · 34.8 per 1,000 residents (37th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.7M**<br>scored exposure $5.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**89**<br>142nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**42.3 sq mi**<br>6% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,893**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.03**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.73; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,707 acres**<br>6.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$87,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$51.26**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,921**<br>FY2017–2025 · 255th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GRANVILLE

## Granville has 1,694 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 3,053 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,694 acres**<br>6.3% of Granville's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**3,053 acres**<br>11.3% of Granville's land · 59 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**342 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,634 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 1,694 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 6 | 1,687 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 30 | 2,073 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 28 | 964 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 17 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 63 | 3,787 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 6 | 342 |
| Conservation restriction | 15 | 1,634 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 1,687 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Granville State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,694 | |

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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
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| MassDOT | 0.1 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 64.0 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.5 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Granville $477,000 and takes back $8,759 in assessments and charges, a net $468,000.

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|---|---|---|
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What the state sends

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|---|---|
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| Veterans Benefits | $15,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $21,000 |
| State Owned Land | $88,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,732 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $479 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,280 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $5,000 |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

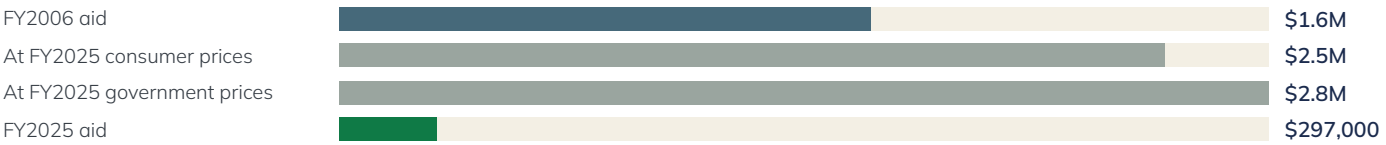
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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **36.1%** | **6.3%** | **4.9%** | **4.9%** |
| $1.6M of $4.5M · median town 14.1% | $222,000 of $3.5M · median town 12.2% | $297,000 of $6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 32.0% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+159.9%** | **+95.4%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $35,000 to $92,000 · all towns +54.0% | $208,000 to $407,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Granville's health insurance would have been $44,000 in FY2025; it was $92,000, $48,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $260,000 in FY2025; it was $407,000, $147,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (+38%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+30%) and FY2024 (+91%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Granville's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $56,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Granville's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 113th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.3M** | **$1.8M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+9%** |
| 113th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Granville has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Granville and Southwick Tolland Granville; Granville accounts for 100% and 12% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Granville, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Granville has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns nine bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.4M** | **$2.8M** | **$1.1M** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 187th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **30** | **0** | **$1.9M** |
| nine rated poor; likely about $6M of work on those ($3.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $1.9M · dams $0 · culverts $25,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $268,000 | $0 | $233,000 | $34,000 |
| FY2018 | $265,000 | $0 | $408,000 | $8 |
| FY2019 | $264,000 | $53,000 | $289,000 | $28,000 |
| FY2020 | $263,000 | $26,000 | $289,000 | $27,000 |
| FY2021 | $262,000 | $0 | $176,000 | $113,000 |
| FY2022 | $262,000 | $214,000 | $367,000 | $222,000 |
| FY2023 | $260,000 | $0 | $387,000 | $96,000 |
| FY2024 | $260,000 | $287,000 | $172,000 | $471,000 |
| FY2025 | $259,000 | $174,000 | $414,000 | $489,000 |
| FY2026 | $471,000 | $307,000 | $199,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $472,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

The full list of the 33 bridges in Granville in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Phelon Rd over Phelon Brook source | $25,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Granville received $4.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 14% more than the $3.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Granville is the only municipality, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in it in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Granville** this town | **50** | **$11,112** | **$2,359** | **$0** | **0.73** | **2.8%** |
| Buckland peer | 59 | $14,272 | $4,838 | $55.26† | 6.12 | 2.3% |
| Hardwick peer | 63 | $20,446 | $849 | $101 | 2.32 | 2.5% |
| Colrain peer | 59 | $16,229 | $3,795 | $30.73† | 2.33 | 2.7% |
| Huntington peer | 63 | $18,322 | $2,918 | $33.78† | 0.25 | 2.5% |
| Charlemont peer | 65 | $19,209 | $6,110 | $148 | 2.68 | 3.8% |
| Shelburne best in class of 30 | 66 | $14,126 | $8,461 | $182† | 2.94 | 3.0% |
| Savoy lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $18,956 | $1,027 | $0 | 1.10 | 2.7% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Great Barrington

Town · Berkshire County · 7,202 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis | Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark | Berkshire Hills Regional School District, shared with Stockbridge and West Stockbridge | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Great Barrington scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 91 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**42** / 100

193rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 44 | 49 | 31 |

Rank under other weightings: 160th to 229th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Great Barrington received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 39 and 45 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**91** / 100

43rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | 93 | 90 | 89 |

Rank under other weightings: 35th to 44th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

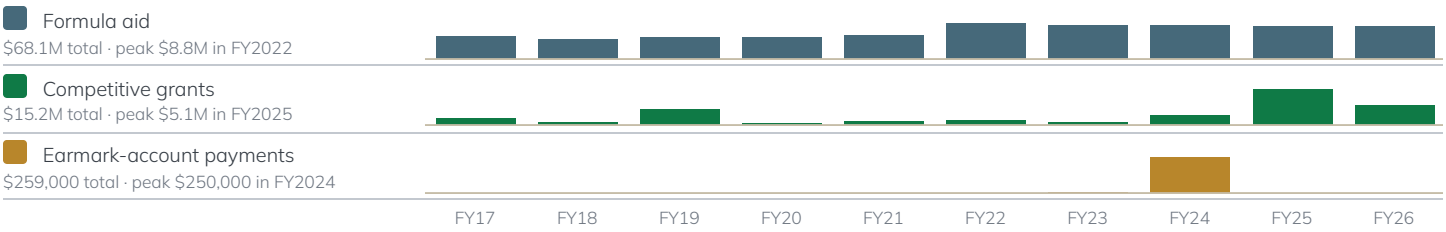
Great Barrington received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 91 stays between 90 and 92 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Great Barrington's town government and school districts received $68.1 million in formula aid and $15.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$68.1M** | **$15.2M** | **$259,000** |
| $9,461 per resident (196th of 351) · gross | $2,113 per resident (42nd of 351) | $35.94 per resident (125th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Great Barrington peaked in FY2025 at $5.1 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $26.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Great Barrington received $120,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.3 million placed in the city or town and $1.3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$120,000** | **$1.3M** | **$1.3M** | **No** |
| $16.66 per resident (233rd of 351) | $175 per resident (14th of 351) · 90% to organizations | $175 per resident (24th of 351) · 90% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 24 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $120,000 went to Great Barrington's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.1 million went to organizations in Great Barrington or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Great Barrington, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (24 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $200,000 | "Railroad Street Youth Project in Great Barrington for the Berkshire County Youth Development Project for youth intervention services" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Inc. to provide out of hospital advanced life support care to communities in western Massachusetts" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "Community Access to the Arts, Inc. in the town of Great Barrington" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "Community Access to the Arts, Inc. in the town of Great Barrington" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $60,000 | "Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires, Inc. for the purpose of providing additional resources, support and training to over 1,000 Berkshire nonprofits to aid in strengthening their capacity to serve critical needs in the Berkshire community" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 24 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Great Barrington received 2.92 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**77.7**<br>166th of 351 · 10.8 per 1,000 residents (96th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$29M**<br>scored exposure $14.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**103**<br>113th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**44.8 sq mi**<br>26% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**8%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,827**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.30**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.92; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**7,437 acres**<br>25.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$411,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$55.25**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$32,979**<br>FY2017–2025 · 91st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GREAT BARRINGTON

## Great Barrington has 7,498 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,464 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**7,498 acres**<br>26.1% of Great Barrington's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,464 acres**<br>8.6% of Great Barrington's land · 98 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,125 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,685 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 56 | 7,498 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 11 | 459 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 13 | 210 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 66 | 1,454 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 19 | 800 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 88 | 3,258 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 25 | 1,125 |
| Conservation restriction | 35 | 1,685 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 5 | 393 |
| Other state agencies | 2 | 32 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 29 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 4 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beartown State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4,935 | |
| East Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,667 | |
| Agawam Lake WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 420 | |
| Fountain Pond Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 404 | |
| Appalachian Trail Corridor | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 49 | |
| Housatonic River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 18 | |
| Three Mile Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 95.6 miles of public road in Great Barrington, the state maintains 12.9 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.9 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 77.7 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Great Barrington $2 million and takes back $60,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2 million** | **$60,000** | **$2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Smart Growth School Reimbursement | $533,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $984,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $38,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $45,000 |
| State Owned Land | $411,000 |
| Public Libraries | $20,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,781 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| Regional Transit | $46,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN GREAT BARRINGTON

## State programs also awarded $4.6 million to organizations in Great Barrington other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Great Barrington. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Alander Group nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2026 | Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2027 | Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2024 | Alander Group nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $450,000 |
| FY2016 | Saint James Place nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $247,000 |
| FY2019 | Community Access to the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Triplex Cinema nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | The Du Bois Freedom Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $162,000 |
| FY2023 | Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2022 | Clinton Church Restoration nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $117,000 |
| FY2017 | Berkshire Pulse nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $84,000 |
| FY2016 | The Guthrie Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $68,000 |
| FY2017 | The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $65,000 |
| FY2025 | Great Barrington Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $65,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 33 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $717,000 in 9 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.8% of Great Barrington's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 5.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5.2%** | **4.4%** | **3.8%** | **3.6%** |
| $865,000 of $16.6M · median town 14.1% | $1M of $23.3M · median town 12.2% | $1.4M of $37.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.6% · median town 10.0% |

Great Barrington's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Great Barrington's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 6.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 5.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $865,000 in FY2006 to $1.4 million in FY2025, +65.6% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+79.7%** | **+62.8%** | **3 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $955,000 to $1.7M · all towns +54.0% | $2M to $3.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Great Barrington's health insurance would have been $1.19 million in FY2025; it was $1.72 million, $524,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.51 million in FY2025; it was $3.28 million, $764,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+41%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2025 (+35%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

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SCHOOLS

## Great Barrington's required school contribution is 3.7% of median household income, 9th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$2.7M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$9.2M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.7%**<br>9th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+7%**<br>after inflation |

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $45.6 million for schools serving Great Barrington, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Great Barrington's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$45.6M**<br>$6,334 per resident (6th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Great Barrington's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Monument Mountain Regional High School | Berkshire Hills | Core | $61M | $45.6M (75%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Great Barrington has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.3M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.5M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 115th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**11**<br>three rated poor; about $23.6M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$56,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $56,000 |

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Great Barrington owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Great Barrington owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $417,000 | $0 | $650,000 | $62,000 |
| FY2018 | $412,000 | $0 | $172,000 | $302,000 |
| FY2019 | $410,000 | $82,000 | $624,000 | $383,000 |
| FY2020 | $410,000 | $41,000 | $27,000 | $811,000 |
| FY2021 | $409,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $407,000 | $260,000 | $1.4M | $496,000 |
| FY2023 | $402,000 | $0 | $460,000 | $438,000 |
| FY2024 | $402,000 | $351,000 | $681,000 | $510,000 |
| FY2025 | $401,000 | $212,000 | $257,000 | $866,000 |
| FY2026 | $659,000 | $389,000 | $423,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $658,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.1M |

The full list of the 23 bridges in Great Barrington in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Brush Hill Road over UNT to Housatonic River source | $56,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Great Barrington received $17.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 59% more than the $11 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Great Barrington ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.3 million in earmarks placed in Great Barrington, $1.1 million (90%) went to organizations rather than to Great Barrington's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Great Barrington** this town | **42** | **$9,461** | **$2,113** | **$175**† | **2.92** | **3.7%** |
| Lee peer | 39 | $7,783 | $1,292 | $21.86 | 2.91 | 3.1% |
| Chatham peer · best in class of 30 | 23 | $4,225 | $743 | $246† | 0.70 | 1.8% |
| Plainville peer | 39 | $9,512 | $160 | $41.02 | 0.68 | 3.3% |
| Hatfield peer | 32 | $6,480 | $1,299 | $3.01 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| Sheffield peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Greenfield

City · Franklin County · 17,664 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

2nd Franklin · Susannah M. Whipps
56% of residents

1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais 44% of residents

Greenfield is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Greenfield Public Schools, the city's own district

Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Heath and ten others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Greenfield scores 53 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 89 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**53** / 100

99th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 45 | 63 | 47 |

Rank under other weightings: 59th to 140th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Greenfield received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 49 and 57 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**89** / 100

46th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | 86 | 91 | 87 |

Rank under other weightings: 44th to 56th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

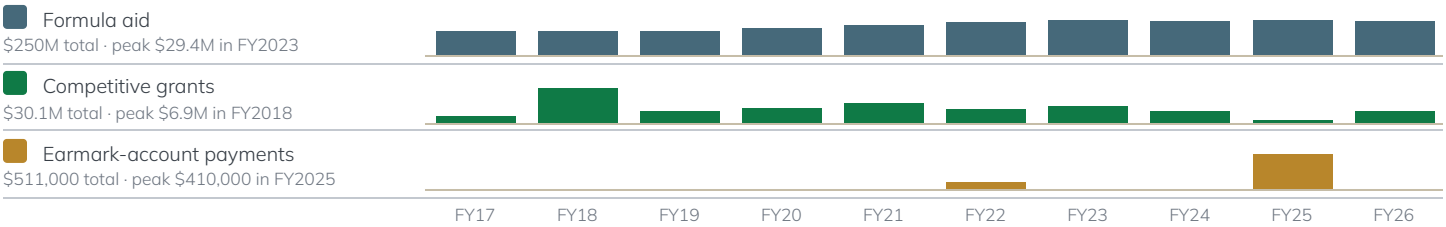
Greenfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 89 stays between 88 and 90 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Greenfield's town government and school districts received $250 million in formula aid and $30.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$250M** | **$30.1M** | **$511,000** |
| $14,180 per resident (90th of 351) · gross | $1,705 per resident (53rd of 351) | $28.94 per resident (151st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Greenfield peaked in FY2018 at $6.9 million, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $19.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Greenfield received $375,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2.4 million placed in the city or town and $4.6 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$375,000** | **$2.4M** | **$4.6M** | **No** |
| $21.23 per resident (209th of 351) | $134 per resident (34th of 351) · 84% to organizations | $258 per resident (11th of 351) · 44% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 23 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $375,000 went to Greenfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2 million went to organizations in Greenfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $2.2 million in ten clauses for state facilities located in Greenfield (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Greenfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (33 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $300,000 | "the Franklin county opioid education and awareness task force" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2024 | $300,000 | "the Franklin county opioid education and awareness task force" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2023 | $300,000 | "the Franklin county opioid education and awareness task force" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2022 | $300,000 | "the Franklin county Opioid Education and Awareness Task Force" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2021 | $300,000 | "the Franklin County Opioid Education and Awareness Task Force" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |

Printed: the 5 largest of 33 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Greenfield received 4.81 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**102.5**<br>90th of 351 · 5.8 per 1,000 residents (201st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$22.4M**<br>scored exposure $5.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**96**<br>126th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.4 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**17,699**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.08**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 4.81; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**133 acres**<br>1.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$50,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$373**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,355**<br>FY2017–2025 · 316th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GREENFIELD

## Greenfield has 132 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,359 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**132 acres**<br>1.0% of Greenfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,359 acres**<br>9.9% of Greenfield's land · 79 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,109 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**240 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 132 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 10 | 98 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 28 | 308 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 32 | 875 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 19 | 176 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 48 | 1,147 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 25 | 1,109 |
| Conservation restriction | 14 | 240 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 94 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 2 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 1 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 2 | 1 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 89 | |
| Green River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 40 | |
| Deerfield River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |
| Collins-Moylan Memorial Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 130.2 miles of public road in Greenfield, the state maintains 19.0 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 19.0 | 15% |
| Town-accepted | 101.8 | 78% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 8.9 | 7% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $150,000 | “the Franklin county opioid education and awareness task force” |
| FY2025 | $300,000 | “the Franklin county opioid education and awareness task force” |
| FY2025 | $294,000 | “a police training program offered by Greenfield Community College” |
| FY2024 | $300,000 | “the Franklin county opioid education and awareness task force” |
| FY2022 | $300,000 | “the Franklin county Opioid Education and Awareness Task Force” |
| FY2021 | $300,000 | “the Franklin County Opioid Education and Awareness Task Force” |
| FY2020 | $300,000 | “the Franklin County Opioid Education and Awareness Task Force” |
| FY2019 | $75,000 | “the operation of the Sustainable Agriculture & Green Energy Program at Greenfield Community College” |
| FY2018 | $75,000 | “the operation of a Farm and Food Systems pilot program and Teaching Garden at Greenfield Community College” |
| FY2017 | $100,000 | “the Opioid Task Force of Franklin County and the North Quabbin Region” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Greenfield $22.6 million and takes back $5.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $17 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$22.6 million** | **$5.6 million** | **$17 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 25% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $17M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $431,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $489,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $220,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $226,000 |
| State Owned Land | $50,000 |
| Public Libraries | $66,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,690 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $33,000 |
| Regional Transit | $287,000 |
| Special Education | $22,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $2.7M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.5M |


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STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN GREENFIELD

## State programs also awarded $12.9 million to organizations in Greenfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Greenfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | The Community Builders, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $2.8M |
| FY2027 | The Community Builders, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | Franklin Community Cooperative nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $1M |
| FY2027 | Franklin Community Cooperative nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $1M |
| FY2025 | The Community Builders, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $849,000 |
| FY2024 | Franklin Community Cooperative nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $750,000 |
| FY2025 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $646,000 |
| FY2025 | Franklin Community Cooperative nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $250,000 |
| FY2026 | Community Action Pioneer Valley nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $250,000 |
| FY2026 | Connecticut River Conservancy nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $180,000 |
| FY2026 | Friends of Franklin County Fairgrounds regional body | Cultural Facilities Fund | $138,000 |
| FY2027 | Franklin County Agricultural Society regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $135,000 |
| FY2026 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $125,000 |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | MassTrails Grants | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | Greenfield Community College nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $99,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 31 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $2.6 million in 13 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 30.1% of Greenfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 36.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **36.2%** | **32.8%** | **30.1%** | **22.4%** |
| $14.4M of $39.7M · median town 14.1% | $17.1M of $52M · median town 12.2% | $21.6M of $71.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 27.3% · median town 10.0% |

Greenfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Greenfield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 3.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 14.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $14.4 million in FY2006 to $21.6 million in FY2025, +50.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2 million of Greenfield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+39.5%** | **+57.4%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $6.4M to $8.9M · all towns +54.0% | $10.8M to $17M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Greenfield's health insurance would have been $7.96 million in FY2025; it was $8.89 million, $934,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $13.5 million in FY2025; it was $17 million, $3.51 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Greenfield's government came to $300,000, 11.9% of the $2.52 million rise in its health insurance.


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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $300,000 | 11.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.7M | 66.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.7M | 147.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Greenfield's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 97th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$18.5M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$13.3M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.9%**<br>97th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+17%**<br>after inflation |

Greenfield runs its own school district and also belongs to Franklin County; Greenfield accounts for 23% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $26 million for schools serving Greenfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Greenfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$26M**<br>$1,471 per resident (112th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Greenfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $26M (23%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Greenfield has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9.2M**<br>$1.6M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.2M**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 267th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of eight town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Greenfield came on average 14 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Greenfield owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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| FY2018 | $634,000 | $0 | $993,000 | $202,000 |
| FY2019 | $635,000 | $127,000 | $656,000 | $308,000 |
| FY2020 | $634,000 | $63,000 | $811,000 | $194,000 |
| FY2021 | $633,000 | $0 | $730,000 | $97,000 |
| FY2022 | $631,000 | $340,000 | $599,000 | $469,000 |
| FY2023 | $624,000 | $0 | $666,000 | $427,000 |
| FY2024 | $621,000 | $354,000 | $1.1M | $338,000 |
| FY2025 | $623,000 | $170,000 | $875,000 | $256,000 |
| FY2026 | $963,000 | $532,000 | $571,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $960,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.1M |

The full list of the 58 bridges in Greenfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

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| Southbridge peer | 68 | $21,891 | $992 | $33.72 | 1.54 | 2.3% |
| Gardner peer | 60 | $17,461 | $784 | $85.79† | 2.19 | 2.3% |
| North Adams peer | 71 | $21,747 | $1,967 | $32.72 | 3.15 | 2.5% |
| Athol peer | 69 | $23,699 | $853 | $117† | 1.25 | 1.4% |
| Webster peer | 56 | $14,621 | $927 | $27.75 | 0.46 | 2.8% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| North Brookfield lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Groton

Town · Middlesex County · 11,390 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

1st Middlesex · Margaret R. Scarsdale 64% of residents

37th Middlesex · Danillo A. Sena 36% of residents

Groton is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Worcester and Middlesex · John J. Cronin

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Groton-Dunstable Regional School District, shared with Dunstable

Nashoba Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ayer, Chelmsford, Littleton, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Westford

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Groton scores 49 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 55 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**49** / 100

133rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 63 | 42 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 107th to 155th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Groton received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 45 and 53 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**55** / 100

169th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 67 | 52 | 48 |

Rank under other weightings: 159th to 183rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

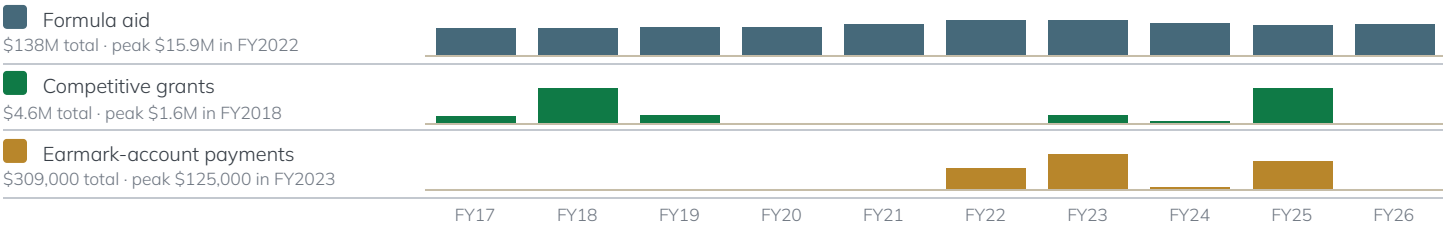
Groton received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 52 and 58 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Groton's town government and school districts received $138 million in formula aid and $4.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $138M | $4.6M | $309,000 |
| $12,079 per resident (127th of 351) · gross | $400 per resident (170th of 351) | $27.11 per resident (161st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Groton peaked in FY2018 at $1.6 million, 35% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Groton received $132,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $132,000 | $132,000 | $132,000 | No |
| $11.62 per resident (262nd of 351) | $11.62 per resident (305th of 351) | $11.62 per resident (306th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Groton's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Groton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $92,000 | "the Groton senior center for the procurement of an emergency generator" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "Groton to add sidewalks on West Main street and route 40" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $15,000 | "the town of Groton for Destination Groton to procure trail signage" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Groton received 1.19 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**104.2**<br>81st of 351 · 9.1 per 1,000 residents (119th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.4M**<br>scored exposure $495,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**89**<br>142nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**32.8 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,413**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.53**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.19; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**840 acres**<br>4.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$138,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$164**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,943**<br>FY2017–2025 · 184th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GROTON

## Groton has 1,090 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 818 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,090 acres**<br>5.2% of Groton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**818 acres**<br>3.9% of Groton's land · 37 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**303 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**3,106 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 45 | 1,090 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 483 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 11 | 240 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 22 | 522 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 56 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 8 | 303 |
| Conservation restriction | 82 | 3,106 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 382 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 5 | 102 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. Harry Rich State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 413 | |
| Unkety Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 320 | |
| Squannacook River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 289 | |
| Nashua River Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 66 | |
| Knops Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |
| Groton Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |
| Baddacook Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 113.5 miles of public road in Groton, the state maintains 5.5 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.5 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 104.2 | 92% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.8 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Groton $1.3 million and takes back $105,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.3 million** | **$105,000** | **$1.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $23,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $28,000 |
| State Owned Land | $160,000 |
| Public Libraries | $33,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,044 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,060 |
| Regional Transit | $98,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN GROTON

## State programs also awarded $1 million to organizations in Groton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Groton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Groton Hill Music nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $152,000 |
| FY2026 | Montachusett Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $140,000 |
| FY2025 | Nashua River Watershed Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $40,000 |
| FY2026 | Groton Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $25,000 |

A further $663,000 in 6 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 2.2% of Groton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 3.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **3.6%** | **2.6%** | **2.2%** | **2.0%** |
| $908,000 of $25.5M · median town 14.1% | $857,000 of $33.5M · median town 12.2% | $1.2M of $51.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 2.6% · median town 10.0% |

Groton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $8.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Groton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 18.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 27.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $908,000 in FY2006 to $1.2 million in FY2025, +26.9% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+47.0%** | **+42.2%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $1.3M to $1.9M · all towns +54.0% | $3.6M to $5.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Groton's health insurance would have been $1.59 million in FY2025; it was $1.88 million, $283,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.44 million in FY2025; it was $5.06 million, $616,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Groton's government came to $132,000, 22.1% of the $600,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $132,000 | 22.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $132,000 | 22.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $132,000 | 22.1% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Groton's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 186th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.9M** | **$18.7M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **–15%** |
| 186th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Groton has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Groton-Dunstable and Nashoba Valley; Groton accounts for 76% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $24.5 million for schools serving Groton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Groton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$24.5M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,152 per resident (83rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Groton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Florence Roche Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Groton Dunstable | Core | $5.8M | $4.4M (76%) |
| FY2021 | Florence Roche Elementary School | Groton Dunstable | Core | $26.5M | $20M (76%) |
| FY2019 | Nashoba Valley Technical High School | Nashoba Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Windows/Doors) | $1.6M | $99,000 (6%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Groton; Groton's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $4.4 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Groton's share of the final cost was $210,000 against its share of the approved budget of $223,000 (under by $13,000); the local share moved from $124,000 to $119,000. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Groton has $1.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.8M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.9M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 104th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**4**<br>one rated poor; likely about $322,000 of work on those ($155,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Groton came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Groton owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $505,000 | $0 | $480,000 | $309,000 |
| FY2018 | $504,000 | $0 | $492,000 | $321,000 |
| FY2019 | $502,000 | $100,000 | $569,000 | $423,000 |
| FY2020 | $502,000 | $50,000 | $607,000 | $471,000 |
| FY2021 | $501,000 | $0 | $605,000 | $367,000 |
| FY2022 | $517,000 | $348,000 | $632,000 | $600,000 |
| FY2023 | $514,000 | $0 | $812,000 | $302,000 |
| FY2024 | $512,000 | $327,000 | $938,000 | $202,000 |
| FY2025 | $511,000 | $140,000 | $276,000 | $578,000 |
| FY2026 | $854,000 | $516,000 | $0 | $1.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $852,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.8M |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Groton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Groton received $4.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 29% more than the $3.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Groton ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Groton** this town | **49** | **$12,079** | **$400** | **$11.62** | **1.19** | **2.6%** |
| North Reading peer | 38 | $8,458 | $326 | $76.44 | 0.68 | 3.0% |
| Upton peer | 56 | $14,491 | $622 | $40.72 | 1.73 | 2.8% |
| Southborough peer | 36 | $8,275 | $159 | $31.45 | 0.58 | 2.5% |
| Sharon peer | 35 | $8,474 | $593 | $38.45 | 1.92 | 3.1% |
| Hanover peer | 38 | $9,140 | $220 | $18.83 | 0.60 | 2.8% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |

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ESSEX COUNTY

# Groveland

Town · Essex County · 6,777 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

14th Essex · Adrianne Pusateri Ramos

STATE SENATE

First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Pentucket Regional School District**, shared with Merrimac and West Newbury

**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Amesbury, Georgetown, Haverhill, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Groveland scores 52 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 63 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**52** / 100

110th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 51 | 62 | 48 | 45 |

Rank under other weightings: 87th to 125th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Groveland received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 49 and 55 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**63** / 100

138th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | 71 | 64 | 55 |

Rank under other weightings: 127th to 146th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

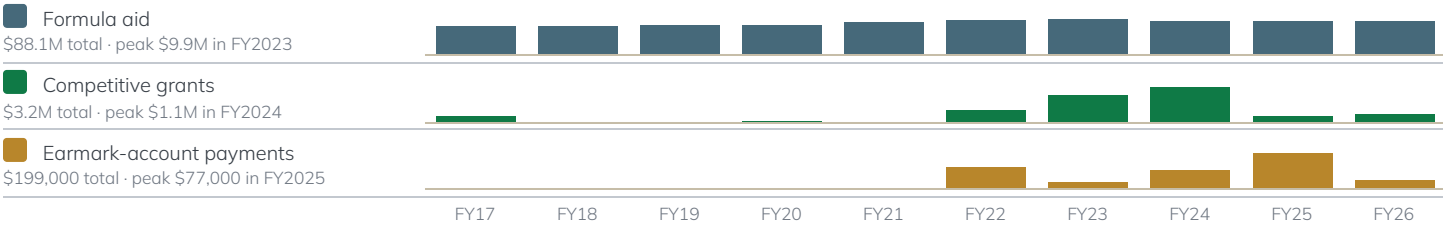
Groveland received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 63 stays between 60 and 66 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Groveland's town government and school districts received $88.1 million in formula aid and $3.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $88.1M | $3.2M | $199,000 |
| $13,007 per resident (112th of 351) · gross | $476 per resident (145th of 351) | $29.44 per resident (149th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Groveland peaked in FY2024 at $1.1 million, 35% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Groveland received $248,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $248,000 | $248,000 | $248,000 | No |
| $36.55 per resident (130th of 351) | $36.55 per resident (213th of 351) | $36.55 per resident (219th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 11 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Groveland's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Groveland, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "weed removal and water quality measurement for Johnson's pond in the town of Groveland" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the town of Groveland for a comprehensive market analysis and feasibility study for 46 Washington street" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "a side-by-side vehicle for the police department in the town of Groveland" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "a soil exploration and minor repairs of Johnson creek dam in the town of Groveland" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "clear the remaining area of Johnsons pond in the town of Groveland for boating and fishing" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 11 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Groveland received 95% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**44.7**<br>271st of 351 · 6.6 per 1,000 residents (172nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**52**<br>254th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**8.9 sq mi**<br>27% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,777**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.76**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.95; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,608 acres**<br>28.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$215,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$134**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,688**<br>FY2017–2025 · 257th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN GROVELAND

## Groveland has 1,607 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 77 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,607 acres**<br>28.3% of Groveland's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**77 acres**<br>1.4% of Groveland's land · 11 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**242 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 41 | 1,607 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 25 | 1,562 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 11 | 77 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 7 | 125 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 1 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 242 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 25 | 1,562 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crane Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,485 | |
| Upper Parker River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 122 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 47.2 miles of public road in Groveland, the state maintains 1.8 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.8 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 44.7 | 95% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Groveland $1.3 million and takes back $103,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.3 million** | **$103,000** | **$1.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $65,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $944,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $26,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $47,000 |
| State Owned Land | $215,000 |
| Public Libraries | $18,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $40,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,263 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,100 |
| Regional Transit | $56,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN GROVELAND

## State programs also awarded $4,167 to organizations in Groveland other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Groveland. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.4% of Groveland's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.6%** | **6.0%** | **5.4%** | **5.0%** |
| $965,000 of $10.1M · median town 14.1% | $885,000 of $14.8M · median town 12.2% | $1.2M of $22.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.2% · median town 10.0% |

Groveland's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $5.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Groveland's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 17.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 26.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $965,000 in FY2006 to $1.2 million in FY2025, +28.2% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+44.2%** | **+97.6%** | **8 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $393,000 to $567,000 · all towns +54.0% | $875,000 to $1.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Groveland's health insurance would have been $491,000 in FY2025; it was $567,000, $76,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.09 million in FY2025; it was $1.73 million, $636,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Groveland's government came to $203,000, 116.6% of the $174,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $203,000 | 116.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $203,000 | 116.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $203,000 | 116.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Groveland's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 230th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$6.1M** | **$9.3M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **–12%** |
| 230th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Groveland has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Groveland, Pentucket and Whittier; Groveland accounts for 100%, 39% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $21.2 million for schools serving Groveland, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Groveland's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$21.2M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,126 per resident (49th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Groveland's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Pentucket Regional High School | Pentucket | Core | $54.1M | $21.2M (39%) |

Not counted: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Groveland has $783,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.4M** | **$2.2M** | **$783,000** |
| $642,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 98th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **0** | **1** | **$99,000** |
| none rated poor | of three town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $99,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Groveland came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $214,000 | $0 | $186,000 | $35,000 |
| FY2018 | $214,000 | $0 | $287,000 | $35,000 |
| FY2019 | $213,000 | $43,000 | $272,000 | $56,000 |
| FY2020 | $211,000 | $21,000 | $249,000 | $39,000 |
| FY2021 | $220,000 | $0 | $242,000 | $16,000 |
| FY2022 | $228,000 | $149,000 | $34,000 | $359,000 |
| FY2023 | $227,000 | $0 | $433,000 | $153,000 |
| FY2024 | $227,000 | $143,000 | $198,000 | $325,000 |
| FY2025 | $226,000 | $63,000 | $245,000 | $370,000 |
| FY2026 | $374,000 | $223,000 | $184,000 | $783,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $374,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The one bridge in Groveland in MassDOT's inventory, with its condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Johnson Creek Dam Repair Design source | $99,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Groveland received $3.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $3.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Groveland ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Groveland** this town | **52** | **$13,007** | **$476** | **$36.55** | **0.95** | **2.5%** |
| Freetown peer | 43 | $10,093 | $164 | $145† | 0.30 | 2.8% |
| Stow peer | 33 | $7,771 | $488 | $90.02 | 2.17 | 2.4% |
| Rowley peer | 41 | $9,213 | $259 | $26.57 | 0.42 | 2.7% |
| Dighton peer | 56 | $15,030 | $168 | $76.89 | 0.53 | 2.4% |
| Lakeville peer | 44 | $10,579 | $119 | $49.61 | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Hadley

Town · Hampshire County · 5,306 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
**2nd Hampshire** · Homar Gómez

STATE SENATE
**Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester** · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
**Hadley Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Hadley scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 82 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**38** / 100

244th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 36 | 40 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 207th to 274th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Hadley received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 36 and 40 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**82** / 100

74th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 82 | 85 | 76 | 88 |

Rank under other weightings: 63rd to 78th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

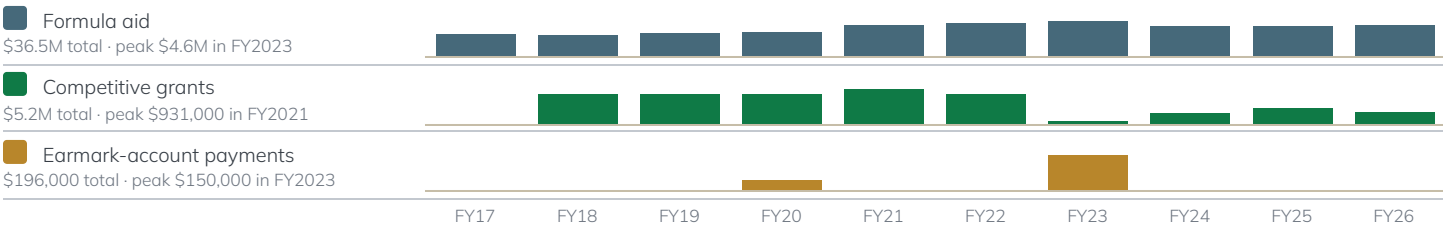
Hadley received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 82 stays between 80 and 85 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Hadley's town government and school districts received $36.5 million in formula aid and $5.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$36.5M** | **$5.2M** | **$196,000** |
| $6,882 per resident (294th of 351) · gross | $989 per resident (79th of 351) | $36.94 per resident (121st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hadley were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $17.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Hadley received $221,000 in local earmarks to its government, $226,000 placed in the city or town and $226,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$221,000** | **$226,000** | **$226,000** | **No** |
| $41.65 per resident (100th of 351) | $42.59 per resident (188th of 351) · 2% to organizations | $42.59 per resident (193rd of 351) · 2% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $221,000 went to Hadley's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $5,000 went to organizations in Hadley or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Hadley, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the construction of a softball field in the town of Hadley" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $75,000 | "the Hadley Senior Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $46,000 | "the Hadley police department to purchase dash and body cameras" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $5,000 | "Meghan's Light, Inc. in the town of Hadley for food assistance to individuals struggling with cystic fibrosis" | Enacted organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hadley received 2.48 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**66.0**<br>200th of 351 · 12.4 per 1,000 residents (83rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.4M**<br>scored exposure $1.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**78**<br>172nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.1 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,454**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.96**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.48; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,511 acres**<br>10.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$349,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$231**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$26,932**<br>FY2017–2025 · 126th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HADLEY

## Hadley has 1,138 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,880 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,138 acres**<br>7.7% of Hadley's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,880 acres**<br>33.0% of Hadley's land · 322 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**3,568 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**957 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 49 | 1,138 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 41 | 1,180 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 159 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 304 | 4,605 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 12 | 116 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 167 | 3,568 |
| Conservation restriction | 33 | 957 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 36 | 898 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 163 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 119 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| J.A. Skinner State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 413 | |
| Mount Holyoke Range State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 372 | |
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 208 | |
| Lake Warner WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 107 | |
| Norwottuck Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 38 | |
| Norwottuck Rail Trail | State: Department of Transportation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 80.0 miles of public road in Hadley, the state maintains 8.6 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.6 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 65.2 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.3 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hadley $4.3 million and takes back $1.3 million in assessments and charges, a net $2.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.3 million** | **$1.3 million** | **$2.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 31% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $208,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.5M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $593,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $69,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $22,000 |
| State Owned Land | $349,000 |
| Public Libraries | $17,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,896 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,560 |
| Regional Transit | $238,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $246,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $845,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HADLEY

## State programs also awarded $3.1 million to organizations in Hadley other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Hadley. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Valley Land Trust nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $215,000 |
| FY2024 | Happier Valley Comedy nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $115,000 |
| FY2027 | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $60,000 |
| FY2026 | Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum and Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $25,000 |
| FY2020 | Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum and Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $16,000 |
| FY2023 | Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum and Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $15,000 |
| FY2022 | Kestrel Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2020 | Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum and Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2019 | Happier Valley Comedy nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $6,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

A further $2.6 million in 17 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.7% of Hadley's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 15.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.0%** | **15.6%** | **14.7%** | **8.2%** |
| $1.7M of $11.2M · median town 14.1% | $2.3M of $14.8M · median town 12.2% | $3.5M of $23.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.3% · median town 10.0% |

**Hadley's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 33.0% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 18.2% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.7 million in FY2006 to $3.5 million in FY2025, +106.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+45.4%** | **+86.9%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $1.1M to $1.6M · all towns +54.0% | $2.3M to $4.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hadley's health insurance would have been $1.35 million in FY2025; it was $1.58 million, $222,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.92 million in FY2025; it was $4.36 million, $1.45 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hadley's government came to $221,000, 44.9% of the $492,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $221,000 | 44.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $221,000 | 44.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $221,000 | 44.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hadley's required school contribution is 2.0% of


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## median household income, 313th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$1.5M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$5.4M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.0%**<br>313th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+48%**<br>after inflation |

Hadley runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Hadley, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hadley has $739,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$5.5M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$739,000**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 275th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**11**<br>one rated poor; likely about $693,000 of work on those ($333,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$68,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $68,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Hadley came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $370,000 | $0 | $364,000 | $158,000 |
| FY2018 | $366,000 | $0 | $248,000 | $276,000 |
| FY2019 | $364,000 | $73,000 | $417,000 | $296,000 |
| FY2020 | $362,000 | $36,000 | $399,000 | $294,000 |
| FY2021 | $357,000 | $0 | $475,000 | $177,000 |
| FY2022 | $356,000 | $214,000 | $135,000 | $612,000 |
| FY2023 | $354,000 | $0 | $823,000 | $143,000 |
| FY2024 | $356,000 | $316,000 | $269,000 | $545,000 |
| FY2025 | $353,000 | $198,000 | $534,000 | $561,000 |
| FY2026 | $571,000 | $333,000 | $726,000 | $739,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $571,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 23 bridges in Hadley in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Moody Bridge Road over Tributary to Fort River source | $68,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hadley received $6.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 38% more than the $4.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Hadley ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $226,000 in earmarks placed in Hadley, $5,000 (2%) went to organizations rather than to Hadley's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hadley** this town | **38** | **$6,882** | **$989** | **$42.59** | **2.48** | **2.0%** |
| Hamilton peer | 30 | $8,144 | $188 | $33.29 | 0.53 | 3.4% |
| Marion peer | 30 | $6,631 | $643 | $12.24 | 0.43 | 2.7% |
| Essex peer | 32 | $7,261 | $477 | $208 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Boylston peer | 32 | $7,545 | $121 | $68.71 | 0.67 | 2.6% |
| Mendon peer | 50 | $13,851 | $425 | $113 | 1.05 | 3.6% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Hinsdale lowest in class of 30 | 44 | $9,786 | $1,790 | $0 | 2.54 | 3.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Halifax

Town · Plymouth County · 7,748 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

12th Plymouth · Kathleen R. LaNatra
53% of residents
6th Plymouth · Kenneth P. Sweezey
47% of residents
Halifax is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Second Plymouth and Norfolk · Michael D. Brady

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Halifax Public Schools, the town's own district
Silver Lake Regional School District, shared with Kingston and Plympton

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Halifax scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 39 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**48** / 100
141st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 57 | 45 | 40 |

Rank under other weightings: 124th to 156th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Halifax received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 45 and 51 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**39** / 100
231st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 39 | 47 | 38 | 31 |

Rank under other weightings: 226th to 239th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

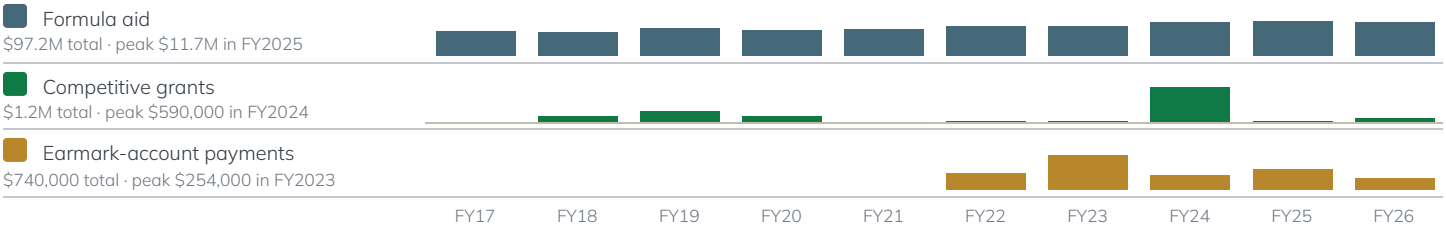
Halifax received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 36 and 42 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Halifax's town government and school districts received $97.2 million in formula aid and $1.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $97.2M | $1.2M | $740,000 |
| $12,543 per resident (123rd of 351) · gross | $155 per resident (286th of 351) | $95.47 per resident (26th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Halifax peaked in FY2024 at $590,000, 49% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Halifax received $1 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.2 million placed in the city or town and $1.2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1M | $1.2M | $1.2M | No |
| $135 per resident (12th of 351) | $155 per resident (20th of 351) · 13% to organizations | $155 per resident (28th of 351) · 13% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1 million went to Halifax's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $155,000 went to organizations in Halifax or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Halifax, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (14 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $155,000 | "the Central Plymouth county water district commission for stakeholder engagement, public outreach and education to address water quality and quantity issues, to promote conservation and protection of water resources in the Central Plymouth county water district, for flow monitoring equipment on..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $125,000 | "the testing and treatment of cyanobacteria and related contaminants in Monponsett pond in the town of Halifax" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $125,000 | "the testing and treatment of cyanobacteria and related contaminants in Monponsett pond in the town of Halifax" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $125,000 | "the testing and treatment of cyanobacteria and related contaminants in Monponsett Pond in the town of Halifax" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $124,000 | "the testing and treatment of cyanobacteria and related contaminants in Monponsett pond in the town of Halifax" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 14 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Halifax received 34% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**52.1**<br>242nd of 351 · 6.7 per 1,000 residents (166th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$11.8M**<br>scored exposure $3.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**63**<br>219th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.0 sq mi**<br>11% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,748**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.51**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.34; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,165 acres**<br>11.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$86,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$73.89**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,214**<br>FY2017–2025 · 290th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HALIFAX

## Halifax has 1,183 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 834 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,183 acres**<br>11.6% of Halifax's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**834 acres**<br>8.2% of Halifax's land · 42 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**415 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 12 | 1,183 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 10 | 1,176 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 16 | 377 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 23 | 416 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 41 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 25 | 1,078 |
| Conservation restriction | 5 | 415 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 1,172 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 5 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Burrage Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 928 | |
| Peterson Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 242 | |
| Taunton River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 14 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 59.4 miles of public road in Halifax, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 52.2 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.2 | 12% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Halifax $5.3 million and takes back $215,000 in assessments and charges, a net $5.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.3 million** | **$215,000** | **$5.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $3.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $42,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $118,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $89,000 |
| State Owned Land | $86,000 |
| Public Libraries | $23,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $22,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $44,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,413 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $3,269 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $14,000 |
| MBTA | $20,000 |
| Regional Transit | $40,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $14,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $56,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.3% of Halifax's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 24.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **24.2%** | **19.1%** | **17.3%** | **16.6%** |
| $3.7M of $15.3M · median town 14.1% | $3.8M of $19.7M · median town 12.2% | $5M of $28.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 20.8% · median town 10.0% |

Halifax's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Halifax's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 13.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 23.1% below grown by the government price index.**





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Gross state aid went from $3.7 million in FY2006 to $5 million in FY2025, +34.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $280,000 of Halifax's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+37.5%** | **+74.4%** | **8 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $953,000 to $1.3M · all towns +54.0% | $2.1M to $3.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

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| Placed in the city or town | $1.1M | 3.0 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.1M | 3.0 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Halifax's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 193rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$7.7M** | **$9.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+10%** |
| 193rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Halifax runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Silver Lake for others; Halifax accounts for 32% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.5 million for schools serving Halifax, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Halifax's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.5M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $448 per resident (187th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Halifax's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Halifax Elementary School | Halifax | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Window/Door) | $3.5M | $3.5M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $4.7 million against an approved budget of $7.3 million (under by $2.6 million); the local share moved from $3.8 million to $2.5 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Halifax has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.2M** | **$2.3M** | **$1.5M** |
| $962,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.8 years of its yearly money · 34th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **12** | **0** | **$500,000** |
| one rated poor; likely about $732,000 of work on those ($351,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of two town-owned dams | bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Halifax came on average 58 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $269,000 | $0 | $323,000 | $269,000 |
| FY2018 | $270,000 | $0 | $34,000 | $538,000 |
| FY2019 | $269,000 | $54,000 | $743,000 | $423,000 |
| FY2020 | $269,000 | $27,000 | $0 | $719,000 |
| FY2021 | $269,000 | $0 | $0 | $988,000 |
| FY2022 | $268,000 | $175,000 | $0 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $266,000 | $0 | $175,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2024 | $265,000 | $271,000 | $616,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2025 | $263,000 | $177,000 | $707,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $434,000 | $259,000 | $367,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $434,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.9M |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

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## Halifax ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.2 million in earmarks placed in Halifax, $155,000 (13%) went to organizations rather than to Halifax's government.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Halifax** this town | **48** | **$12,543** | **$155** | **$155** | **0.34** | **2.6%** |
| Sturbridge peer | 51 | $13,598 | $158 | $56.22 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Douglas peer | 58 | $14,824 | $571 | $28.78 | 1.44 | 2.2% |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| Southampton peer | 49 | $11,984 | $317 | $22.65 | 1.74 | 2.9% |
| West Bridgewater peer | 41 | $10,584 | $177 | $65.30 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Berkley lowest in class of 30 | 51 | $12,903 | $95.35 | $13.91 | 0.18 | 2.7% |


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Hamilton

Town · Essex County · 7,600 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
2nd Essex · Kristin E. Kassner

**STATE SENATE**
First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District**, shared with Wenham
**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead and eight others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Hamilton scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 27 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**30** / 100

304th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33 | 40 | 30 | 17 |

Rank under other weightings: 286th to 330th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Hamilton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 26 and 34 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**27** / 100

278th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 35 | 29 | 15 |

Rank under other weightings: 270th to 295th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

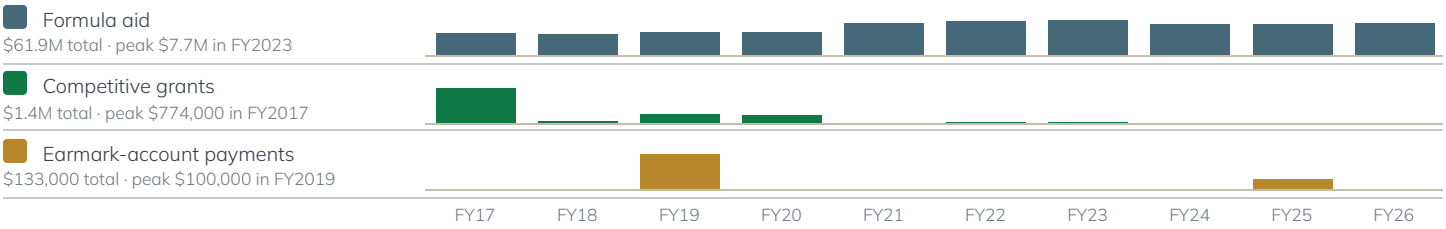
Hamilton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 24 and 30 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Hamilton's town government and school districts received $61.9 million in formula aid and $1.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$61.9M** | **$1.4M** | **$133,000** |
| $8,144 per resident (245th of 351) · gross | $188 per resident (259th of 351) | $17.52 per resident (216th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hamilton peaked in FY2017 at $774,000, 54% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Hamilton received $228,000 in local earmarks to its government, $253,000 placed in the city or town and $253,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$228,000** | **$253,000** | **$253,000** | **No** |
| $29.96 per resident (163rd of 351) | $33.29 per resident (222nd of 351) · 10% to organizations | $33.29 per resident (227th of 351) · 10% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $228,000 went to Hamilton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Hamilton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Hamilton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "public safety improvements in the town of Hamilton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $40,000 | "the town of Hamilton for an ambulance" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the town of Hamilton for fuel tank and pump replacement" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2021 | $23,000 (split 11 ways) | "equally to the city of Gloucester and the towns of Boxford, Essex, Georgetown, Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Middleton, Newbury, North Andover, precincts 5 to 8, inclusive, Rockport, Rowley, Wenham, West Newbury, North Reading and Wilmington for costs associated with the..." | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $20,000 | "Patton park playground and accessibility improvements in the town of Hamilton" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hamilton received 53% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**44.8**<br>270th of 351 · 5.9 per 1,000 residents (194th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.2M**<br>scored exposure $2.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**57**<br>236th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.2 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,809**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.97**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.53; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**553 acres**<br>6.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$239,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$433**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,063**<br>FY2017–2025 · 214th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HAMILTON

## Hamilton has 489 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 320 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**489 acres**<br>5.4% of Hamilton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**320 acres**<br>3.5% of Hamilton's land · 22 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,491 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 489 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 493 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 82 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 178 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 11 | 59 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 42 | 1,342 |
| Conservation restriction | 47 | 1,491 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 490 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 3 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bradley Palmer State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 489 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 52.0 miles of public road in Hamilton, the state maintains 3.5 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.5 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 44.8 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.8 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hamilton $1.2 million and takes back $271,000 in assessments and charges, a net $929,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.2 million** | **$271,000** | **$929,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 23% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $877,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $25,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $38,000 |
| State Owned Land | $239,000 |
| Public Libraries | $21,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $64,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,961 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $4,656 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,940 |
| MBTA | $33,000 |
| Regional Transit | $163,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HAMILTON

## State programs also awarded $128,000 to organizations in Hamilton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Hamilton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Patton Homestead nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $87,000 |
| FY2022 | Essex County Trail Association regional body | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 |

A further $28,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 2.8% of Hamilton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 4.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.1%** | **3.0%** | **2.8%** | **2.2%** |
| $833,000 of $20.5M · median town 14.1% | $795,000 of $26.8M · median town 12.2% | $1.1M of $40.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 2.2% · median town 10.0% |


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Hamilton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Hamilton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 12.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 21.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $833,000 in FY2006 to $1.1 million in FY2025, +36.5% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+35.3%** | **+61.7%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $792,000 to $1.1M · all towns +54.0% | $1.8M to $2.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hamilton's health insurance would have been $989,000 in FY2025; it was $1.07 million, $82,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.20 million in FY2025; it was $2.85 million, $648,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hamilton's government came to $188,000, 67.2% of the $279,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $188,000 | 67.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $206,000 | 73.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $206,000 | 73.8% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Hamilton's required school contribution is 3.4% of median household income, 19th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.9M** | **$11.8M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.4%** | **–4%** |
| 19th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Hamilton has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Hamilton-Wenham and Essex North Shore; Hamilton accounts for 65% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.1 million for schools serving Hamilton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Hamilton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.1M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $404 per resident (189th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Hamilton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School | Hamilton Wenham | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $4.7M | $3.1M (65%) |
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $11,000 (2%) |

Not counted: Cutler Elementary School (Hamilton Wenham), approved FY2025 for up to $49.8 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Hamilton's share of the final cost was $17,000 against its share of the approved budget of $25,000 (under by $9,000); the local share moved from $14,000 to $10,000. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hamilton has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.6M**<br>$659,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 2.3 years of its yearly money · 62nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>two rated poor; about $8M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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**Hamilton owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

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| FY2019 | $243,000 | $49,000 | $109,000 | $628,000 |
| FY2020 | $242,000 | $24,000 | $93,000 | $812,000 |
| FY2021 | $242,000 | $0 | $784,000 | $820,000 |
| FY2022 | $241,000 | $149,000 | $10,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2023 | $236,000 | $0 | $577,000 | $859,000 |
| FY2024 | $236,000 | $146,000 | $688,000 | $626,000 |
| FY2025 | $234,000 | $66,000 | $286,000 | $639,000 |
| FY2026 | $383,000 | $225,000 | $64,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $383,000 | $0 | $119,000 | $1.4M |

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| Marion peer | 30 | $6,631 | $643 | $12.24 | 0.43 | 2.7% |
| Mendon peer | 50 | $13,851 | $425 | $113 | 1.05 | 3.6% |
| Hull peer | 42 | $8,515 | $509 | $61.46† | 1.65 | 1.6% |
| Brewster peer | 35 | $6,965 | $860 | $28.79† | 2.03 | 2.6% |
| Essex best in class of 30 | 32 | $7,261 | $477 | $208 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Hampden

Town · Hampden County · 4,946 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Hampden · Brian M. Ashe | Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester · Jacob R. Oliveira | Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District, shared with Wilbraham | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Hampden scores 31 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 20 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**31** / 100

295th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 33 | 35 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 263rd to 313th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Hampden received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 30 and 33 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**20** / 100

312th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 22 | 23 | 16 |

Rank under other weightings: 307th to 316th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

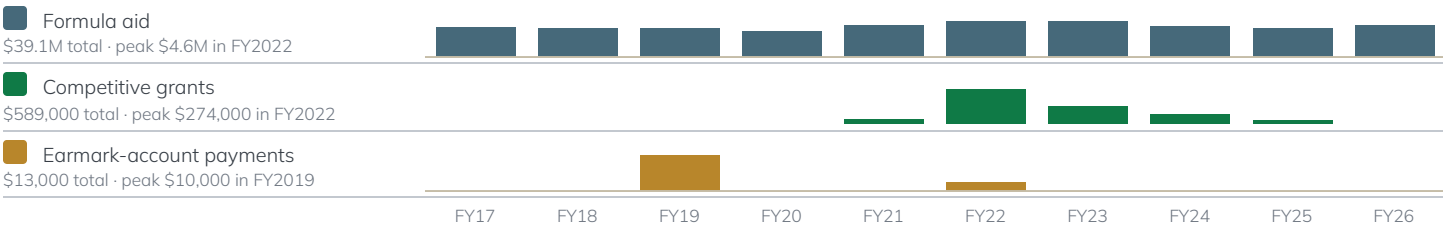
Hampden received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 20 stays between 19 and 22 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Hampden's town government and school districts received $39.1 million in formula aid and $589,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$39.1M** | **$589,000** | **$13,000** |
| $7,912 per resident (257th of 351) · gross | $119 per resident (315th of 351) | $2.54 per resident (309th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hampden peaked in FY2022 at $274,000, 47% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Hampden received $205,000 in local earmarks to its government, $210,000 placed in the city or town and $210,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$205,000** | **$210,000** | **$210,000** | **No** |
| $41.45 per resident (102nd of 351) | $42.46 per resident (189th of 351) · 2% to organizations | $42.46 per resident (194th of 351) · 2% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $205,000 went to Hampden's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $5,000 went to organizations in Hampden or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Hampden, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the removal of dead trees and brush on public ways as a result of a gypsy moth infestation in the town of Hampden" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $90,000 | "town hall security improvements in the town of Hampden" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $15,000 | "the town of Hampden for a feasibility study to determine the costs and needs associated with the renovation or replacement of the existing senior center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $5,000 | "the Pat Ledoux Post No. 9397, V.F.W. OF U.S., INC. in the town of Hampden to purchase a surveillance system" | Enacted organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hampden received 1.10 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**53.9**<br>237th of 351 · 10.9 per 1,000 residents (95th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$12.1M**<br>scored exposure $4.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**53**<br>249th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**19.6 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**4,946**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.23**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.10; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$23,749**<br>FY2017–2025 · 146th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HAMPDEN

## No state conservation land is mapped in Hampden; 1,859 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,859 acres**<br>14.8% of Hampden's land · 80 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**37 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**643 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61 forest land | 29 | 835 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 33 | 640 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 18 | 384 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 64 | 2,548 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 37 |
| Conservation restriction | 26 | 643 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 55.1 miles of public road in Hampden, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 53.9 | 98% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.1 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hampden $982,000 and takes back $9,430 in assessments and charges, a net $973,000.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$982,000**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$9,430**<br>1% of what is sent | Net<br>**$973,000**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $885,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $14,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $69,000 |
| Public Libraries | $14,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,511 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,020 |
| Regional Transit | $899 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HAMPDEN

## State programs also awarded $547,000 to organizations in Hampden other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Hampden. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Hampden County Sheriff's Department regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $375,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2017 | Hampden County Sheriff's Department regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $93,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Hampden County District Attorney's Office regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $75,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.3% of Hampden's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.7%** | **5.5%** | **5.3%** | **5.3%** |
| $669,000 of $8.7M · median town 14.1% | $672,000 of $12.1M · median town 12.2% | $900,000 of $17M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.2% · median town 10.0% |

Hampden's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Hampden's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 13.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $669,000 in FY2006 to $900,000 in FY2025, +34.5% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+246.4%** | **+207.5%** | **9 of 9** | **8 of 9** |
| $206,000 to $715,000 · all towns +54.0% | $543,000 to $1.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hampden's health insurance would have been $258,000 in FY2025; it was $715,000, $457,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $678,000 in FY2025; it was $1.67 million, $991,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+33%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+70%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hampden's government came to $115,000, 22.6% of the $509,000 rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $115,000 | 22.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $120,000 | 23.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $120,000 | 23.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hampden's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 70th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$1.6M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$6.2M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.0%**<br>70th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–25%**<br>after inflation |

Hampden has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Hampden-Wilbraham; Hampden accounts for 20% of that district's foundation budget. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $329,000 for schools serving Hampden, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Hampden's share<br>**$329,000**<br>$66.50 per resident (248th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Hampden's share |
| FY2020 | Wilbraham Middle School | Hampden Wilbraham | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.6M | $329,000 (20%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Hampden's share of the final cost was $448,000 against its share of the approved budget of $632,000 (under by $184,000); the local share moved from $303,000 to $206,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hampden has $374,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.1M**<br>$962,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$374,000**<br>annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 336th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**13**<br>three rated poor; likely about $3.3M of work on those ($1.9M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$557,000**<br>bridges $523,000 · dams $0 · culverts $34,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Hampden came on average 10 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $257,000 | $0 | $257,000 | $33 |
| FY2018 | $256,000 | $0 | $233,000 | $23,000 |
| FY2019 | $257,000 | $51,000 | $253,000 | $78,000 |
| FY2020 | $257,000 | $26,000 | $335,000 | $26,000 |
| FY2021 | $256,000 | $0 | $282,000 | $5 |
| FY2022 | $255,000 | $180,000 | $255,000 | $180,000 |
| FY2023 | $252,000 | $0 | $428,000 | $3,590 |
| FY2024 | $252,000 | $269,000 | $402,000 | $122,000 |
| FY2025 | $251,000 | $172,000 | $366,000 | $180,000 |
| FY2026 | $429,000 | $264,000 | $499,000 | $374,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $428,000 | $0 | $0 | $802,000 |

The full list of the 13 bridges in Hampden in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2025 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Town of Hampden Main Street Bridge Replacement and Green Solutions Project source | $275,000 |
| FY2024 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Town of Hampden Main Street Bridge Replacement and Green Solutions Project source | $248,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Main Street over East Brook source | $34,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hampden received $799,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 36% of the $2.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Hampden ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $210,000 in earmarks placed in Hampden, $5,000 (2%) went to organizations rather than to Hampden's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hampden** this town | **31** | **$7,912** | **$119** | **$42.46** | **1.10** | **3.0%** |
| Granby peer | 49 | $12,582 | $104 | $26.32† | 0.31 | 2.4% |
| Ashburnham peer | 54 | $16,359 | $402 | $26.50† | 0.70 | 2.5% |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| Brimfield peer | 50 | $12,874 | $303 | $64.78 | 0.46 | 2.7% |
| Millville peer | 56 | $14,661 | $545 | $114 | 1.93 | 2.0% |
| Halifax best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| Conway lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $12,799 | $405 | $0 | 0.68 | 2.5% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Hancock

Town · Berkshire County · 752 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Hancock Public Schools, the town's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Hancock scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 47 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

43 / 100

184th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 43 | 27 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 141st to 258th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Hancock received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 38 and 48 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

47 / 100

201st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 49 | 25 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 178th to 230th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

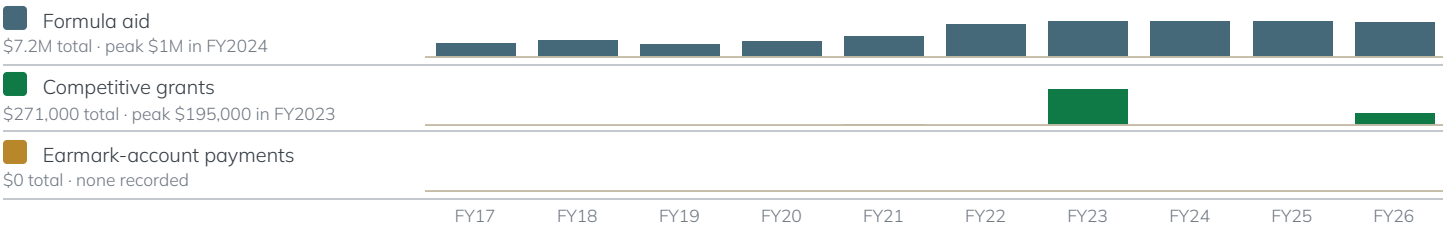
Hancock received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 40 and 53 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Hancock's town government and school districts received $7.2 million in formula aid and $271,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $7.2M | $271,000 | $0 |
| $9,560 per resident (191st of 351) · gross | $360 per resident (185th of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hancock peaked in FY2023 at $195,000, 72% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 752 residents, a single payment moves Hancock's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in Hancock in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

Hancock is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Hancock's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Hancock's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leverett | $115,000 | $215,000 | $215,000 | $134 |
| Becket | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Worthington | $60,000 | $60,000 | $60,000 | $58.77 |
| Blandford | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Egremont | $0 | $485,000 | $485,000 | $394 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hancock received 91% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**14.9**<br>346th of 351 · 19.9 per 1,000 residents (58th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3.7M**<br>scored exposure $449,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**54**<br>246th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**35.7 sq mi**<br>38% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**62%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,073**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.52**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.91; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**6,113 acres**<br>26.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$77,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$12.59**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$49,296**<br>FY2017–2025 · 38th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HANCOCK

## Hancock has 8,777 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,174 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**8,777 acres**<br>38.4% of Hancock's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,174 acres**<br>5.1% of Hancock's land · 14 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**310 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**186 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 77 | 8,777 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 15 | 8,487 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 9 | 934 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 240 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 5 | 598 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 310 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 186 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 6,890 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 10 | 1,597 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6,835 | |
| Misery Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 875 | |
| Lindon Bates Memorial Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 422 | |
| E. Howe Forbush Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 360 | |
| Brodie Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 146 | |
| Taconic Trail State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 139 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 28.4 miles of public road in Hancock, the state maintains 11.1 (39%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.1 | 39% |
| Town-accepted | 14.9 | 53% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.3 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hancock $673,000 and takes back $48,000 in assessments and charges, a net $625,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$673,000** | **$48,000** | **$625,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 7% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $476,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $39,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $74,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $2,407 |
| State Owned Land | $77,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,407 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $402 |
| Regional Transit | $41 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $48,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HANCOCK

## State programs also awarded $270,000 to organizations in Hancock other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Hancock. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $143,000 |
| FY2024 | Hancock Shaker Village nonprofit | MOTT Destination Development grants | $50,000 |
| FY2026 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2024 | Berkshire Snow Seekers nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2026 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $1,500 (shared ten ways) |

A further $12,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 32.0% of Hancock's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 19.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **19.6%** | **17.4%** | **32.0%** | **29.9%** |
| $300,000 of $1.5M · median town 14.1% | $315,000 of $1.8M · median town 12.2% | $765,000 of $2.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 20.2% · median town 10.0% |


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**Hancock's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 64.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 46.3% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $300,000 in FY2006 to $765,000 in FY2025, +155.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| not reported<br>FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +54.0% | +24.2%<br>$52,000 to $65,000 · all towns +53.0% | 6 of 9<br>fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | 3 of 7<br>years it grew faster than allowed levy growth · two years not reported |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hancock's fixed costs would have been $65,000 in FY2025; it was $65,000, $340 below the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (–51%), FY2019 (+32%) and FY2023 (+53%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+260%), FY2022 (–72%), FY2023 (+124%), FY2024 (+104%) and FY2025 (–36%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Hancock's health insurance is not reported for FY2016 or FY2025, so its earmarks are not set against it.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | not reported | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | not reported | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | not reported | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hancock's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 95th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $463,000<br>to the town's district | $855,000<br>FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.9%<br>95th of 351 (1 = highest) | +44%<br>after inflation |

Hancock runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Hancock, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hancock has $572,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| $1.3M<br>$413,000 of it one-time supplements | $566,000<br>to 16 October 2026 | $572,000<br>annual program: 2.3 years of its yearly money · 61st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| 6<br>none rated poor | 0<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | $71,000<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $71,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Hancock came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $67,000 | $0 | $52,000 | $15,000 |
| FY2018 | $69,000 | $0 | $118,000 | $15,000 |
| FY2019 | $68,000 | $14,000 | $0 | $97,000 |
| FY2020 | $68,000 | $6,809 | $87,000 | $172,000 |
| FY2021 | $68,000 | $0 | $139,000 | $113,000 |
| FY2022 | $67,000 | $50,000 | $110,000 | $120,000 |
| FY2023 | $67,000 | $0 | $127,000 | $60,000 |
| FY2024 | $68,000 | $148,000 | $81,000 | $195,000 |
| FY2025 | $67,000 | $122,000 | $0 | $383,000 |
| FY2026 | $116,000 | $73,000 | $0 | $572,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $116,000 | $0 | $0 | $689,000 |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Hancock in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Whitman Road over Kinderhook Creek source | $71,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hancock received $271,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 10% of the $2.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Hancock is one of six municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hancock** this town | **43** | **$9,560** | **$360** | **$0** | **0.91** | **2.9%** |
| Leverett peer | 47 | $11,884 | $1,674 | $134 | 1.95 | 2.9% |
| Becket peer · lowest in class of 30 | 51 | $9,450 | $3,826 | $0 | 2.09 | 3.5% |
| Worthington peer | 45 | $10,665 | $2,563 | $58.77 | 0.59 | 2.8% |
| Blandford peer | 52 | $10,142 | $5,405 | $0 | 0.80 | 2.6% |
| Egremont peer · best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Hanover

Town · Plymouth County · 14,845 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**5th Plymouth** · David F. DeCoste

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk and Plymouth** · John F. Keenan

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Hanover Public Schools**, the town's own district

**South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Abington, Cohasset, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Hanover scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 35 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**38** / 100

240th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 52 | 29 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 210th to 249th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Hanover received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 34 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**35** / 100

250th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 47 | 31 | 29 |

Rank under other weightings: 240th to 258th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

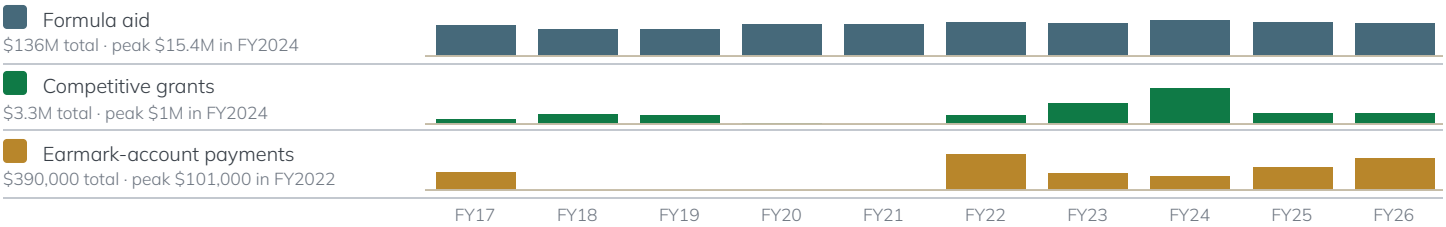
Hanover received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 32 and 38 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Hanover's town government and school districts received $136 million in formula aid and $3.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$136M** | **$3.3M** | **$390,000** |
| $9,140 per resident (215th of 351) · gross | $220 per resident (242nd of 351) | $26.26 per resident (168th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hanover peaked in FY2024 at $1 million, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $10.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Hanover received $280,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$280,000** | **$280,000** | **$280,000** | **No** |
| $18.83 per resident (221st of 351) | $18.83 per resident (277th of 351) | $18.83 per resident (278th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 12 clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Hanover's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Hanover, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (12 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the firefighter cadet program at South Shore vocational technical high school in the town of Hanover" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "improvements to the veteran's memorial in the town of Hanover" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $32,000 | "the council on aging in the town of Hanover for programming and services" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $30,000 | "South Shore regional vocational technical high school in the town of Hanover for its firefighter cadet" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the Hanover cultural council, in the town of Hanover, for the planning and assistance of Hanover Day" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 12 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hanover received 60% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**86.6**<br>130th of 351 · 5.8 per 1,000 residents (198th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5.6M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**98**<br>120th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.5 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,845**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.56**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.60; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$14,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$5,298**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$22,996**<br>FY2017–2025 · 153rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HANOVER

## Hanover has 2 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 66 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2 acres**<br>0.0% of Hanover's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**66 acres**<br>0.7% of Hanover's land · 6 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**14 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 2 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 3 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 38 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 4 | 12 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 17 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 38 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 14 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 3 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Indian Head Drive Boat Launch | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 96.9 miles of public road in Hanover, the state maintains 9.2 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.2 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 85.9 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.7 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hanover $11.6 million and takes back $935,000 in assessments and charges, a net $10.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.6 million** | **$935,000** | **$10.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $134,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $78,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $169,000 |
| State Owned Land | $15,000 |
| Public Libraries | $38,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $64,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $70,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,655 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $9,037 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $6,251 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $10,000 |
| MBTA | $2,582 |
| Regional Transit | $111,000 |
| Special Education | $6,332 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $60,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $591,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HANOVER

## State programs also awarded $162,000 to organizations in Hanover other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

A further $152,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.1% of Hanover's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 21.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **21.6%** | **17.1%** | **14.1%** | **12.9%** |
| $8.4M of $38.7M · median town 14.1% | $9.7M of $56.7M · median town 12.2% | $10.6M of $75.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 18.7% · median town 10.0% |


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Hanover's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $394,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Hanover's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 18.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 27.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.4 million in FY2006 to $10.6 million in FY2025, +26.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $935,000 of Hanover's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+33.8%** | **+60.6%** | **5 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $2.9M to $3.9M · all towns +54.0% | $6.8M to $10.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hanover's health insurance would have been $3.60 million in FY2025; it was $3.86 million, $259,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.45 million in FY2025; it was $10.9 million, $2.42 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hanover's government came to $201,000, 20.6% of the $977,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $201,000 | 20.6% | 13.0% |
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| Everything placed | $201,000 | 20.6% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Hanover's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 115th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.5M** | **$27.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **–9%** |
| 115th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Hanover runs its own school district and also belongs to South Shore; Hanover accounts for 12% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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| $2,009 per resident (85th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

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| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Hanover's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School | South Shore | Core | $112M | $13.7M (12%) |
| FY2017 | Sylvester Elementary School | Hanover | Core | $16.2M | $16.2M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Hanover's share of the final cost was $32.4 million against its share of the approved budget of $32.4 million (under by $25,000); the local share moved from $16.3 million to $17.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

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## bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.6M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | **$4.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$2.4M**<br>annual program: 2.2 years of its yearly money · 69th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **7**<br>none rated poor | **2**<br>of five town-owned dams | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
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| FY2017 | $519,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $519,000 |
| FY2018 | $519,000 | $0 | $499,000 | $1M |
| FY2019 | $519,000 | $104,000 | $47,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2020 | $520,000 | $52,000 | $1.8M | $1.6M |
| FY2021 | $519,000 | $0 | $800,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2022 | $512,000 | $287,000 | $537,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | $510,000 | $0 | $975,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2024 | $513,000 | $296,000 | $896,000 | $1M |
| FY2025 | $521,000 | $142,000 | $557,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2026 | $810,000 | $449,000 | $0 | $2.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $810,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.2M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Hanover in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hanover received $6.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 43% more than the $4.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




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## Hanover ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hanover** this town | **38** | **$9,140** | **$220** | **$18.83** | **0.60** | **2.8%** |
| Northborough peer | 35 | $8,121 | $93.72 | $29.37 | 0.29 | 3.0% |
| Wayland peer | 33 | $8,090 | $399 | $51.45† | 1.55 | 2.6% |
| North Reading peer | 38 | $8,458 | $326 | $76.44 | 0.68 | 3.0% |
| Sharon peer | 35 | $8,474 | $593 | $38.45 | 1.92 | 3.1% |
| Groton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |


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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Hanson

Town · Plymouth County · 10,660 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

6th Plymouth · Kenneth P. Sweezey
67% of residents

5th Plymouth · David F. DeCoste 33% of residents

Hanson is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Second Plymouth and Norfolk · Michael D. Brady

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Whitman-Hanson Regional School District, shared with Whitman

South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Hanson scores 51 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 41 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**51** / 100

113th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 59 | 48 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 97th to 121st.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Hanson received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 50 and 53 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**41** / 100

225th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 46 | 45 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 213th to 230th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

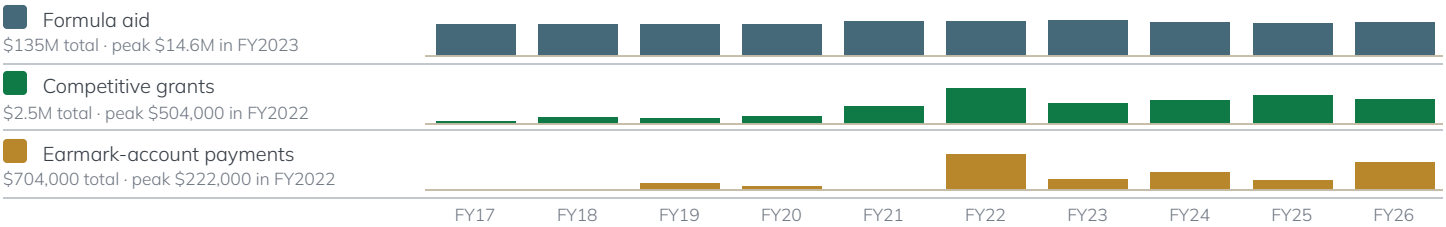
Hanson received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 38 and 44 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Hanson's town government and school districts received $135 million in formula aid and $2.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$135M** | **$2.5M** | **$704,000** |
| $12,622 per resident (118th of 351) · gross | $231 per resident (236th of 351) | $66.09 per resident (43rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hanson peaked in FY2022 at $504,000, 20% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Hanson received $424,000 in local earmarks to its government, $562,000 placed in the city or town and $562,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$424,000** | **$562,000** | **$562,000** | **No** |
| $39.77 per resident (108th of 351) | $52.67 per resident (163rd of 351) · 24% to organizations | $52.67 per resident (167th of 351) · 24% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 18 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $424,000 went to Hanson's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $138,000 went to organizations in Hanson or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Hanson, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (18 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "subsurface utility engineering exploration on state highway route 14 in the town of Hanson to meet the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's mandate that the existing water line be mapped prior to beginning pavement construction in the town of Hanson" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $60,000 | "rescue training and cardiac screening programs at the Hanson fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the Hanson fire department for rescue training and cardiac screening programs in the town of Hanson" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $50,000 (split two ways) | "the testing and treatment of Cyanobacteria and related contaminants in Monponsett Pond in the towns of Halifax and Hanson" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $33,000 | "the Hanson fire department for cardiac screening services for students in the Whitman Hanson school district in the town of Hanson" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 18 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hanson received 66% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**60.5**<br>215th of 351 · 5.7 per 1,000 residents (206th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.6M**<br>scored exposure $351,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**82**<br>159th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.0 sq mi**<br>10% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**10,729**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.92**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.66; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**979 acres**<br>10.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$76,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$77.23**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,856**<br>FY2017–2025 · 188th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HANSON

## Hanson has 999 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 524 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**999 acres**<br>10.4% of Hanson's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**524 acres**<br>5.4% of Hanson's land · 15 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**255 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 10 | 999 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 6 | 1,001 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 159 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 263 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 102 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 12 | 401 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 255 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 5 | 1,000 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Burrage Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 999 | |
| Hanson Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 67.3 miles of public road in Hanson, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 60.5 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.2 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hanson $2 million and takes back $178,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2 million** | **$178,000** | **$1.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $41,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $5,221 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $168,000 |
| State Owned Land | $77,000 |
| Public Libraries | $30,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $31,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $47,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,358 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $4,501 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $10,000 |
| MBTA | $77,000 |
| Regional Transit | $4,495 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HANSON

## State programs also awarded $10,000 to organizations in Hanson other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Hanson. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.5% of Hanson's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.1%** | **6.5%** | **5.5%** | **5.0%** |
| $1.5M of $16.5M · median town 14.1% | $1.4M of $21.1M · median town 12.2% | $1.8M of $33.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.2% · median town 10.0% |


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Hanson's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $8.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Hanson's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 20.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 29.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.5 million in FY2006 to $1.8 million in FY2025, +23.0% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+56.1%** | **+59.2%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $1.3M to $2M · all towns +54.0% | $2.9M to $4.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hanson's health insurance would have been $1.62 million in FY2025; it was $2.03 million, $406,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.66 million in FY2025; it was $4.67 million, $1.01 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hanson's government came to $424,000, 58.1% of the $729,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $424,000 | 58.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $556,000 | 76.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $556,000 | 76.3% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Hanson's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 194th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.9M** | **$13.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
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| 194th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

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## rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

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| FY2018 | $320,000 | $0 | $166,000 | $364,000 |
| FY2019 | $319,000 | $64,000 | $411,000 | $336,000 |
| FY2020 | $322,000 | $32,000 | $1,268 | $688,000 |
| FY2021 | $322,000 | $0 | $705,000 | $306,000 |
| FY2022 | $323,000 | $202,000 | $44,000 | $786,000 |
| FY2023 | $321,000 | $0 | $482,000 | $625,000 |
| FY2024 | $320,000 | $198,000 | $641,000 | $503,000 |
| FY2025 | $319,000 | $89,000 | $468,000 | $444,000 |
| FY2026 | $519,000 | $304,000 | $318,000 | $949,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $518,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

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| Dighton peer | 56 | $15,030 | $168 | $76.89 | 0.53 | 2.4% |
| Lakeville peer | 44 | $10,579 | $119 | $49.61 | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Freetown peer | 43 | $10,093 | $164 | $145† | 0.30 | 2.8% |
| Rehoboth peer · lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |
| Charlton peer | 56 | $14,031 | $197 | $23.82 | 0.74 | 3.0% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Hardwick

Town · Worcester County · 2,684 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Quabbin Regional School District, shared with Barre, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Belchertown, Granby, Monson, New Braintree, Oakham, Palmer, Ware and Warren

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Hardwick scores 63 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 75 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**63** / 100

33rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 67 | 58 | 60 | 66 |

Rank under other weightings: 30th to 40th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Hardwick received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 63 stays between 60 and 65 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**75** / 100

96th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 78 | 71 | 72 | 78 |

Rank under other weightings: 88th to 105th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

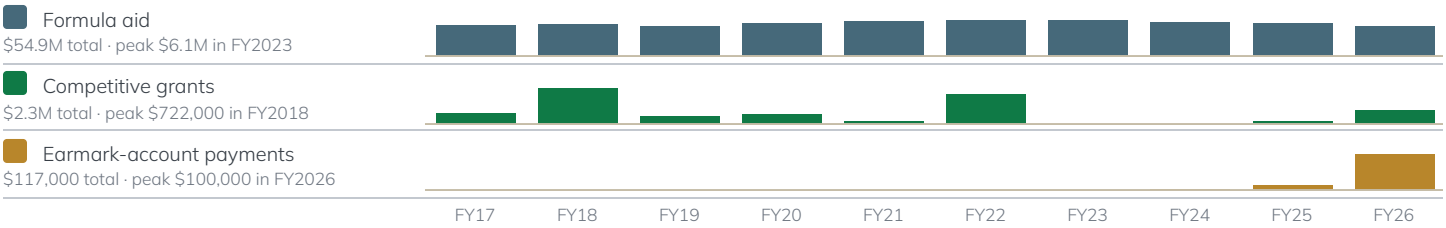
Hardwick received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 75 stays between 72 and 77 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Hardwick's town government and school districts received $54.9 million in formula aid and $2.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $54.9M | $2.3M | $117,000 |
| $20,446 per resident (23rd of 351) · gross | $849 per resident (88th of 351) | $43.51 per resident (97th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hardwick peaked in FY2018 at $722,000, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

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## EARMARKS

### Hardwick received $190,000 in local earmarks to its government, $270,000 placed in the city or town and $270,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $190,000 | $270,000 | $270,000 | No |
| $70.79 per resident (43rd of 351) | $101 per resident (66th of 351) · 30% to organizations | $101 per resident (75th of 351) · 30% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $190,000 went to Hardwick's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $80,000 went to organizations in Hardwick or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Hardwick, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (six clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "make repairs to the fire hydrant system in the town of Hardwick" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "town hall upgrades in the town of Hardwick" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $40,000 | "Hardwick Pond Preservation Association, Inc. for invasive species control on Hardwick pond in the town of Hardwick" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $40,000 | "Hardwick Pond Preservation Association, Inc. for invasive species control on Hardwick pond in the town of Hardwick" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $25,000 | "the town of Hardwick for public safety improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 6 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hardwick received 2.32 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**85.6**<br>135th of 351 · 31.9 per 1,000 residents (39th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.6M**<br>scored exposure $4.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**136**<br>56th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**38.6 sq mi**<br>26% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,684**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.14**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.32; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,113 acres**<br>8.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$115,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$54.52**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$8,899**<br>FY2017–2025 · 331st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HARDWICK

## Hardwick has 6,862 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,114 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**6,862 acres**<br>27.8% of Hardwick's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,114 acres**<br>16.7% of Hardwick's land · 155 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**785 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,744 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 81 | 6,862 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 39 | 7,681 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 30 | 956 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 92 | 2,465 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 33 | 693 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 121 | 5,028 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 16 | 785 |
| Conservation restriction | 34 | 1,744 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 5,636 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 38 | 2,045 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quabbin Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 4,445 | |
| Muddy Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2,128 | |
| Raccoon Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 163 | |
| Quabbin Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 56 | |
| Ware River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 49 | |
| Moose Brook Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 20 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 87.0 miles of public road in Hardwick, the state maintains 0.9 (1%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.9 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 85.6 | 98% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.5 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hardwick $775,000 and takes back $26,000 in assessments and charges, a net $749,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$775,000** | **$26,000** | **$749,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $596,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $18,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $22,000 |
| State Owned Land | $120,000 |
| Public Libraries | $8,556 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $755 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,620 |
| Regional Transit | $20,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HARDWICK

## State programs also awarded $3.5 million to organizations in Hardwick other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Hardwick. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | East Quabbin Land Trust nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $1M |
| FY2026 | East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $102,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2021 | East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $100,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Friends of the Stone Church nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $78,000 |
| FY2020 | East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $75,000 |
| FY2023 | East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $55,000 |
| FY2019 | East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $48,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2024 | Ware River Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $17,000 |
| FY2019 | Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council. (CRC sponsor) nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $4,167 (shared three ways) |

A further $2 million in 9 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.0% of Hardwick's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.4%** | **10.3%** | **11.0%** | **10.7%** |
| $437,000 of $3.8M · median town 14.1% | $513,000 of $5M · median town 12.2% | $727,000 of $6.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.8% · median town 10.0% |

Hardwick's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Hardwick's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 7.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 4.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $437,000 in FY2006 to $727,000 in FY2025, +66.5% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+49.7%** | **+27.5%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $131,000 to $196,000 · all towns +54.0% | $438,000 to $558,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hardwick's health insurance would have been $163,000 in FY2025; it was $196,000, $32,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $547,000 in FY2025; it was $558,000, $11,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (–33%) and FY2018 (+50%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+56%) and FY2023 (+36%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hardwick's government came to $90,000, 138.4% of the $65,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $90,000 | 138.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $130,000 | 2.0 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $130,000 | 2.0 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hardwick's required school contribution is 2.5% of


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## median household income, 241st highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$3.2M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$2.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.5%**<br>241st of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–7%**<br>after inflation |

Hardwick has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Quabbin and Pathfinder; Hardwick accounts for 15% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $250,000 for schools serving Hardwick, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Hardwick's share<br>**$250,000**<br>$93.31 per resident (239th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Hardwick's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Hubbardston Center School | Quabbin | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.6M | $250,000 (15%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Hardwick's share of the final cost was $385,000 against its share of the approved budget of $451,000 (under by $66,000); the local share moved from $201,000 to $157,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hardwick has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$5.9M**<br>$1.4M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.3M**<br>annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 179th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**32**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.6M of work on those ($756,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Hardwick came on average 27 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $370,000 | $0 | $551,000 | $370,000 |
| FY2018 | $363,000 | $0 | $661,000 | $733,000 |
| FY2019 | $361,000 | $72,000 | $275,000 | $944,000 |
| FY2020 | $359,000 | $36,000 | $856,000 | $483,000 |
| FY2021 | $358,000 | $0 | $639,000 | $203,000 |
| FY2022 | $358,000 | $285,000 | $234,000 | $611,000 |
| FY2023 | $354,000 | $0 | $645,000 | $320,000 |
| FY2024 | $354,000 | $351,000 | $740,000 | $284,000 |
| FY2025 | $354,000 | $199,000 | $447,000 | $390,000 |
| FY2026 | $638,000 | $411,000 | $138,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $637,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.9M |

The full list of the 37 bridges in Hardwick in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hardwick received $5.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 74% of the $7.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Hardwick ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $270,000 in earmarks placed in Hardwick, $80,000 (30%) went to organizations rather than to Hardwick's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hardwick this town | 63 | $20,446 | $849 | $101 | 2.32 | 2.5% |
| Buckland peer | 59 | $14,272 | $4,838 | $55.26† | 6.12 | 2.3% |
| Granville peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |
| Cheshire peer | 55 | $14,188 | $1,187 | $49.75 | 2.39 | 2.8% |
| Huntington peer | 63 | $18,322 | $2,918 | $33.78† | 0.25 | 2.5% |
| Brookfield peer | 55 | $14,600 | $1,459 | $32.37 | 2.11 | 2.4% |
| Shelburne best in class of 30 | 66 | $14,126 | $8,461 | $182† | 2.94 | 3.0% |

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STATE HOUSE

37th Middlesex · Danillo A. Sena

STATE SENATE

Middlesex and Worcester · James B. Eldridge

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Harvard Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Holden, Hubbardston and nine others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Harvard scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 64 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**39** / 100

229th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 52 | 36 | 31 |

Rank under other weightings: 210th to 241st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Harvard received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 35 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**64** / 100

134th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 78 | 54 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 127th to 145th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

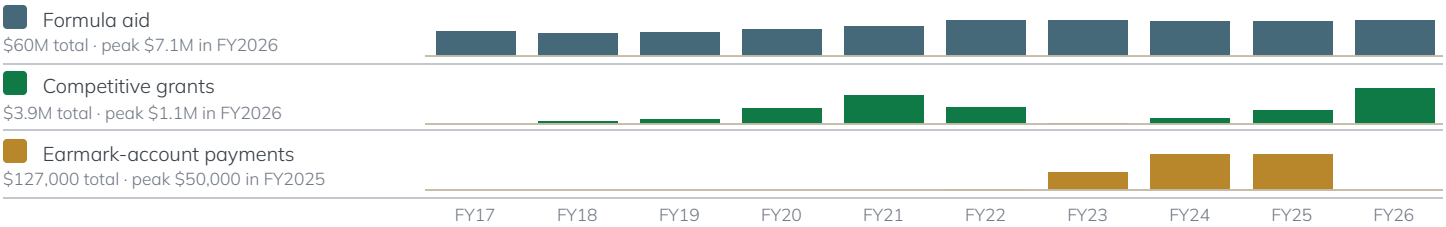
Harvard received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 64 stays between 59 and 68 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Harvard's town government and school districts received $60 million in formula aid and $3.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$60M** | **$3.9M** | **$127,000** |
| $8,662 per resident (232nd of 351) · gross | $563 per resident (129th of 351) | $18.31 per resident (212th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Harvard peaked in FY2026 at $1.1 million, 28% of the ten-year total.**




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Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Harvard received $125,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$125,000** | **$125,000** | **$125,000** | **No** |
| $18.05 per resident (225th of 351) | $18.05 per resident (282nd of 351) | $18.05 per resident (283rd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Harvard's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Harvard, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the town of Harvard for improvements to the Old Library building" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the town of Harvard to reclaim and refurbish its Upper and Lower Depot road fields" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Harvard received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**64.0**<br>205th of 351 · 9.2 per 1,000 residents (117th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.6M**<br>scored exposure $3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**99**<br>118th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.4 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,101**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.40**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.96; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**90 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$7,770**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$86.67**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,239**<br>FY2017–2025 · 278th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HARVARD

## Harvard has 476 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 824 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**476 acres**<br>2.8% of Harvard's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**824 acres**<br>4.9% of Harvard's land · 72 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**288 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,011 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 32 | 476 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 87 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 31 | 269 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 32 | 491 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 65 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 82 | 1,388 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 11 | 288 |
| Conservation restriction | 66 | 1,011 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 85 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 2 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delaney Flood Control Site | DCR and Fish and Game | 338 | |
| Bolton Flats WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 92 | |
| MDFA CR | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 44 | |
| Bare Hill Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 79.9 miles of public road in Harvard, the state maintains 9.9 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.9 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 64.0 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.7 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Harvard $4.8 million and takes back $544,000 in assessments and charges, a net $4.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.8 million** | **$544,000** | **$4.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $2.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $26,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $292,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $30,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $13,000 |
| State Owned Land | $7,961 |
| Public Libraries | $18,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,551 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,660 |
| MBTA | $48,000 |
| Regional Transit | $4,977 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $42,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $444,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HARVARD

## State programs also awarded $235,000 to organizations in Harvard other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Harvard. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Cannon Theatre nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $49,000 |
| FY2021 | Harvard Conservation Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $9,098 |
| FY2026 | Harvard Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $5,200 |
| FY2024 | Fivesparks nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $3,000 |

A further $169,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.1% of Harvard's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 19.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **19.0%** | **14.9%** | **13.1%** | **11.5%** |
| $3.4M of $17.9M · median town 14.1% | $3.6M of $24.3M · median town 12.2% | $4.5M of $34.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.0% · median town 10.0% |

Harvard's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $39,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Harvard's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 14.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 24.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $3.4 million in FY2006 to $4.5 million in FY2025, +32.2% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+39.7%** | **+41.6%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $2.1M to $2.9M · all towns +54.0% | $3.7M to $5.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Harvard's health insurance would have been $2.61 million in FY2025; it was $2.92 million, $310,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.61 million in FY2025; it was $5.23 million, $617,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+30%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+39%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Harvard's government came to $25,000, 3.0% of the $831,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $25,000 | 3.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $25,000 | 3.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $25,000 | 3.0% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Harvard's required school contribution is 2.1% of median household income, 303rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.5M** | **$9.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.1%** | **+8%** |
| 303rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Harvard runs its own school district and also belongs to Montachusett; Harvard accounts for 1% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $18.8 million for schools serving Harvard, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Harvard's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.8M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,709 per resident (65th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Harvard's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Hildreth Elementary School | Harvard | Core | $18.8M | $18.8M |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Harvard has $584,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.4M** | **$4.3M** | **$584,000** |
| $1.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.5 years of its yearly money · 284th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **4**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of five town-owned dams | **$286,000**<br>bridges $236,000 · dams $0 · culverts $50,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Harvard came on average 20 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Harvard owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $347,000 | $0 | $501,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $347,000 | $0 | $169,000 | $214,000 |
| FY2019 | $350,000 | $70,000 | $296,000 | $394,000 |
| FY2020 | $351,000 | $35,000 | $484,000 | $451,000 |
| FY2021 | $350,000 | $0 | $553,000 | $248,000 |
| FY2022 | $351,000 | $213,000 | $136,000 | $677,000 |
| FY2023 | $351,000 | $0 | $520,000 | $508,000 |
| FY2024 | $353,000 | $314,000 | $620,000 | $555,000 |
| FY2025 | $354,000 | $199,000 | $514,000 | $594,000 |
| FY2026 | $566,000 | $325,000 | $902,000 | $584,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $562,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Harvard in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Scott Road over Unnamed Brook source | $50,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Harvard received $4.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 19% more than the $3.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Harvard ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Harvard** this town | **39** | **$8,662** | **$563** | **$18.05** | **0.96** | **2.1%** |
| Boxborough peer | 34 | $8,257 | $231 | $43.67 | 0.36 | 2.8% |
| Mattapoisett peer | 33 | $6,007 | $1,477 | $18.09 | 2.08 | 2.2% |
| Southborough peer | 36 | $8,275 | $159 | $31.45 | 0.58 | 2.5% |
| Wayland peer | 33 | $8,090 | $399 | $51.45† | 1.55 | 2.6% |
| Upton peer | 56 | $14,491 | $622 | $40.72 | 1.73 | 2.8% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Harwich

Town · Barnstable County · 13,598 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
4th Barnstable · Hadley Luddy

STATE SENATE
Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Monomoy Regional School District, shared with Chatham
Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Harwich scores 24 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 12 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**24** / 100

346th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 29 | 26 | 19 |

Rank under other weightings: 345th to 347th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Harwich received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 24 stays between 21 and 26 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**12** / 100

343rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 16 | 10 | 10 |

Rank under other weightings: 341st to 343rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

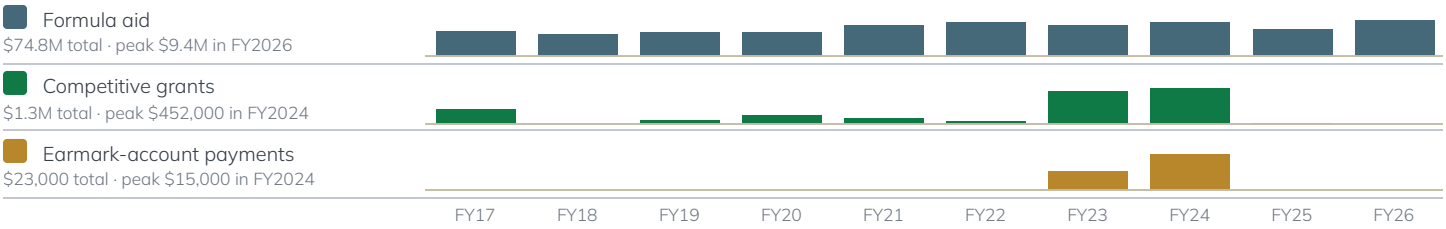
Harwich received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 12 stays between 10 and 13 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Harwich's town government and school districts received $74.8 million in formula aid and $1.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $74.8M | $1.3M | $23,000 |
| $5,502 per resident (339th of 351) · gross | $93.86 per resident (328th of 351) | $1.69 per resident (319th of 351) |

Competitive grants to Harwich peaked in FY2024 at $452,000, 35% of the ten-year total.




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $29.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Harwich received $67,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $67,000 | $67,000 | $67,000 | No |
| $4.93 per resident (287th of 351) | $4.93 per resident (312th of 351) | $4.93 per resident (313th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2025. All of it went to Harwich's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Harwich, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $67,000 | "costs associated with new environmental science and technology and veterinary science programs, including survey and engineering service expenses, at Cape Cod Regional Technical high school in the town of Harwich" | Enacted to the city or town government |


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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Harwich received 59% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**141.1**<br>40th of 351 · 10.4 per 1,000 residents (102nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$11.1M**<br>scored exposure $2.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**50**<br>260th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.9 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**34%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**20,915**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.97**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.59; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**296 acres**<br>2.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$161,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$546**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$37,063**<br>FY2017–2025 · 72nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HARWICH

## Harwich has 298 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 110 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**298 acres**<br>2.2% of Harwich's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**110 acres**<br>0.8% of Harwich's land · 13 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**526 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 33 | 298 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 35 | 290 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 42 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 68 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 8 | 125 |
| Conservation restriction | 74 | 526 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 28 | 281 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 7 | 10 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hawksnest State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 235 | |
| Cape Cod Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 51 | |
| Olivers Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 12 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 169.5 miles of public road in Harwich, the state maintains 12.7 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.7 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 141.3 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 15.5 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Harwich $1.1 million and takes back $940,000 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $145,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.1 million** | **$940,000** | **$145,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 87% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $601,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $112,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $176,000 |
| State Owned Land | $165,000 |
| Public Libraries | $31,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $556,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $234,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,321 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $17,000 |
| Regional Transit | $125,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HARWICH

## State programs also awarded $774,000 to organizations in Harwich other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Harwich Conservation Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Harwich Conservation Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | Association to Preserve Cape Cod nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $22,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2024 | Cape Cod Theatre Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $12,000 |

A further $540,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

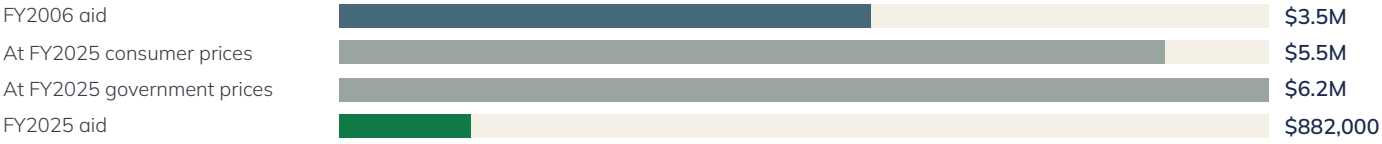
## State aid covered 1.1% of Harwich's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.2%** | **2.9%** | **1.1%** | **0.0%** |
| $3.5M of $49M · median town 14.1% | $1.7M of $56.8M · median town 12.2% | $882,000 of $81M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.8% · median town 10.0% |

Harwich's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Harwich's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 84.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 85.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $3.5 million in FY2006 to $882,000 in FY2025, −75.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.2 million of Harwich's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+64.4%** | **+73.6%** | **6 of 9** | **7 of 9** |
| $3.4M to $5.7M · all towns +54.0% | $6.2M to $10.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Harwich's health insurance would have been $4.30 million in FY2025; it was $5.67 million, $1.36 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $7.68 million in FY2025; it was $10.7 million, $3.00 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (–30%) and FY2023 (+56%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Harwich's government came to $67,000, 3.0% of the $2.22 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $67,000 | 3.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $67,000 | 3.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $67,000 | 3.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Harwich's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 127th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.9M** | **$17.3M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+17%** |
| 127th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Harwich has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Monomoy and Cape Cod; Harwich accounts for 77% and 11% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $8.1 million for schools serving Harwich, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Harwich's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.1M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $594 per resident (173rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Harwich's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Monomoy Regional Middle School | Monomoy | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3.9M | $3M (77%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $559,000 (11%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $4.5M (11%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Harwich; Harwich's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $559,000. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Harwich's share of the final cost was $12.2 million against its share of the approved budget of $13.5 million (under by $1.3 million); the local share moved from $9 million to $7.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Harwich has $4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.4M** | **$5.3M** | **$4M** |
| $2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.5 years of its yearly money · 44th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **5**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$90,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $90,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $686,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $562,000 |
| FY2018 | $682,000 | $0 | $752,000 | $492,000 |
| FY2019 | $681,000 | $136,000 | $649,000 | $660,000 |
| FY2020 | $679,000 | $68,000 | $289,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $678,000 | $0 | $944,000 | $852,000 |
| FY2022 | $677,000 | $471,000 | $0 | $2M |
| FY2023 | $679,000 | $0 | $471,000 | $2.2M |
| FY2024 | $680,000 | $438,000 | $889,000 | $2.4M |
| FY2025 | $680,000 | $186,000 | $0 | $3.3M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $696,000 | $1.2M | $4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $5.1M |

The full list of the 13 bridges in Harwich in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Harwich Route 124 Culvert Restoration source | $90,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Harwich received $1.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 24% of the $6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Harwich ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Harwich** this town | **24** | **$5,502** | **$93.86** | **$4.93** | **0.59** | **2.8%** |
| Swampscott peer | 28 | $6,662 | $197 | $36.11 | 1.27 | 2.8% |
| Brewster peer | 35 | $6,965 | $860 | $28.79† | 2.03 | 2.6% |
| Sandwich peer | 31 | $7,257 | $332 | $24.72 | 0.71 | 2.7% |
| Mashpee peer | 26 | $6,045 | $173 | $12.51† | 0.72 | 2.8% |
| Hamilton peer | 30 | $8,144 | $188 | $33.29 | 0.53 | 3.4% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Marion lowest in class of 30 | 30 | $6,631 | $643 | $12.24 | 0.43 | 2.7% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Hatfield

Town · Hampshire County · 3,325 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Hampshire · Lindsay N. Sabadosa

**STATE SENATE**
Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Hatfield Public Schools, the town's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Hatfield scores 32 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 84 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**32** / 100

293rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 29 | 39 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 253rd to 322nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Hatfield received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 29 and 34 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**84** / 100

65th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 86 | 84 | 82 | 83 |

Rank under other weightings: 61st to 69th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

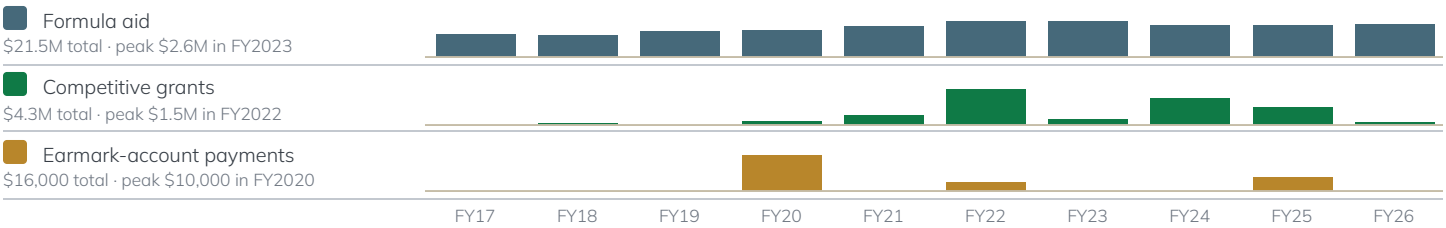
Hatfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 84 stays between 83 and 85 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Hatfield's town government and school districts received $21.5 million in formula aid and $4.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $21.5M | $4.3M | $16,000 |
| $6,480 per resident (319th of 351) · gross | $1,299 per resident (62nd of 351) | $4.92 per resident (287th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hatfield peaked in FY2022 at $1.5 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Hatfield received $10,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $10,000 | $10,000 | $10,000 | No |
| $3.01 per resident (294th of 351) | $3.01 per resident (316th of 351) | $3.01 per resident (316th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2020. All of it went to Hatfield's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Hatfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $10,000 | "the celebration of the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the town of Hatfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hatfield received 1.78 times its proportional share of competitive grant


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awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**50.2**<br>252nd of 351 · 15.1 per 1,000 residents (72nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$24.1M**<br>scored exposure $6.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**34**<br>307th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.9 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,325**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.94**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.78; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

### STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**116 acres**<br>1.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$11,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$91.23**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,335**<br>FY2017–2025 · 238th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

### THE COMMONWEALTH IN HATFIELD

## Hatfield has 137 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,245 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**137 acres**<br>1.3% of Hatfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,245 acres**<br>22.1% of Hatfield's land · 254 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**396 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**719 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 137 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 15 | 120 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 8 | 101 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 212 | 1,782 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 34 | 362 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 60 | 1,000 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 27 | 396 |
| Conservation restriction | 29 | 719 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 58 |
| Other state agencies | 9 | 43 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 19 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Great Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 106 | |
| Mill River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 16 | |
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 59.7 miles of public road in Hatfield, the state maintains 7.6 (13%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.6 | 13% |
| Town-accepted | 50.2 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.9 | 3% |

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hatfield $2.5 million and takes back $964,000 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $1.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.5 million** | **$964,000** | **$1.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 39% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $38,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $894,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $406,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $51,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $31,000 |
| State Owned Land | $13,000 |
| Public Libraries | $9,014 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,111 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,480 |
| Regional Transit | $9,978 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $473,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $477,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HATFIELD

## State programs also awarded $476,000 to organizations in Hatfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Hatfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Connecticut River Conservancy nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $250,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |
| FY2020 | Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail and Connecticut River Conservancy nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,000 (shared five ways) |

A further $220,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.3% of Hatfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 15.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.8%** | **23.4%** | **17.3%** | **11.3%** |
| $1.1M of $7M · median town 14.1% | $2M of $8.5M · median town 12.2% | $2.3M of $13.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 15.3% · median town 10.0% |

**Hatfield's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 31.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 17.2% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.1 million in FY2006 to $2.3 million in FY2025, +104.6% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+71.4%** | **+80.4%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $423,000 to $725,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.1M to $1.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hatfield's health insurance would have been $528,000 in FY2025; it was $725,000, $197,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.34 million in FY2025; it was $1.93 million, $595,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
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| Everything placed | $10,000 | 3.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hatfield's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 210th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$969,000** | **$3.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+11%** |
| 210th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Hatfield runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Hatfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hatfield has $723,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.9M** | **$2.8M** | **$723,000** |
| $912,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 230th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **7** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $244,000 | $0 | $156,000 | $214,000 |
| FY2018 | $242,000 | $0 | $135,000 | $322,000 |
| FY2019 | $243,000 | $49,000 | $295,000 | $319,000 |
| FY2020 | $243,000 | $24,000 | $316,000 | $269,000 |
| FY2021 | $242,000 | $0 | $229,000 | $282,000 |
| FY2022 | $242,000 | $168,000 | $205,000 | $486,000 |
| FY2023 | $240,000 | $0 | $426,000 | $300,000 |
| FY2024 | $238,000 | $257,000 | $389,000 | $407,000 |
| FY2025 | $237,000 | $167,000 | $263,000 | $548,000 |
| FY2026 | $402,000 | $247,000 | $474,000 | $723,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $400,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |

The full list of the 18 bridges in Hatfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hatfield received $4.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 19% more than the $3.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Hatfield ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hatfield** this town | **32** | **$6,480** | **$1,299** | **$3.01** | **1.78** | **2.5%** |
| Sheffield peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |
| Lee peer | 39 | $7,783 | $1,292 | $21.86 | 2.91 | 3.1% |
| Becket peer | 51 | $9,450 | $3,826 | $0 | 2.09 | 3.5% |
| Great Barrington peer | 42 | $9,461 | $2,113 | $175† | 2.92 | 3.7% |
| Leverett peer | 47 | $11,884 | $1,674 | $134 | 1.95 | 2.9% |
| Chatham best in class of 30 | 23 | $4,225 | $743 | $246† | 0.70 | 1.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

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REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

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SCHOOLS DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

SCHOOL BUILDINGS Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Haverhill

City · Essex County · 67,698 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

3rd Essex · Andres X. Vargas 68% of residents
15th Essex · Ryan M. Hamilton 32% of residents

Haverhill is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Second Essex and Middlesex · Barry R. Finegold 63% of residents
First Essex · Pavel M. Payano 37% of residents

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Haverhill Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Amesbury, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Haverhill scores 58 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 64 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**58** / 100

60th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 52 | 58 | 64 |

Rank under other weightings: 46th to 76th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Haverhill received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 56 and 60 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**64** / 100

133rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | 56 | 69 | 68 |

Rank under other weightings: 121st to 151st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

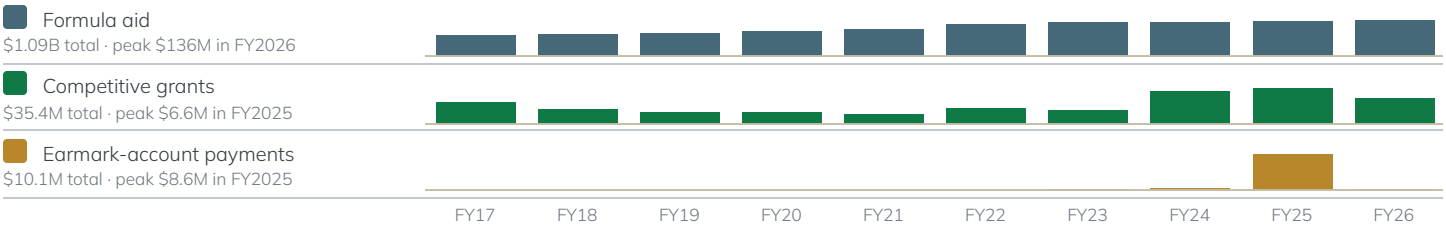
Haverhill received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 64 stays between 61 and 67 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Haverhill's town government and school districts received $1.09 billion in formula aid and $35.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $1.09B | $35.4M | $10.1M |
| $16,056 per resident (60th of 351) · gross | $523 per resident (134th of 351) | $149 per resident (10th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Haverhill were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $64.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Haverhill received $1.5 million in local earmarks to its government, $6.6 million placed in the city or town and $6.8 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.5M | $6.6M | $6.8M | No |
| $22.52 per resident (198th of 351) | $98.18 per resident (72nd of 351) · 77% to organizations | $100 per resident (78th of 351) · 75% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 116 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.5 million went to Haverhill's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $5.1 million went to organizations in Haverhill or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Haverhill but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $150,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $150,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Haverhill (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Haverhill, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (118 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $300,000 | "the Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, Inc. in Haverhill" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $300,000 | "the Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, Inc., in the city of Haverhill" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $300,000 | "a one time grant to the Haverhill public school district" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $250,000 | "the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center , Inc. for programs to increase access to health care for the medically underserved in the city of Haverhill" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $250,000 | "the early college program administered by Northern Essex Community College" | Enacted<br>organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 118 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Haverhill received 2.11 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**238.2**<br>8th of 351 · 3.5 per 1,000 residents (299th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.3M**<br>scored exposure $2.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**199**<br>12th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**4**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**33.0 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**67,926**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.11**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.11; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$1,754**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$8,770**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,421**<br>FY2017–2025 · 300th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HAVERHILL

## Haverhill has 70 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,363 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**70 acres**<br>0.3% of Haverhill's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,363 acres**<br>6.4% of Haverhill's land · 83 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**656 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**388 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 70 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 0 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 70 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 74 | 1,149 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 144 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 44 | 918 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 15 | 656 |
| Conservation restriction | 13 | 388 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 0 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Northern Essex Community College Athletic Fields | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 66 | |
| Veterans Memorial Skating Rink - Haverhill | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 265.8 miles of public road in Haverhill, the state maintains 19.1 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 19.1 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 231.5 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 15.2 | 6% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | “Northern Essex Community College to support a matching grant for the Northern Essex Community College Haverhill College Promise Program benefiting…” |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | “Northern Essex Community College to support a matching grant for the Northern Essex Community College Promise Program benefiting graduating seniors…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Haverhill $111 million and takes back $10.3 million in assessments and charges, a net $101 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$111 million** | **$10.3 million** | **$101 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $96.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $29,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $12.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $407,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $356,000 |
| State Owned Land | $1,794 |
| Public Libraries | $199,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $165,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $20,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $130,000 |
| Regional Transit | $943,000 |
| Special Education | $39,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.4M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $7.6M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HAVERHILL

## State programs also awarded $3 million to organizations in Haverhill other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Haverhill. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | L'Arche Boston North nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $569,000 |
| FY2025 | Creative Haverhill nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $470,000 |
| FY2019 | Creative Haverhill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2027 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $191,000 |
| FY2023 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $150,000 |
| FY2024 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $115,000 |
| FY2025 | Creative Haverhill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $115,000 |
| FY2026 | Friends of the Museum of Printing nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $111,000 |
| FY2025 | Community Action, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Community Action Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $75,000 |
| FY2027 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $64,000 |
| FY2023 | Buttonwoods Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $47,000 |
| FY2025 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $40,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2016 | Creative Haverhill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $756,000 in 5 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 39.7% of Haverhill's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 37.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **37.6%** | **35.0%** | **39.7%** | **36.1%** |
| $47.5M of $126M · median town 14.1% | $59.6M of $170M · median town 12.2% | $102M of $257M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 28.6% · median town 10.0% |

Haverhill's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $11.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Haverhill's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 38.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 23.3% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $47.5 million in FY2006 to $102 million in FY2025, +115.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $3.3 million of Haverhill's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+21.3%** | **+33.5%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $21.5M to $26M · all towns +54.0% | $38.3M to $51.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Haverhill's health insurance would have been $26.8 million in FY2025; it was $26 million, $768,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $47.8 million in FY2025; it was $51.1 million, $3.31 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Haverhill's government came to $1.3 million, 29.4% of the $4.57 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.3M | 29.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $6.2M | 134.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $6.3M | 137.8% | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## Haverhill's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 165th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$106M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$62.5M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.7%**<br>165th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+34%**<br>after inflation |

Haverhill runs its own school district and also belongs to Whittier; Haverhill accounts for 67% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $108 million for schools serving Haverhill, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Haverhill's share<br>**$108M**<br>$1,602 per resident (109th of 351) | Projects<br>**5**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Haverhill's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Silver Hill School | Haverhill | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.7M | $2.7M |
| FY2024 | Moody School | Haverhill | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.3M | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | Silver Hill School | Haverhill | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.1M | $1.1M |
| FY2024 | Dr. Albert B. Consentino Middle School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Haverhill | Core | $19.8M | $19.8M |
| FY2023 | Dr. Albert B. Consentino Middle School grant increased by Board vote | Haverhill | Core | $11.5M | $11.5M |
| FY2023 | Dr. Albert B. Consentino Middle School | Haverhill | Core | $70.5M | $70.5M |
| FY2023 | Moody Preschool | Haverhill | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $603,000 | $603,000 |
| FY2021 | Haverhill High School | Haverhill | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $971,000 | $971,000 |

Not counted: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $31.3 million to grants for one project serving Haverhill, $19.8 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the two projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $1.4 million against an approved budget of $2.2 million (under by $814,000); the local share moved from $602,000 to $375,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Haverhill has $3.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and four high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$22.3M**<br>$3.8M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$16.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3.4M**<br>annual program: 0.9 years of its yearly money · 241st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**9**<br>two rated poor; likely about $2.7M of work on those ($1.3M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**4**<br>of ten town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$5.3M**<br>bridges $480,000 · dams $4.7M · culverts $87,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Haverhill came on average 19 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.5M | $0 | $1.2M | $349,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.5M | $0 | $2M | $349,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.5M | $307,000 | $3.6M | $1.6M |
| FY2020 | $1.5M | $154,000 | $2.8M | $537,000 |
| FY2021 | $1.5M | $0 | $2M | $74,000 |
| FY2022 | $1.5M | $772,000 | $1.5M | $919,000 |
| FY2023 | $1.5M | $0 | $2.1M | $331,000 |
| FY2024 | $1.5M | $857,000 | $2.2M | $533,000 |
| FY2025 | $1.6M | $438,000 | $416,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2026 | $2.3M | $1.3M | $2.4M | $3.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2.3M | $0 | $0 | $5.7M |

The full list of the 52 bridges in Haverhill in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Little River Dam Removal and River Restoration source | $3M |
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Little River Dam Removal and River Restoration source | $1M |
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Little River Dam Removal and River Restoration Design and Permit source | $250,000 |
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Brandy Brow Road over East Meadow River source | $87,000 |
| FY2022 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Little River Dam Removal and River Restoration source | $475,000 |
| FY2021 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Little River Dam Removal Feasibility Study source | $130,000 |
| FY2018 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Haverhill received $43 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 75% more than the $24.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Haverhill ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $6.6 million in earmarks placed in Haverhill, $5.1 million (77%) went to organizations rather than to Haverhill's government.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Haverhill** this town | **58** | **$16,056** | **$523** | **$98.18†** | **2.11** | **2.7%** |
| Malden peer | 51 | $13,164 | $195 | $58.55† | 1.64 | 2.4% |
| Revere peer | 64 | $19,109 | $328 | $25.99 | 2.70 | 2.8% |
| Marlborough peer | 53 | $13,835 | $804 | $65.97 | 1.57 | 3.4% |
| Everett peer | 68 | $22,244 | $337 | $120 | 2.38 | 3.1% |
| Attleboro peer | 48 | $13,064 | $110 | $32.30† | 0.33 | 2.7% |
| Framingham best in class of 30 | 54 | $14,513 | $248 | $157† | 0.72 | 3.1% |
| Middleborough lowest in class of 30 | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |


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## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Hawley scores 59 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 97 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**59** / 100

46th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 69 | 68 | 37 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 29th to 90th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Hawley received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 54 and 65 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**97** / 100

12th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 99 | 99 | 92 | 98 |

Rank under other weightings: 8th to 14th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

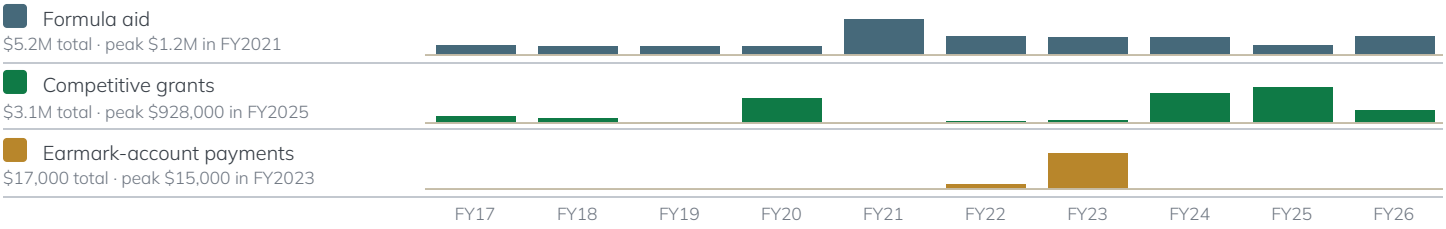
Hawley received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 97 stays between 96 and 98 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Hawley's town government and school districts received $5.2 million in formula aid and $3.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $5.2M | $3.1M | $17,000 |
| $18,811 per resident (36th of 351) · gross | $11,175 per resident (4th of 351) | $60.70 per resident (54th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hawley peaked in FY2025 at $928,000, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 277 residents, a single payment moves Hawley's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $591,000, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in Hawley in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $17,000 in payments to Hawley's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Hawley.

Hawley is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Hawley's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Hawley's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Ashford | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Middlefield | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Monroe | $12,000 | $12,000 | $12,000 | $98.36 |
| Leyden | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $157 |
| Florida | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hawley received 3.05 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**41.2**<br>288th of 351 · 148.8 per 1,000 residents (1st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$15.7M**<br>scored exposure $4.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**65**<br>208th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**30.5 sq mi**<br>43% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**19%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**361**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**4.81**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 3.05; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**8,084 acres**<br>41.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$87,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$10.74**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,564**<br>FY2017–2025 · 167th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HAWLEY

## Hawley has 8,459 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,390 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**8,459 acres**<br>43.4% of Hawley's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,390 acres**<br>7.1% of Hawley's land · 19 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**614 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,795 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 105 | 8,459 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 16 | 8,471 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 11 | 693 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 668 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 29 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 26 | 2,488 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 13 | 614 |
| Conservation restriction | 28 | 1,795 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 7,799 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 672 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kenneth Dubuque Memorial State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6,271 | |
| Mohawk Trail State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,528 | |
| Hawks Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 489 | |
| Ashfield Hawley WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 102 | |
| Hog Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 68 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 49.1 miles of public road in Hawley, the state maintains 3.5 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| DCR | 3.5 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 41.2 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.9 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hawley $193,000 and takes back $1,661 in assessments and charges, a net $191,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$193,000** | **$1,661** | **$191,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $32,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $56,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $14,000 |
| State Owned Land | $87,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,523 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $108 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $440 |
| Regional Transit | $1,113 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HAWLEY

## State programs also awarded $262,000 to organizations in Hawley other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Hawley. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobiling Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $51,000 |
| FY2020 | Buckland Riders Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $49,000 |
| FY2024 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $19,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2026 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $17,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2019 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2020 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2023 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobiling Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,557 (shared four ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2022 | Savoy Kanary Kats nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $4,428 (shared four ways) |
| FY2021 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,500 (shared four ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $78,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.7% of Hawley's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.9%** | **9.9%** | **7.7%** | **7.6%** |
| $86,000 of $1.1M · median town 14.1% | $145,000 of $1.5M · median town 12.2% | $166,000 of $2.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.1% · median town 10.0% |

Hawley's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $96,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Hawley's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 24.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 10.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $86,000 in FY2006 to $166,000 in FY2025, +93.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+101.3%** | **+90.3%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $14,000 to $28,000 · all towns +54.0% | $60,000 to $114,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hawley's health insurance would have been $18,000 in FY2025; it was $28,000, $11,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $75,000 in FY2025; it was $114,000, $39,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+47%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hawley's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $14,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hawley's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 104th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$111,000** | **$293,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **–30%** |
| 104th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Hawley has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Hawley, Hawlemont and Mohawk Trail; Hawley accounts for 100%, 13% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide. Hawley had 23 resident pupils in FY2026, so per-pupil changes swing from year to year.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Hawley, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hawley has $147,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.9M**<br>$754,000 of it one-time supplements | **$2.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$147,000**<br>annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 348th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **16**<br>two rated poor; about $7M of work on those, by planning estimates | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$140,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $140,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Hawley came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Hawley owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $180,000 | $0 | $14,000 | $166,000 |
| FY2018 | $177,000 | $0 | $0 | $344,000 |
| FY2019 | $177,000 | $35,000 | $0 | $555,000 |
| FY2020 | $175,000 | $18,000 | $0 | $748,000 |
| FY2021 | $175,000 | $0 | $849,000 | $135,000 |
| FY2022 | $164,000 | $138,000 | $291,000 | $145,000 |
| FY2023 | $163,000 | $0 | $216,000 | $92,000 |
| FY2024 | $163,000 | $220,000 | $268,000 | $206,000 |
| FY2025 | $162,000 | $147,000 | $0 | $516,000 |
| FY2026 | $299,000 | $196,000 | $247,000 | $764,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $298,000 | $0 | $617,000 | $445,000 |

The full list of the 17 bridges in Hawley in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | West Hawley Road (8A) over King Brook source | $100,000 |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | West Hawley Road (8A) over King Brook source | $40,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hawley received $3.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Hawley is one of five municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them


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| Monroe peer | 63 | $20,140 | $16,477 | $98.36 | 4.23 | not available |
| Leyden peer | 52 | $13,247 | $3,201 | $157 | 2.17 | 2.2% |
| Florida peer | 64 | $19,543 | $1,744 | $0 | 0.14 | 3.2% |
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ALL STATE AID

**70** / 100

13th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | 69 | 63 | 75 |

Rank under other weightings: 10th to 17th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Heath received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 70 stays between 67 and 72 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**98** / 100

4th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 98 | 96 | 99 |

Rank under other weightings: 4th to 8th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

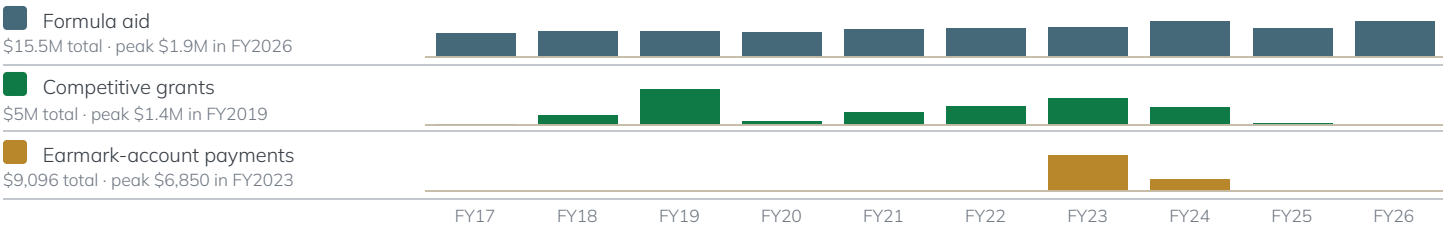
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STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Heath's town government and school districts received $15.5 million in formula aid and $5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $15.5M | $5M | $9,096 |
| $20,313 per resident (24th of 351) · gross | $6,568 per resident (9th of 351) | $11.89 per resident (248th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Heath peaked in FY2019 at $1.4 million, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 765 residents, a single payment moves Heath's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Heath received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $50,000 placed in the city or town and $50,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $50,000 | $50,000 | No |
| enacted, ten budgets | $65.36 per resident (124th of 351) · all to organizations | $65.36 per resident (132nd of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2024. $0 went to Heath's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $50,000 went to organizations in Heath or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Heath, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "improvements to the Heath fairgrounds by the Heath Agricultural Society, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Heath received 84% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**52.0**<br>243rd of 351 · 68.0 per 1,000 residents (11th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5.8M**<br>scored exposure $1.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**48**<br>270th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**24.9 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**38%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,287**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.33**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.84; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**823 acres**<br>5.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$6,985**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$8.48**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,363**<br>FY2017–2025 · 301st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HEATH

## Heath has 1,179 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,933 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,179 acres**<br>7.4% of Heath's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,933 acres**<br>18.4% of Heath's land · 52 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**834 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**768 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 15 | 1,179 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 893 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 31 | 1,957 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 18 | 815 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 160 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 51 | 2,672 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 12 | 834 |
| Conservation restriction | 21 | 768 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 893 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| H.O. Cook State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 895 | |
| Stone Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 284 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 59.6 miles of public road in Heath, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 52.0 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.0 | 10% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Heath $129,000 and takes back $1,514 in assessments and charges, a net $127,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$129,000** | **$1,514** | **$127,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $108,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $3,354 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $5,355 |
| State Owned Land | $6,985 |
| Public Libraries | $5,055 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $214 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,300 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HEATH

## State programs also awarded $7,383 to organizations in Heath other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Heath. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

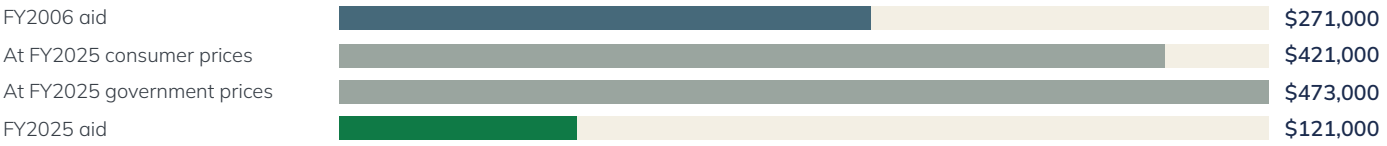
## State aid covered 4.3% of Heath's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 15.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.0%** | **4.4%** | **4.3%** | **4.2%** |
| $271,000 of $1.8M · median town 14.1% | $88,000 of $2M · median town 12.2% | $121,000 of $2.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 2.6% · median town 10.0% |

Heath's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Heath's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 71.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 74.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $271,000 in FY2006 to $121,000 in FY2025, –55.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–0.4%** | **+50.5%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $61,000 to $61,000 · all towns +54.0% | $156,000 to $235,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Heath's health insurance would have been $76,000 in FY2025; it was $61,000, $15,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $195,000 in FY2025; it was $235,000, $40,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (–34%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.


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LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Heath's reported health insurance fell from $61,000 in FY2016 to $61,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $50,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $50,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Heath's required school contribution is 1.5% of median household income, 336th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$1M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$534,000**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.5%**<br>336th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+13%**<br>after inflation |

Heath has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Mohawk Trail and Franklin County; Heath accounts for 9% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.5 million for schools serving Heath, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Heath's share<br>**$2.5M**<br>$3,271 per resident (42nd of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Heath's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $2.5M (2%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Heath has $589,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.5M**<br>$895,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$589,000**<br>annual program: 0.8 years of its yearly money · 248th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**15**<br>one rated poor; likely about $607,000 of work on those ($291,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$690,000**<br>bridges $590,000 · dams $0 · culverts $100,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Heath came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $211,000 | $0 | $149,000 | $108,000 |
| FY2018 | $211,000 | $0 | $304,000 | $78,000 |
| FY2019 | $210,000 | $42,000 | $269,000 | $63,000 |
| FY2020 | $209,000 | $21,000 | $196,000 | $96,000 |
| FY2021 | $208,000 | $0 | $219,000 | $86,000 |
| FY2022 | $208,000 | $174,000 | $205,000 | $263,000 |
| FY2023 | $208,000 | $0 | $267,000 | $203,000 |
| FY2024 | $207,000 | $251,000 | $443,000 | $217,000 |
| FY2025 | $206,000 | $159,000 | $0 | $583,000 |
| FY2026 | $378,000 | $248,000 | $433,000 | $776,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $378,000 | $0 | $187,000 | $967,000 |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Heath in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Burrington Road over Avery Brook Tributary source | $100,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Heath received $5.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 53% more than the $3.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Heath ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $50,000 in earmarks placed in Heath went to organizations; none went to Heath's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Heath** this town | **70** | **$20,313** | **$6,568** | **$65.36**† | **0.84** | **1.5%** |
| Warwick peer | 52 | $14,769 | $2,887 | $64.43 | 2.79 | 1.7% |
| Florida peer · lowest in class of 30 | 64 | $19,543 | $1,744 | $0 | 0.14 | 3.2% |
| Leyden peer | 52 | $13,247 | $3,201 | $157 | 2.17 | 2.2% |
| New Braintree peer · best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |
| Petersham peer | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Hingham

Town · Plymouth County · 24,283 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
**3rd Plymouth** · Joan Meschino

STATE SENATE
**First Plymouth and Norfolk** · Patrick M. O'Connor

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
**Hingham Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Hingham scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 16 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**30** / 100

311th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 43 | 22 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 290th to 335th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Hingham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 29 stays between 26 and 33 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**16** / 100

328th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 25 | 12 | 14 |

Rank under other weightings: 322nd to 331st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

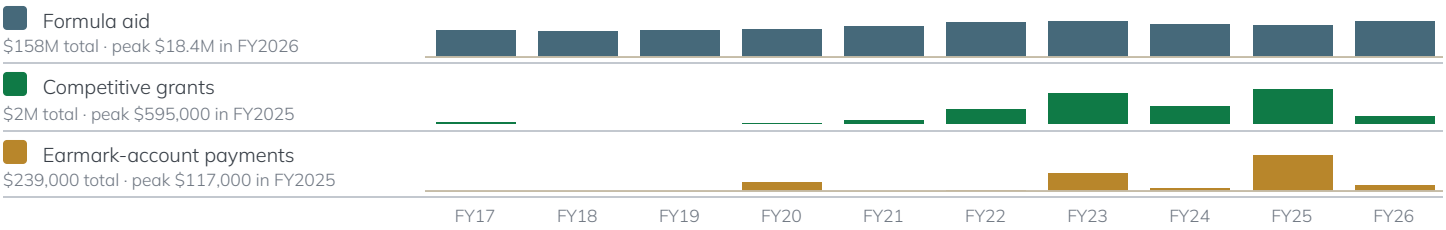
Hingham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 16 stays between 14 and 18 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Hingham's town government and school districts received $158 million in formula aid and $2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$158M** | **$2M** | **$239,000** |
| $6,498 per resident (318th of 351) · gross | $83.05 per resident (336th of 351) | $9.83 per resident (261st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hingham peaked in FY2025 at $595,000, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $13.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Hingham received $789,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2.2 million placed in the city or town and $2.3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$789,000** | **$2.2M** | **$2.3M** | **No** |
| $32.49 per resident (149th of 351) | $90.15 per resident (81st of 351) · 64% to organizations | $94.26 per resident (88th of 351) · 61% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 25 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $789,000 went to Hingham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.4 million went to organizations in Hingham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Hingham but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $100,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $100,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Hingham (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Hingham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (26 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $500,000 | "St. John the Evangelist Church in the town of Hingham to support the Free Period program to provide free feminine hygiene products to those in need" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $450,000 | "Drug Story Theater, Inc. to support substance abuse education performances and forums throughout the commonwealth" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $450,000 | "Drug Story Theater, Inc., to support substance abuse education performances and forums throughout the commonwealth" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2017 | $112,000 | "the town of Hingham public schools' emergency response coordination through phase 3 of enhanced security planning, including providing staff safety training at all levels, revising and updating the school district's multi-hazard plan and manuals per the governor's task force report, additional..." | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the Hingham Sports Partnership, Inc. to partially fund the construction of a teen fitness and wellness facility in the town of Hingham" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 26 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hingham received 24% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**111.9**<br>74th of 351 · 4.6 per 1,000 residents (258th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.9M**<br>scored exposure $419,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**92**<br>136th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.2 sq mi**<br>16% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**24,663**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.59**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.24; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**16 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$7,123**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$434**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$30,061**<br>FY2017–2025 · 106th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HINGHAM

## Hingham has 2,320 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 53 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,320 acres**<br>16.3% of Hingham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**53 acres**<br>0.4% of Hingham's land · 10 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**217 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 19 | 2,320 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 17 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 8 | 35 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 18 |
| Conservation restriction | 31 | 217 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 17 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wompatuck State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,103 | |
| Wompatuck State Park | State: Massachusetts Department of Public Works | 115 | |
| Boston Harbor Islands State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 35 | |
| Stodder's Neck | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 26 | |
| Triphammer Woods | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 25 | |
| Weymouth Back River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 17 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 131.8 miles of public road in Hingham, the state maintains 12.5 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.5 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 111.5 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.8 | 6% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $100,000 | “capital improvements at Hingham district court” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Hingham $12.3 million and takes back $1.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $11.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$12.3 million** | **$1.1 million** | **$11.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $7,772 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $44,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $134,000 |
| State Owned Land | $7,123 |
| Public Libraries | $67,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $153,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $139,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $15,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| MBTA | $623,000 |
| Special Education | $12,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $55,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $119,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HINGHAM

## State programs also awarded $752,000 to organizations in Hingham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Hingham Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Hingham Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $137,000 |
| FY2024 | South Shore Conservatory of Music nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $137,000 |
| FY2019 | Hingham Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $135,000 |
| FY2017 | South Shore Conservatory nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $133,000 |
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 8.0% of Hingham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 12.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12.8%** | **10.6%** | **8.0%** | **7.2%** |
| $8M of $62.1M · median town 14.1% | $10.2M of $96M · median town 12.2% | $11.2M of $140M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.3% · median town 10.0% |

**Hingham's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 9.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 19.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8 million in FY2006 to $11.2 million in FY2025, +39.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2 million of Hingham's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+3.6%** | **+43.4%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $7.1M to $7.4M · all towns +54.0% | $12.9M to $18.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hingham's health insurance would have been $8.86 million in FY2025; it was $7.35 million, $1.51 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $16.1 million in FY2025; it was $18.4 million, $2.38 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hingham's government came to $789,000, 3.1 times the $255,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $789,000 | 3.1 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.2M | 8.5 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.3M | 8.9 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hingham's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 287th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$9.4M** | **$38.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.2%** | **+24%** |
| 287th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Hingham runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $30.1 million for schools serving


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## Hingham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Hingham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$30.1M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,239 per resident (136th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Hingham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | William L. Foster Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Hingham | Core | $3.8M | $3.8M |
| FY2023 | William L. Foster Elementary School | Hingham | Core | $25.1M | $25.1M |
| FY2022 | Plymouth River Elementary School | Hingham | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.2M | $1.2M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $3.8 million to grants for one project serving Hingham, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hingham has $301,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$11M** | **$9.5M** | **$301,000** |
| $1.8M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: -0.0 years of its yearly money · 349th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **5** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | of three town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Hingham came on average 16 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $762,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $337 |
| FY2018 | $760,000 | $0 | $760,000 | $420 |
| FY2019 | $764,000 | $153,000 | $78,000 | $839,000 |
| FY2020 | $764,000 | $76,000 | $444,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2021 | $761,000 | $0 | $691,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2022 | $759,000 | $372,000 | $1.8M | $658,000 |
| FY2023 | $764,000 | $0 | $992,000 | $430,000 |
| FY2024 | $764,000 | $412,000 | $1.5M | $118,000 |
| FY2025 | $767,000 | $208,000 | $0 | $1.1M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $599,000 | $1.9M | $925,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $624,000 | $1.4M |

The full list of the 14 bridges in Hingham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hingham received $5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 66% of the $7.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Hingham ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.2 million in earmarks placed in Hingham, $1.4 million (64%) went to organizations rather than to Hingham's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hingham** this town | **30** | **$6,498** | **$83.05** | **$90.15**† | **0.24** | **2.2%** |
| Winchester peer | 28 | $6,820 | $40.16 | $49.13 | 0.45 | 2.5% |
| Marblehead peer | 29 | $6,094 | $187 | $21.64 | 0.50 | 1.9% |
| Scituate peer | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |
| Lexington peer | 36 | $9,001 | $61.92 | $113† | 0.57 | 2.7% |
| Westwood peer | 27 | $6,423 | $120 | $45.96 | 0.30 | 2.5% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Hinsdale

Town · Berkshire County · 1,859 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Central Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Peru, Washington and Windsor

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Hinsdale scores 44 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 89 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**44** / 100

169th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 50 | 43 | 38 |

Rank under other weightings: 159th to 184th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Hinsdale received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 42 and 46 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**89** / 100

47th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | 92 | 85 | 88 |

Rank under other weightings: 45th to 52nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

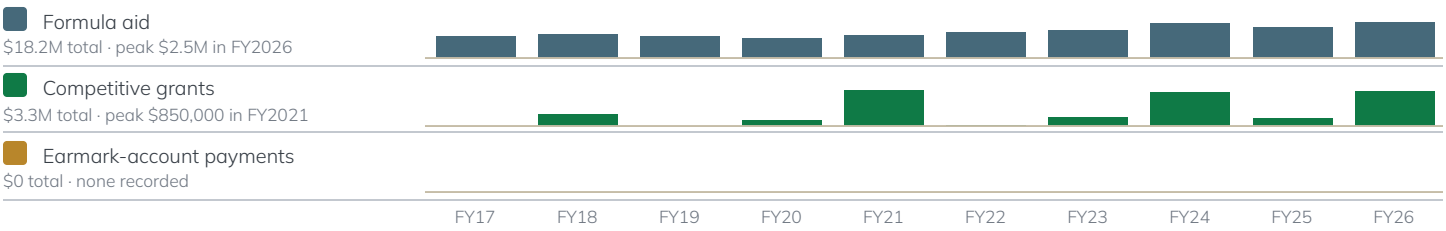
Hinsdale received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 89 stays between 87 and 90 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Hinsdale's town government and school districts received $18.2 million in formula aid and $3.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $18.2M | $3.3M | $0 |
| $9,786 per resident (186th of 351) · gross | $1,790 per resident (51st of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hinsdale peaked in FY2021 at $850,000, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.9 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in Hinsdale in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

Hinsdale is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Hinsdale's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Hinsdale's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whately | $43,000 | $43,000 | $43,000 | $28.91 |
| Richmond | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| West Stockbridge | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Plympton | $335,000 | $335,000 | $335,000 | $114 |
| Blandford | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hinsdale received 2.54 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**35.5**<br>310th of 351 · 19.1 per 1,000 residents (62nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.2M**<br>scored exposure $5.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**72**<br>191st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.7 sq mi**<br>17% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**13%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,173**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**4.81**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.54; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,148 acres**<br>16.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$54,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$25.35**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$32,486**<br>FY2017–2025 · 94th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HINSDALE

## Hinsdale has 2,342 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,022 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,342 acres**<br>17.7% of Hinsdale's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,022 acres**<br>7.7% of Hinsdale's land · 25 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,415 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 53 | 2,342 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 24 | 2,055 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 14 | 412 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 231 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 379 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 17 | 884 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 1,415 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 18 | 1,850 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 146 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 59 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hinsdale Flats WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,913 | |
| Ashmere Lake State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 329 | |
| Tracy Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 74 | |
| Wahconah Falls State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 19 | |
| Appalachian Trail Corridor | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |
| Middlefield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 42.4 miles of public road in Hinsdale, the state maintains 5.1 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.1 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 35.5 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.8 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hinsdale $498,000 and takes back $28,000 in assessments and charges, a net $470,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$498,000** | **$28,000** | **$470,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $105,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $288,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $32,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $11,000 |
| State Owned Land | $56,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,846 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $18,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $674 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,920 |
| Regional Transit | $6,995 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HINSDALE

## State programs also awarded $29,000 to organizations in Hinsdale other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Berkshire Natural Resources Council nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $18,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.1% of Hinsdale's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 10.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.8%** | **7.7%** | **7.1%** | **6.7%** |
| $319,000 of $2.9M · median town 14.1% | $356,000 of $4.6M · median town 12.2% | $462,000 of $6.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.2% · median town 10.0% |

Hinsdale's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $804,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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Gross state aid went from $319,000 in FY2006 to $462,000 in FY2025, +44.7% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+120.4%** | **+99.2%** | **4 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $91,000 to $200,000 · all towns +54.0% | $257,000 to $513,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hinsdale's health insurance would have been $113,000 in FY2025; it was $200,000, $86,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $321,000 in FY2025; it was $513,000, $191,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+44%) and FY2023 (+71%); fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+33%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hinsdale's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $109,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Hinsdale's required school contribution is 3.6% of median household income, 16th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1M** | **$2.4M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.6%** | **+3%** |
| 16th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Hinsdale has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Hinsdale and Central Berkshire; Hinsdale accounts for 100% and 14% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $4.3 million for schools serving Hinsdale, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Hinsdale's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.3M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,294 per resident (78th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Hinsdale's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Wahconah Regional High School | Central Berkshire | Core | $31.3M | $4.3M (14%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hinsdale has $700,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three


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## bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.6M**<br>$690,000 of it one-time supplements | **$1.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$700,000**<br>annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 183rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **13**<br>three rated poor; about $10.7M of work on those, by planning estimates | **2**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$1M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $498,000 · culverts $510,000 |

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Hinsdale owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $156,000 | $0 | $121,000 | $156,000 |
| FY2018 | $156,000 | $0 | $283,000 | $30,000 |
| FY2019 | $156,000 | $31,000 | $191,000 | $61,000 |
| FY2020 | $156,000 | $16,000 | $15,000 | $231,000 |
| FY2021 | $156,000 | $0 | $45,000 | $341,000 |
| FY2022 | $155,000 | $119,000 | $0 | $615,000 |
| FY2023 | $153,000 | $0 | $191,000 | $577,000 |
| FY2024 | $153,000 | $208,000 | $343,000 | $595,000 |
| FY2025 | $153,000 | $145,000 | $205,000 | $688,000 |
| FY2026 | $270,000 | $172,000 | $429,000 | $700,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $269,000 | $0 | $0 | $970,000 |

The full list of the 21 bridges in Hinsdale in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | George Schnopp Rd over Unnamed source | $510,000 |
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Belmont Dam Gatehouse Replacement Design source | $116,000 |
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Plunkett Dam Spillway Project Design and Permit source | $82,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Plunkett Reservoir Dam Repair source | $300,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hinsdale received $3.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 88% of the $3.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Hinsdale is one of five municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them


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## in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hinsdale** this town | **44** | **$9,786** | **$1,790** | **$0** | **2.54** | **3.6%** |
| Whately peer | 46 | $9,968 | $1,484 | $28.91 | 1.02 | 2.4% |
| Richmond peer · lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $8,072 | $776 | $0 | 0.19 | 2.2% |
| West Stockbridge peer | 43 | $9,304 | $478 | $0 | 0.46 | 2.4% |
| Plympton peer | 35 | $9,237 | $274 | $114 | 0.71 | 3.4% |
| Blandford peer | 52 | $10,142 | $5,405 | $0 | 0.80 | 2.6% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |

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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Holbrook

Town · Norfolk County · 11,380 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**5th Norfolk** · Mark J. Cusack 50% of residents
**3rd Norfolk** · Ronald Mariano 50% of residents

Holbrook is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk and Plymouth** · John F. Keenan

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Holbrook Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Avon, Braintree, Canton, Dedham, Milton, Norwood, Randolph and Westwood

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Holbrook scores 62 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 54 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**62** / 100

34th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 63 | 64 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 27th to 43rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Holbrook received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 63 stays between 62 and 63 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**54** / 100

178th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 51 | 61 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 163rd to 189th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

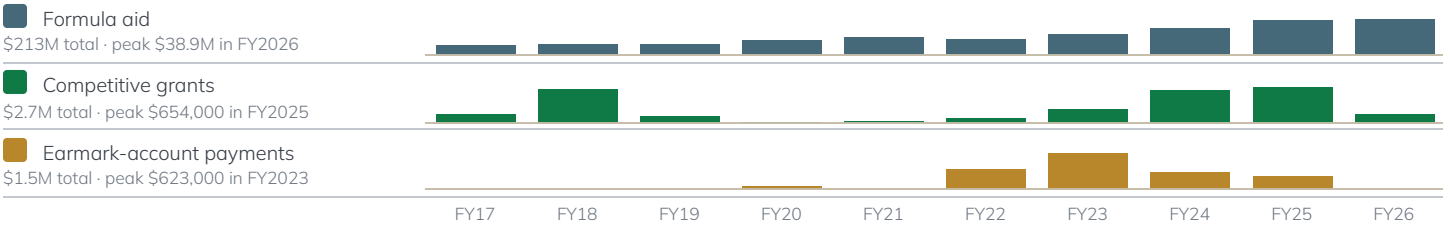
Holbrook received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 52 and 56 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Holbrook's town government and school districts received $213 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $213M | $2.7M | $1.5M |
| $18,686 per resident (39th of 351) · gross | $238 per resident (229th of 351) | $135 per resident (15th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Holbrook peaked in FY2025 at $654,000, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Holbrook received $2.1 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.1 million placed in the city or town and $2.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $2.1M | $2.1M | $2.1M | No |
| $181 per resident (3rd of 351) | $187 per resident (10th of 351) · 3% to organizations | $187 per resident (19th of 351) · 3% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 29 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $2.1 million went to Holbrook's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $70,000 went to organizations in Holbrook or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Holbrook, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (29 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "the Sean Joyce athletics fields in the town of Holbrook" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "the Sean Joyce athletic fields in the town of Holbrook" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $200,000 | "the Sean Joyce athletic fields in the town of Holbrook" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the Holbrook Regional Emergency Communication Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the Holbrook regional emergency communications center" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 29 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Holbrook received 92% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**38.6**<br>298th of 351 · 3.4 per 1,000 residents (304th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.2M**<br>scored exposure $1.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**27**<br>320th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**7.3 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,380**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.92; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,284**<br>FY2017–2025 · 263rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HOLBROOK

## Holbrook has 0 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>0.0% of Holbrook's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**23 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 0 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 23 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Holbrook Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 51.3 miles of public road in Holbrook, the state maintains 2.1 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.1 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 38.6 | 75% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 10.6 | 21% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Holbrook $15.4 million and takes back $1.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $13.8 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$15.4 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$1.5 million**<br>10% of what is sent | Net<br>**$13.8 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $13.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $150,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $22,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $8,529 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $80,000 |
| Public Libraries | $33,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $71,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $41,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,484 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $6,966 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $13,000 |
| MBTA | $293,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $182,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $897,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 27.4% of Holbrook's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 22.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **22.3%** | **21.1%** | **27.4%** | **24.4%** |
| $5.9M of $26.5M · median town 14.1% | $7.2M of $34.1M · median town 12.2% | $13.4M of $48.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 20.9% · median town 10.0% |

Holbrook's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Holbrook's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 45.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 29.5% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5.9 million in FY2006 to $13.4 million in FY2025, +126.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+32.2%** | **+47.0%** | **4 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $4.5M to $6M · all towns +54.0% | $7M to $10.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Holbrook's health insurance would have been $5.63 million in FY2025; it was $5.96 million, $331,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.79 million in FY2025; it was $10.3 million, $1.56 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Holbrook's government came to $1.7 million, 117.4% of the $1.45 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.7M | 117.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.8M | 120.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.8M | 120.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Holbrook's required school contribution is 2.4% of


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## median household income, 267th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$14.3M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$11.9M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.4%**<br>267th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+45%**<br>after inflation |

Holbrook runs its own school district and also belongs to Blue Hills and Norfolk County; Holbrook accounts for 13% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $5.7 million for schools serving Holbrook, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Holbrook's share<br>**$5.7M**<br>$498 per resident (184th of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Holbrook's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $59,000 (3%) |
| FY2018 | Blue Hills Regional Technical High School | Blue Hills | Core | $44.4M | $5.6M (13%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Holbrook's share of the final cost was $11.2 million against its share of the approved budget of $10.7 million (over by $483,000); the local share moved from $5.1 million to $5.8 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Holbrook has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.6M**<br>$621,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.2M**<br>annual program: 2.4 years of its yearly money · 54th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>one rated poor; about $973,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.2M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $1.2M · culverts $0 |

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| FY2017 | $246,000 | $0 | $158,000 | $246,000 |
| FY2018 | $247,000 | $0 | $567,000 | $79,000 |
| FY2019 | $253,000 | $51,000 | $214,000 | $169,000 |
| FY2020 | $252,000 | $25,000 | $258,000 | $187,000 |
| FY2021 | $252,000 | $0 | $204,000 | $235,000 |
| FY2022 | $252,000 | $129,000 | $470,000 | $147,000 |
| FY2023 | $253,000 | $0 | $374,000 | $26,000 |
| FY2024 | $252,000 | $142,000 | $127,000 | $292,000 |
| FY2025 | $251,000 | $71,000 | $0 | $614,000 |
| FY2026 | $379,000 | $204,000 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $375,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Lake Holbrook Dam Repair source | $1M |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Lake Holbrook Dam Repair Design source | $208,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Holbrook received $5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 23% more than the $4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Holbrook ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.1 million in earmarks placed in Holbrook, $70,000 (3%) went to organizations rather than to Holbrook's government.

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| Acushnet peer | 43 | $10,949 | $130 | $21.65 | 0.60 | 3.2% |
| Townsend peer | 54 | $15,988 | $300 | $29.35 | 0.75 | 2.3% |
| Northbridge peer | 56 | $14,554 | $230 | $124† | 0.74 | 2.4% |
| Oxford peer | 52 | $13,864 | $491 | $15.69 | 1.37 | 2.7% |
| Whitman peer | 56 | $16,230 | $202 | $15.36 | 0.52 | 2.5% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Holden

Town · Worcester County · 20,064 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Worcester · Kimberly N. Ferguson

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Wachusett Regional School District, shared with Paxton, Princeton, Rutland and Sterling
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Hubbardston and nine others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Holden scores 50 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 16 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**50** / 100

127th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 59 | 43 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 110th to 145th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Holden received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 50 stays between 46 and 53 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**16** / 100

329th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 18 | 19 | 12 |

Rank under other weightings: 326th to 332nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

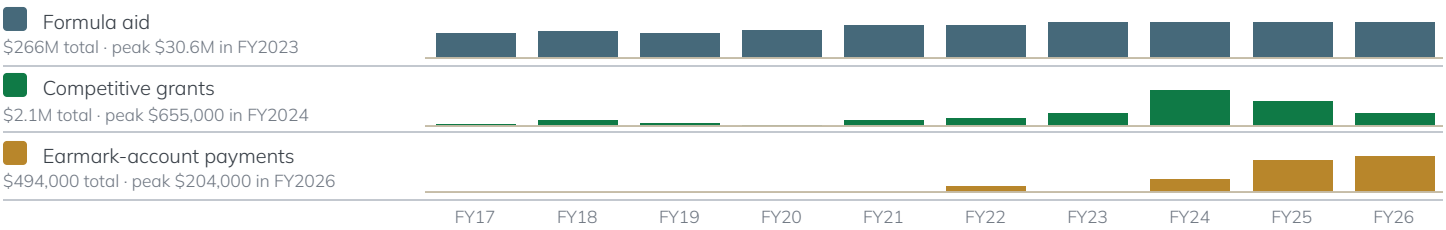
Holden received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 16 stays between 14 and 17 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Holden's town government and school districts received $266 million in formula aid and $2.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $266M | $2.1M | $494,000 |
| $13,276 per resident (106th of 351) · gross | $103 per resident (323rd of 351) | $24.62 per resident (177th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Holden peaked in FY2024 at $655,000, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Holden received $315,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $315,000 | $315,000 | $315,000 | No |
| $15.70 per resident (236th of 351) | $15.70 per resident (286th of 351) | $15.70 per resident (287th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Holden's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Holden, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "new trailers and bays for the fire department substation in the town of Holden" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "the purpose of a design and engineering study for the revitalization of Eagle Lake recreation area in the town of Holden" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $65,000 | "the town of Holden for the removal of hazardous materials from the former electroplating manufacturing facility, located at 156 Princeton street, and for re-purposing the site for commercial use" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "a feasibility study at Eagle lake recreation area in the town of Holden" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "an inclusive playground in Holden" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Holden received 39% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**120.7**<br>62nd of 351 · 6.0 per 1,000 residents (189th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$19M**<br>scored exposure $4.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**150**<br>39th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**35.1 sq mi**<br>19% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**20,064**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.20**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.39; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**412 acres**<br>1.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$179,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$435**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,532**<br>FY2017–2025 · 208th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HOLDEN

## Holden has 4,330 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,313 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,330 acres**<br>19.3% of Holden's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,313 acres**<br>5.8% of Holden's land · 72 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**466 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**584 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 194 | 4,330 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 12 | 429 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 13 | 240 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 49 | 932 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 141 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 11 | 466 |
| Conservation restriction | 19 | 584 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 23 | 358 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 12 | 429 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wachusett Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 3,894 | |
| Poutwater Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 381 | |
| Quinapoxet River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 32 | |
| Quabbin Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 23 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 131.8 miles of public road in Holden, the state maintains 9.5 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.5 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 120.6 | 92% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.6 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Holden $2.9 million and takes back $172,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.9 million** | **$172,000** | **$2.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $15,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $57,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $122,000 |
| State Owned Land | $183,000 |
| Public Libraries | $59,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,232 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| MBTA | $143,000 |
| Regional Transit | $12,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HOLDEN

## State programs also awarded $1.3 million to organizations in Holden other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Holden. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Wachusett Greenways nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $172,000 |
| FY2021 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission regional body | MassTrails Grants | $4,741 (shared seven ways) |

A further $1.1 million in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.2% of Holden's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 5.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5.9% | 8.7% | 4.2% | 4.0% |
| $1.9M of $32.1M · median town 14.1% | $3.7M of $42.7M · median town 12.2% | $2.7M of $63.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.0% · median town 10.0% |

Holden's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $19.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Holden's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 8.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 18.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.9 million in FY2006 to $2.7 million in FY2025, +41.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.9 million of Holden's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +54.6% | +77.1% | 7 of 9 | 6 of 9 |
| $1.2M to $1.8M · all towns +54.0% | $2.9M to $5.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Holden's health insurance would have been $1.49 million in FY2025; it was $1.84 million, $354,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.59 million in FY2025; it was $5.09 million, $1.50 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Holden's government came to $140,000, 21.5% of the $651,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $140,000 | 21.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $140,000 | 21.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $140,000 | 21.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Holden's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 191st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $19.4M | $26.4M |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.6% | +6% |
| 191st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Holden has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Holden, Wachusett and Montachusett; Holden accounts for 100%, 47% and 11% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Holden, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Holden has $2.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| $9.4M | $5.8M | $2.6M |
| $1.8M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 93rd of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **18**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Holden came on average 30 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Holden owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $614,000 | $0 | $690,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $613,000 | $0 | $656,000 | $613,000 |
| FY2019 | $616,000 | $123,000 | $399,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2020 | $620,000 | $62,000 | $184,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2021 | $622,000 | $0 | $1.6M | $947,000 |
| FY2022 | $622,000 | $402,000 | $91,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2023 | $634,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $1M |
| FY2024 | $633,000 | $393,000 | $680,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2025 | $632,000 | $176,000 | $799,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $1M | $606,000 | $415,000 | $2.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1M | $0 | $0 | $3.6M |

The full list of the 32 bridges in Holden in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Holden received $3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 45% of the $6.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Holden ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Holden** this town | **50** | **$13,276** | **$103** | **$15.70** | **0.39** | **2.6%** |
| Tewksbury peer | 38 | $8,861 | $181 | $59.49 | 0.24 | 2.8% |
| Pembroke peer | 45 | $10,627 | $65.81 | $40.00 | 0.27 | 2.6% |
| Uxbridge peer | 48 | $11,199 | $436 | $15.55 | 1.22 | 2.8% |
| Kingston peer | 44 | $10,470 | $762 | $41.35 | 2.68 | 3.0% |
| Shrewsbury peer | 36 | $8,418 | $158 | $25.41 | 0.74 | 3.1% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Holland

Town · Hampden County · 2,583 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Hampden · Todd M. Smola

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Holland Public Schools, the town's own district

Tantasqua Regional School District, shared with Brimfield, Brookfield, Sturbridge and Wales

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Holland scores 45 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 83 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**45** / 100

164th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 44 | 47 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 155th to 182nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Holland received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 44 and 46 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**83** / 100

73rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 84 | 84 | 80 | 83 |

Rank under other weightings: 68th to 75th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

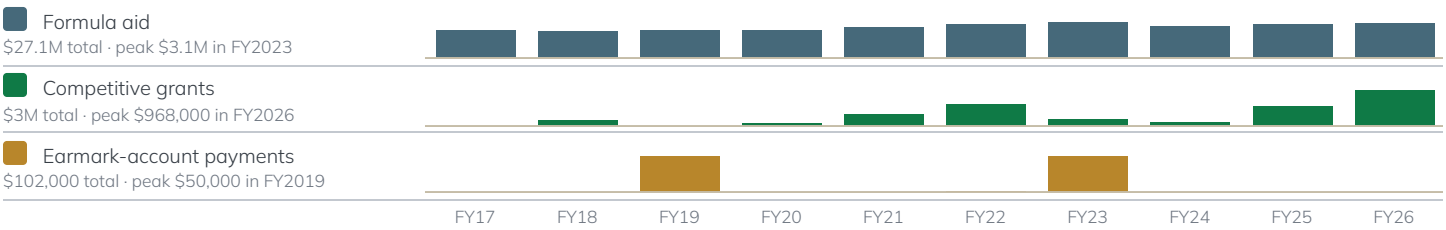
Holland received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 83 stays between 82 and 83 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Holland's town government and school districts received $27.1 million in formula aid and $3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $27.1M | $3M | $102,000 |
| $10,480 per resident (168th of 351) · gross | $1,150 per resident (70th of 351) | $39.38 per resident (112th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Holland peaked in FY2026 at $968,000, 33% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $906,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Holland received $100,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | No |
| $38.71 per resident (116th of 351) | $38.71 per resident (206th of 351) | $38.71 per resident (212th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2023. All of it went to Holland's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Holland, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Holland for public safety upgrades" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "the acquisition of land known as the Sichol property in Holland" | Enacted to the city or town government |



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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Holland received 46% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**34.6**<br>316th of 351 · 13.4 per 1,000 residents (77th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.2M**<br>scored exposure $1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**52**<br>254th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.3 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**17%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,163**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.24**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.46; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**249 acres**<br>3.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$6,795**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$27.24**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,882**<br>FY2017–2025 · 296th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HOLLAND

## Holland has 602 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 978 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**602 acres**<br>7.7% of Holland's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**978 acres**<br>12.4% of Holland's land · 30 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 9 | 602 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 243 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 8 | 187 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 12 | 535 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 257 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 8 | 243 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Leadmine WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 331 | |
| Rattlesnake Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 271 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 38.3 miles of public road in Holland, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 35.9 | 94% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.4 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Holland $1.7 million and takes back $153,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.6 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$1.7 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$153,000**<br>9% of what is sent | Net<br>**$1.6 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $93,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $270,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $265,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $17,000 |
| State Owned Land | $6,795 |
| Public Libraries | $7,272 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $810 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,820 |
| Regional Transit | $3,519 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $22,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $123,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HOLLAND

## State programs also awarded $3,958 to organizations in Holland other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.1% of Holland's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 16.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16.6% | 22.4% | 17.1% | 16.3% |
| $898,000 of $5.4M · median town 14.1% | $1.4M of $6.1M · median town 12.2% | $1.5M of $8.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 21.8% · median town 10.0% |

Holland's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $728,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Holland's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 9.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 2.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $898,000 in FY2006 to $1.5 million in FY2025, +69.6% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +15.3% | +49.1% | 7 of 9 | 4 of 9 |
| $325,000 to $375,000 · all towns +54.0% | $666,000 to $994,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Holland's health insurance would have been $406,000 in FY2025; it was $375,000, $31,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $832,000 in FY2025; it was $994,000, $161,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Holland's government came to $100,000, 2.0 times the $50,000 rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $100,000 | 2.0 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $100,000 | 2.0 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $100,000 | 2.0 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Holland's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 160th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$1.9M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$2.9M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.7%**<br>160th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+4%**<br>after inflation |

Holland runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Tantasqua for others; Holland accounts for 9% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $95,000 for schools serving Holland, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Holland's share<br>**$95,000**<br>$36.86 per resident (259th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Holland's share |
| FY2019 | Tantasqua Regional Junior High School | Tantasqua | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.1M | $95,000 (9%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Holland's share of the final cost was $146,000 against its share of the approved budget of $177,000 (under by $31,000); the local share moved from $82,000 to $66,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Holland has $467,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.6M**<br>$691,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$467,000**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 224th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**11**<br>one rated poor; likely about $334,000 of work on those ($161,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Holland came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Holland owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $155,000 | $0 | $296,000 | $31,000 |
| FY2018 | $158,000 | $0 | $170,000 | $19,000 |
| FY2019 | $159,000 | $32,000 | $187,000 | $23,000 |
| FY2020 | $159,000 | $16,000 | $102,000 | $95,000 |
| FY2021 | $159,000 | $0 | $242,000 | $12,000 |
| FY2022 | $158,000 | $120,000 | $141,000 | $149,000 |
| FY2023 | $158,000 | $0 | $293,000 | $13,000 |
| FY2024 | $157,000 | $210,000 | $116,000 | $265,000 |
| FY2025 | $152,000 | $145,000 | $377,000 | $184,000 |
| FY2026 | $266,000 | $168,000 | $151,000 | $467,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $266,000 | $0 | $0 | $733,000 |

The full list of the 11 bridges in Holland in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Holland received $3.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 24% more than the $2.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Holland ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Holland** this town | **45** | **$10,480** | **$1,150** | **$38.71** | **0.46** | **2.7%** |
| Phillipston peer | 50 | $12,743 | $1,191 | $79.16† | 1.39 | 2.9% |
| Westhampton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 42 | $11,067 | $887 | $0 | 0.62 | 3.3% |
| Lanesborough peer | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |
| Deerfield peer | 44 | $9,461 | $1,195 | $6.46 | 2.83 | 2.4% |
| East Brookfield peer | 55 | $15,885 | $104 | $94.64 | 0.06 | 3.2% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Holliston

Town · Middlesex County · 15,094 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**8th Middlesex** · James C. Arena-DeRosa

STATE SENATE

**Middlesex and Norfolk** · Karen E. Spilka

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Holliston Public Schools**, the town's own district

**South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashland, Framingham, Hopkinton and Natick

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Holliston scores 41 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 45 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**41** / 100

206th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 58 | 31 | 35 |

Rank under other weightings: 167th to 237th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Holliston received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 36 and 46 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**45** / 100

208th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 59 | 44 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 196th to 222nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

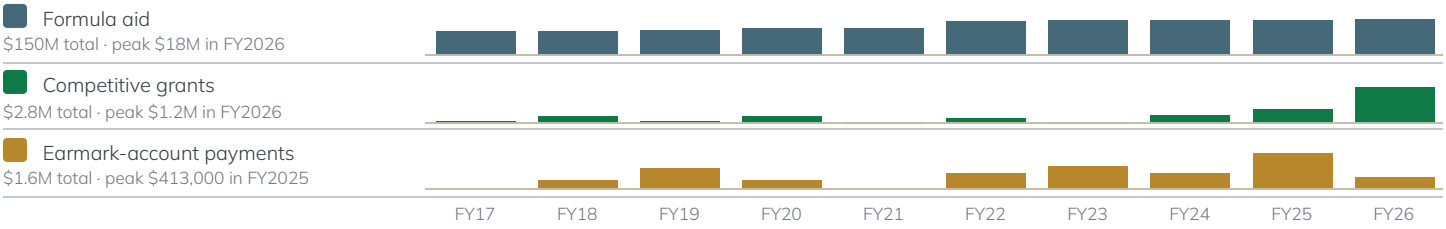
Holliston received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 41 and 49 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Holliston's town government and school districts received $150 million in formula aid and $2.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$150M** | **$2.8M** | **$1.6M** |
| $9,911 per resident (181st of 351) · gross | $189 per resident (258th of 351) | $106 per resident (19th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Holliston peaked in FY2026 at $1.2 million, 43% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Holliston received $1.9 million in local earmarks to its government, $2 million placed in the city or town and $2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.9M** | **$2M** | **$2M** | **No** |
| $124 per resident (15th of 351) | $129 per resident (40th of 351) · 4% to organizations | $129 per resident (47th of 351) · 4% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 29 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.9 million went to Holliston's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $80,000 went to organizations in Holliston or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Holliston, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (29 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $200,000 | "the Holliston school substance abuse prevention program" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $150,000 | "the Holliston School Substance Abuse Prevention program" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $125,000 | "the Holliston public schools for costs associated with the purchase of a multi-function school activity bus" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $117,000 (split six ways) | "communities in the Metrowest region, including the city of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick to address mental health needs in schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $117,000 (split six ways) | "communities in the Metrowest region, including the city of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick to address mental health needs in schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 29 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Holliston received 85% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**88.4**<br>124th of 351 · 5.9 per 1,000 residents (197th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.9M**<br>scored exposure $2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**123**<br>72nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.7 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**15,094**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.43**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.85; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$4,007**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$3,206**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$26,636**<br>FY2017–2025 · 129th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HOLLISTON

## Holliston has 1 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 263 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of Holliston's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**263 acres**<br>2.2% of Holliston's land · 13 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**177 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**858 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 1 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 1 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 6 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 12 | 257 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 13 | 399 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 177 |
| Conservation restriction | 77 | 858 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 1 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Unnamed state land | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 97.0 miles of public road in Holliston, the state maintains 4.8 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.8 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 88.4 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.8 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Holliston $13.2 million and takes back $633,000 in assessments and charges, a net $12.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.2 million** | **$633,000** | **$12.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $12,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.1M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $41,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $109,000 |
| State Owned Land | $4,007 |
| Public Libraries | $40,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $74,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,442 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $9,316 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $8,100 |
| Regional Transit | $166,000 |
| Special Education | $20,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $154,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $197,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HOLLISTON

## State programs also awarded $153,000 to organizations in Holliston other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Holliston Trails Committee nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $65,000 |
| FY2024 | Holliston Trails Committee nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $54,000 |

A further $35,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.1% of Holliston's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 25.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **25.8%** | **22.3%** | **17.1%** | **16.1%** |
| $11.1M of $43M · median town 14.1% | $12M of $54M · median town 12.2% | $12M of $70.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 20.5% · median town 10.0% |

Holliston's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $465,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Holliston's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 29.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 37.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $11.1 million in FY2006 to $12 million in FY2025, +8.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.3 million of Holliston's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+10.4%** | **+48.6%** | **5 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $4.9M to $5.4M · all towns +54.0% | $6.6M to $9.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Holliston's health insurance would have been $6.11 million in FY2025; it was $5.41 million, $708,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.20 million in FY2025; it was $9.76 million, $1.56 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Holliston's government came to $1.7 million, 3.4 times the $510,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.7M | 3.4 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.8M | 3.6 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.8M | 3.6 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Holliston's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 57th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$9.9M** | **$27.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **–3%** |
| 57th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Holliston runs its own school district and also belongs to South Middlesex; Holliston accounts for 8% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Holliston, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Holliston has $681,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.5M** | **$6M** | **$681,000** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 297th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **17** | **2** | **$1.9M** |
| none rated poor | of five town-owned dams | bridges $750,000 · dams $1.2M · culverts $0 |


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Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Holliston came on average 38 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $508,000 | $0 | $210,000 | $508,000 |
| FY2018 | $512,000 | $0 | $325,000 | $695,000 |
| FY2019 | $510,000 | $102,000 | $27,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2020 | $512,000 | $51,000 | $277,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2021 | $511,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.4M |
| FY2022 | $507,000 | $295,000 | $1.4M | $2M |
| FY2023 | $511,000 | $0 | $771,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | $511,000 | $300,000 | $930,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2025 | $508,000 | $140,000 | $557,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2026 | $797,000 | $452,000 | $2.3M | $681,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $794,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

The full list of the 23 bridges in Holliston in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Houghton Pond Dam Design Alternatives Assessment source | $153,000 |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2022 | Dam and Seawall award | Factory Pond Dam Rehabilitation source | $1M |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Holliston received $4.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 95% of the $5.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Holliston ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2 million in earmarks placed in Holliston, $80,000 (4%) went to organizations rather than to Holliston's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Holliston** this town | **41** | **$9,911** | **$189** | **$129** | **0.85** | **3.1%** |
| North Reading peer | 38 | $8,458 | $326 | $76.44 | 0.68 | 3.0% |
| Westford peer | 45 | $10,874 | $400 | $41.76 | 1.34 | 2.9% |
| Sharon peer | 35 | $8,474 | $593 | $38.45 | 1.92 | 3.1% |
| Medway peer · best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Norfolk peer | 38 | $8,835 | $264 | $53.87 | 0.87 | 2.7% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Holyoke

City · Hampden County · 37,813 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
5th Hampden · Patricia A. Duffy

**STATE SENATE**
Hampden and Hampshire · John C. Velis

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Holyoke Public Schools, the city's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Holyoke scores 78 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 74 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

78 / 100

4th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | 71 | 77 | 84 |

Rank under other weightings: 4th to 5th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Holyoke received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 78 stays between 76 and 80 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

74 / 100

98th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 66 | 75 | 80 |

Rank under other weightings: 90th to 114th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

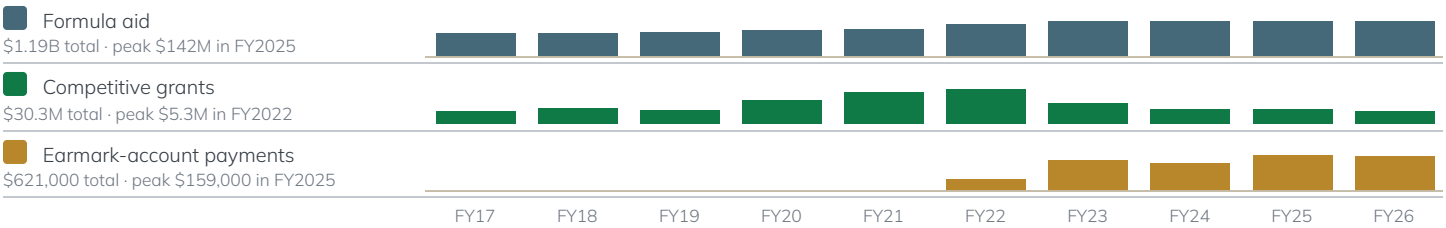
Holyoke received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 74 stays between 72 and 76 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Holyoke's town government and school districts received $1.19 billion in formula aid and $30.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $1.19B | $30.3M | $621,000 |
| $31,543 per resident (5th of 351) · gross | $801 per resident (94th of 351) | $16.42 per resident (223rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Holyoke were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $54.2 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Holyoke received $392,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2.9 million placed in the city or town and $4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $392,000 | $2.9M | $4M | No |
| $10.36 per resident (270th of 351) | $77.35 per resident (99th of 351) · 87% to organizations | $105 per resident (71st of 351) · 64% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 53 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $392,000 went to Holyoke's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2.5 million went to organizations in Holyoke or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Holyoke but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $1 million, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $1 million in ten clauses for state facilities located in Holyoke (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Holyoke, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (63 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for building restorations and upgrades in the city of Holyoke" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $200,000 | "the continued operation of an ombudsman's office at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke to act as an independent, impartial and confidential resource for the community" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2021 | $200,000 | "the creation of an ombudsman's office at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke to act as an independent, impartial and confidential resource for the community" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2021 | $200,000 | "the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke to ensure the best quality of resources for patients and staff" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2019 | $200,000 | "support the operation of the Eureka program in the Holyoke, Lynn and Worcester chapters of Girls Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 63 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Holyoke received 1.95 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**133.0**<br>46th of 351 · 3.5 per 1,000 residents (300th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$50M**<br>scored exposure $15.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**113**<br>89th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**5**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.2 sq mi**<br>16% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**37,855**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.43**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.95; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**824 acres**<br>6.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$139,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$169**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$5,220**<br>FY2017–2025 · 350th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HOLYOKE

## Holyoke has 2,314 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 326 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,314 acres**<br>17.1% of Holyoke's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**326 acres**<br>2.4% of Holyoke's land · 25 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**457 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 44 | 2,314 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 22 | 748 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 80 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 15 | 206 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 41 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 12 | 424 |
| Conservation restriction | 23 | 457 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | 393 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 335 |
| Public Health and Soldiers' Homes | 1 | 16 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 4 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Tom State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,658 | |
| East Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 544 | |
| Mt. Tom WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 82 | |
| Holyoke Community College Fields | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 15 | |
| Holyoke Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |
| Henry J. Fitzpatrick Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |
| Southampton WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2 | |
| Community Field | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 177.2 miles of public road in Holyoke, the state maintains 17.4 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 17.4 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 133.3 | 75% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 19.5 | 11% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $80,000 | “Holyoke Community College to purchase new vehicles” |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | “the purpose of Holyoke Community College Thrive program for wraparound services to vulnerable students” |
| FY2024 | $60,000 | “education and career training for incarcerated individuals at Holyoke Community College” |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | “an Energized Radiology Laboratory for the Veterinary Tech program at Holyoke Community College” |
| FY2022 | $200,000 | “the continued operation of an ombudsman’s office at the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke to act as an independent, impartial and confidential resource for…” |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | “a manufacturing training program at Holyoke Community College” |
| FY2021 | $200,000 | “the creation of an ombudsman’s office at the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke to act as an independent, impartial and confidential resource for the community” |
| FY2021 | $200,000 | “the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke to ensure the best quality of resources for patients and staff” |
| FY2019 | $30,000 | “the Holyoke Safe Neighbor Initiative at the Hampden County Sheriff's department” |
| FY2017 | $100,000 | “high school students enrolled at Holyoke Community College” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Holyoke $127 million and takes back $25.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $102 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$127 million** | **$25.4 million** | **$102 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 20% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $111M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $2.2M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $608,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $12.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $161,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $146,000 |
| State Owned Land | $139,000 |
| Public Libraries | $164,000 |


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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $4.6M |
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,801 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $82,000 |
| Regional Transit | $1.4M |
| Special Education | $99,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $3.9M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $15.3M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HOLYOKE

## State programs also awarded $9.7 million to organizations in Holyoke other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Holyoke. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | LightHouse Holyoke nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2027 | Holyoke Health Center, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2023 | Holyoke Community College nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $500,000 |
| FY2026 | Holyoke Community College nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $449,000 |
| FY2025 | Wrights Block nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $400,000 |
| FY2022 | Holyoke Community College nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $400,000 |
| FY2024 | Holyoke Community College nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $350,000 |
| FY2019 | Holyoke Community College nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $300,000 |
| FY2020 | Holyoke Community College nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $300,000 |
| FY2019 | Holyoke Community Media nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Holyoke Community Media nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Holyoke Community College nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $199,000 |
| FY2017 | Nuestras Raices nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $194,000 |
| FY2020 | Wistariahurst Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $110,000 |
| FY2022 | EforAll/EparaTodos Holyoke nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 24 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $4.5 million in 18 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## The Division of Local Services shows no FY2025 general-fund spending for Holyoke; in FY2016 state aid covered 57.9% of it.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **62.2%** | **57.9%** | not reported | not reported |
| $81M of $130M · median town 14.1% | $82.4M of $142M · median town 12.2% | aid $118M; spending not reported · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 50.8% · median town 10.0% |

**Holyoke's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 6.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 16.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $81 million in FY2006 to $118 million in FY2025, +45.2% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| not reported | not reported | 3 of 7 | 5 of 7 |
| FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +54.0% | FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth · two years not reported | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth · two years not reported |

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Holyoke's health insurance is not reported for FY2016 or FY2025, so its earmarks are not set against it.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $342,000 | not reported | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.7M | not reported | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.7M | not reported | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Holyoke's required school contribution is 1.7% of median household income, 326th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $107M | $14M |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 1.7% | +25% |
| 326th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Holyoke runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $114 million for schools serving Holyoke, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Holyoke's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $114M | 14 | $8.66B |
| $3,022 per resident (52nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Holyoke's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Maurice A. Donahue Elementary School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $4.4M | $4.4M |
| FY2026 | Lt. Clayre Sullivan Middle School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $5.2M | $5.2M |
| FY2026 | Lt. Elmer J. McMahon Elementary School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3.4M | $3.4M |
| FY2026 | Kelly Elementary School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $6.6M | $6.6M |
| FY2026 | Holyoke High School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $9.9M | $9.9M |
| FY2024 | William R. Peck Middle School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Holyoke | Core | $11.7M | $11.7M |
| FY2024 | William J. Dean Vocational Technical High School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | Maurice A. Donahue Elementary School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Partial Window/Door) | $2.6M | $2.6M |
| FY2024 | Lt. Elmer J. McMahon Elementary School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $2.7M | $2.7M |
| FY2024 | H.B. Lawrence School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $3.4M | $3.4M |
| FY2023 | William R. Peck Middle School | Holyoke | Core | $46.8M | $46.8M |
| FY2022 | Maurice A. Donahue School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.2M | $2.2M |
| FY2022 | Lt. Clayre P. Sullivan School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.6M | $1.6M |
| FY2022 | E.N. White Elementary School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2M | $2M |
| FY2018 | William G. Morgan Community School | Holyoke | Accelerated Repair (Partial Window/Door) | $1.9M | $1.9M |

Printed: the 15 most recent of 17 rows; the web page lists all of them.

Not counted: H.B. Lawrence School (Holyoke), approved FY2020 for up to $75.8 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $11.7 million to grants for one project serving Holyoke, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Holyoke has $4.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and five high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$14.4M**<br>$2.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$4.1M**<br>annual program: 2.4 years of its yearly money · 51st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**12**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**5**<br>of ten town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$68,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $68,000 |

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Holyoke owns five high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |
| FY2018 | $1M | $0 | $976,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2019 | $1M | $209,000 | $1.2M | $1.7M |
| FY2020 | $1M | $104,000 | $95,000 | $2.7M |
| FY2021 | $1M | $0 | $1.1M | $2.7M |
| FY2022 | $1M | $445,000 | $293,000 | $3.9M |
| FY2023 | $1M | $0 | $1.9M | $3M |
| FY2024 | $1M | $523,000 | $1.5M | $3M |
| FY2025 | $1M | $274,000 | $1.9M | $2.4M |
| FY2026 | $1.4M | $727,000 | $500,000 | $4.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.4M | $0 | $0 | $5.5M |

The full list of the 58 bridges in Holyoke in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Holyoke Levee Pump Stations 5-7 Improvements Design source | $250,000 |
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Holyoke Levee Control System Improvements Pump Station Design source | $188,000 |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Keyes Rd over Broad Brook source | $68,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Holyoke received $44.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 88% of the $50.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Holyoke ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

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| **Holyoke** this town | **78** | **$31,543** | **$801** | **$77.35†** | **1.95** | **1.7%** |
| Fitchburg peer | 68 | $22,494 | $765 | $118† | 2.33 | 2.1% |
| Chicopee peer · lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |
| Chelsea peer | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Pittsfield peer | 59 | $17,230 | $454 | $131† | 1.56 | 2.6% |
| Gardner peer | 60 | $17,461 | $784 | $85.79† | 2.19 | 2.3% |
| Springfield best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Hopedale

Town · Worcester County · 6,027 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
10th Worcester · Brian W. Murray

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Hopedale Public Schools, the town's own district
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville and four others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Hopedale scores 54 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 49 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**54** / 100

92nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 62 | 49 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 71st to 110th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Hopedale received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 51 and 57 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**49** / 100

191st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 56 | 51 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 182nd to 198th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

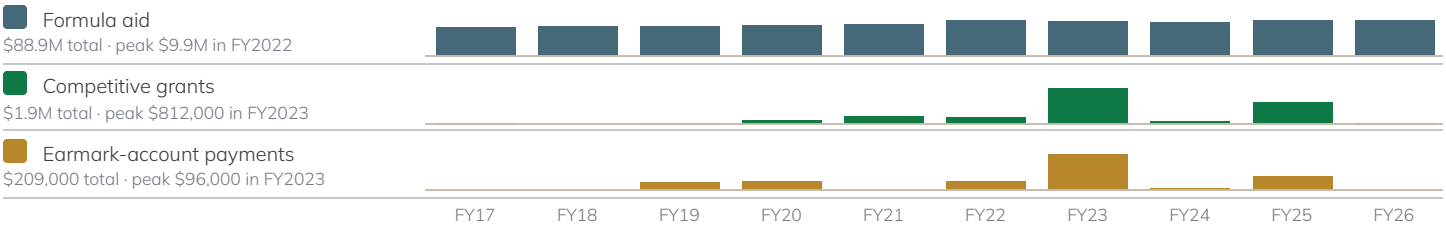
Hopedale received less than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 47 and 52 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Hopedale's town government and school districts received $88.9 million in formula aid and $1.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $88.9M | $1.9M | $209,000 |
| $14,756 per resident (77th of 351) · gross | $309 per resident (205th of 351) | $34.76 per resident (130th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hopedale peaked in FY2023 at $812,000, 44% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Hopedale received $402,000 in local earmarks to its government, $852,000 placed in the city or town and $852,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $402,000 | $852,000 | $852,000 | No |
| $66.68 per resident (48th of 351) | $141 per resident (32nd of 351) · 53% to organizations | $141 per resident (40th of 351) · 53% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 19 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $402,000 went to Hopedale's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $450,000 went to organizations in Hopedale or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Hopedale, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (19 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "improvements to the Phillips and Mellen field in the town of Hopedale" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $65,000 | "the purchase of an EMS stretcher power local system with a 6-year service agreement, for the town of Hopedale" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "The Serenity House, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "The Serenity House, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "The Serenity House, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 19 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hopedale received 38% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**28.2**<br>326th of 351 · 4.7 per 1,000 residents (250th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3.4M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**20**<br>327th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**5.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,090**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.81**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.38; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$53**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$11.04**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,815**<br>FY2017–2025 · 174th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HOPEDALE

## Hopedale has 5 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5 acres**<br>0.2% of Hopedale's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**18 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 5 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 9 |
| Conservation restriction | 2 | 18 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Upton State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 32.0 miles of public road in Hopedale, the state maintains 1.8 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.8 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 28.2 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.0 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hopedale $8.8 million and takes back $504,000 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $8.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.8 million** | **$504,000** | **$8.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $56,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.2M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $845,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $38,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $33,000 |
| State Owned Land | $53 |
| Public Libraries | $17,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $21,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,871 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,200 |
| Regional Transit | $3,814 |
| Special Education | $179 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $153,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $320,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 26.1% of Hopedale's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 46.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **46.1%** | **38.8%** | **26.1%** | **24.9%** |
| $7.8M of $16.9M · median town 14.1% | $8.4M of $21.6M · median town 12.2% | $8.3M of $31.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 40.3% · median town 10.0% |

Hopedale's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $583,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Hopedale's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 31.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 38.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.8 million in FY2006 to $8.3 million in FY2025, +7.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.1 million of Hopedale's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+63.1%** | **+77.1%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $2.5M to $4.1M · all towns +54.0% | $3.6M to $6.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hopedale's health insurance would have been $3.12 million in FY2025; it was $4.08 million, $957,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.51 million in FY2025; it was $6.39 million, $1.88 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hopedale's government came to $367,000, 23.2% of the $1.58 million rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $367,000 | 23.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $767,000 | 48.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $767,000 | 48.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hopedale's required school contribution is 3.2% of median household income, 40th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$7.1M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.2%**<br>40th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–9%**<br>after inflation |

Hopedale runs its own school district and also belongs to Blackstone Valley; Hopedale accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $204,000 for schools serving Hopedale, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Hopedale's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$204,000**<br>$33.83 per resident (260th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Hopedale's share |
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $160,000 (6%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $44,000 (6%) |

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| Town-owned bridges<br>**4**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1.3M of work on those ($600,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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| FY2018 | $173,000 | $0 | $180,000 | $173,000 |
| FY2019 | $171,000 | $34,000 | $130,000 | $248,000 |
| FY2020 | $171,000 | $17,000 | $242,000 | $254,000 |
| FY2021 | $171,000 | $0 | $0 | $425,000 |
| FY2022 | $175,000 | $94,000 | $0 | $693,000 |
| FY2023 | $173,000 | $0 | $94,000 | $773,000 |
| FY2024 | $173,000 | $99,000 | $114,000 | $930,000 |
| FY2025 | $172,000 | $48,000 | $602,000 | $548,000 |
| FY2026 | $265,000 | $146,000 | $426,000 | $534,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $264,000 | $0 | $0 | $798,000 |

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| Southwick peer | 56 | $14,645 | $652 | $57.30 | 0.77 | 2.4% |
| Millville peer | 56 | $14,661 | $545 | $114 | 1.93 | 2.0% |
| Sturbridge peer | 51 | $13,598 | $158 | $56.22 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Williamsburg lowest in class of 30 | 41 | $9,541 | $578 | $3.71 | 1.40 | 2.2% |


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Hopkinton

Town · Middlesex County · 19,358 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

8th Middlesex · James C. Arena-DeRosa

STATE SENATE

Middlesex and Norfolk · Karen E. Spilka

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Hopkinton Public Schools**, the town's own district

**South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashland, Framingham, Holliston and Natick

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Hopkinton scores 31 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 54 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**31** / 100

294th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 52 | 17 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 262nd to 334th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Hopkinton received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 26 and 37 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**54** / 100

176th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 72 | 48 | 47 |

Rank under other weightings: 161st to 190th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

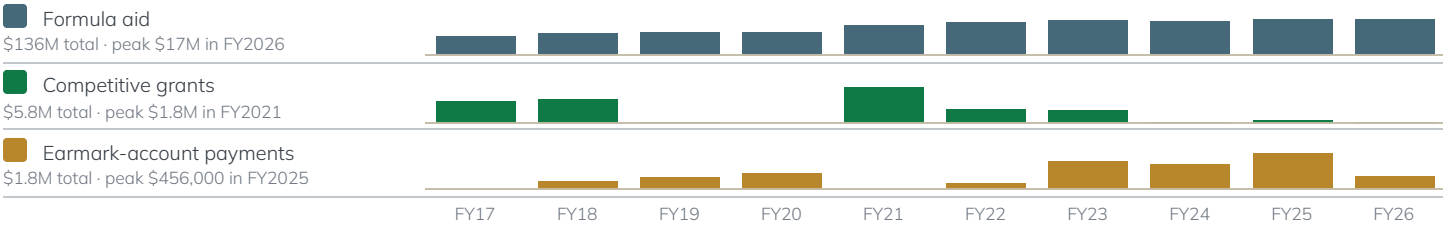
Hopkinton received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 50 and 58 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Hopkinton's town government and school districts received $136 million in formula aid and $5.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$136M** | **$5.8M** | **$1.8M** |
| $7,048 per resident (288th of 351) · gross | $297 per resident (211th of 351) | $93.59 per resident (28th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hopkinton peaked in FY2021 at $1.8 million, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Hopkinton received $1.5 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.8 million placed in the city or town and $1.8 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.5M** | **$1.8M** | **$1.8M** | **No** |
| $78.84 per resident (37th of 351) | $94.08 per resident (76th of 351) · 16% to organizations | $94.08 per resident (89th of 351) · 16% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 31 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.5 million went to Hopkinton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $295,000 went to organizations in Hopkinton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Hopkinton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (31 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $130,000 | "the STEAMMATES program for at-risk students at Hopkinton High School" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $125,000 | "improvements to the fire department in the town of Hopkinton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $117,000 (split six ways) | "communities in the Metrowest region, including the city of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick to address mental health needs in schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $117,000 (split six ways) | "communities in the Metrowest region, including the city of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick to address mental health needs in schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "Project Just Because, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 31 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hopkinton received 33% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**116.8**<br>66th of 351 · 6.0 per 1,000 residents (188th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.9M**<br>scored exposure $1.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**128**<br>65th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.2 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**19,358**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.83**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.33; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,748 acres**<br>10.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$656,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$375**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$71,310**<br>FY2017–2025 · 15th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HOPKINTON

## Hopkinton has 2,362 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 275 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,362 acres**<br>14.1% of Hopkinton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**275 acres**<br>1.6% of Hopkinton's land · 29 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**739 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 64 | 2,362 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 14 | 2,362 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 14 | 118 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 69 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 87 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 19 | 450 |
| Conservation restriction | 37 | 739 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 1 | 8 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | 2,349 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 13 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Whitehall State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 854 | |
| Hopkinton State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 823 | |
| Upton State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 479 | |
| Cedar Swamp | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 206 | |
| North Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |
| Sudbury River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 124.8 miles of public road in Hopkinton, the state maintains 8.7 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.7 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 106.0 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 9.9 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hopkinton $13.4 million and takes back $511,000 in assessments and charges, a net $12.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.4 million** | **$511,000** | **$12.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $20,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $24,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $71,000 |
| State Owned Land | $672,000 |
| Public Libraries | $48,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $109,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,128 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| MBTA | $62,000 |
| Regional Transit | $90,000 |
| Special Education | $11,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $135,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $72,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HOPKINTON

## State programs also awarded $382,000 to organizations in Hopkinton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Hopkinton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Hopkinton Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $180,000 |
| FY2020 | Hopkinton Upper Charles Trail Committee nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $112,000 |
| FY2024 | Hopkinton Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $83,000 |
| FY2020 | Hopkinton Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.9% of Hopkinton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.2%** | **12.7%** | **10.9%** | **10.5%** |
| $9.2M of $50.4M · median town 14.1% | $8.6M of $67.5M · median town 12.2% | $12M of $110M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.8% · median town 10.0% |

Hopkinton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $107,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Hopkinton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 15.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 25.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $9.2 million in FY2006 to $12 million in FY2025, +30.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.2 million of Hopkinton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+89.4%** | **+76.8%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $5.6M to $10.7M · all towns +54.0% | $8.5M to $15.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hopkinton's health insurance would have been $7.03 million in FY2025; it was $10.7 million, $3.64 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $10.7 million in FY2025; it was $15.1 million, $4.43 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+60%) and FY2025 (+66%); fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2025 (+43%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hopkinton's government came to $1.3 million, 26.8% of the $5.04 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.3M | 26.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.5M | 30.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.5M | 30.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hopkinton's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 47th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$11M** | **$46.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **+8%** |
| 47th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Hopkinton runs its own school district and also belongs to South Middlesex; Hopkinton accounts for 3% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $61.5 million for schools serving


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## Hopkinton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Hopkinton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$61.5M**<br>$3,178 per resident (46th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Hopkinton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Elmwood Elementary School | Hopkinton | Core | $61.5M | $61.5M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Hopkinton has $1.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.6M**<br>$1.7M of it one-time supplements | **$6.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.9M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 209th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
| **15**<br>one rated poor; likely about $591,000 of work on those ($284,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **2**<br>of four town-owned dams | **$652,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $538,000 · culverts $115,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Hopkinton came on average 11 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Hopkinton owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $652,000 | $0 | $182,000 | $470,000 |
| FY2018 | $651,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $11 |
| FY2019 | $650,000 | $130,000 | $650,000 | $130,000 |
| FY2020 | $643,000 | $64,000 | $643,000 | $223,000 |
| FY2021 | $640,000 | $0 | $825,000 | $37,000 |
| FY2022 | $636,000 | $354,000 | $635,000 | $391,000 |
| FY2023 | $646,000 | $0 | $1M | $2,511 |
| FY2024 | $638,000 | $367,000 | $974,000 | $34,000 |
| FY2025 | $638,000 | $174,000 | $638,000 | $208,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $600,000 | $0 | $1.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $2.9M |

The full list of the 30 bridges in Hopkinton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Lake Maspenock Dam Improvements Design source | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Culvert training site (DER) award | Unnamed Tributary to Whitehall Brook Culvert Replacements source | $115,000 |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | FY23 Lake Maspenock Dam Repair source | $338,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

### Hopkinton received $7.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 44% more than the $5.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Hopkinton ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.8 million in earmarks placed in Hopkinton, $295,000 (16%) went to organizations rather than to Hopkinton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hopkinton** this town | **31** | **$7,048** | **$297** | **$94.08** | **0.33** | **3.1%** |
| Sudbury peer | 38 | $9,414 | $150 | $47.32 | 0.49 | 2.7% |
| Norwell peer | 35 | $7,878 | $687 | $57.61† | 1.24 | 3.4% |
| Belmont peer | 32 | $7,271 | $63.18 | $101 | 0.65 | 2.6% |
| Medfield peer | 38 | $8,137 | $388 | $73.25 | 2.14 | 2.3% |
| Wellesley peer | 28 | $6,221 | $46.83 | $85.74 | 0.18 | 1.9% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Hubbardston

Town · Worcester County · 4,371 residents (ACS 2020–24)

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STATE HOUSE

5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Quabbin Regional School District, shared with Barre, Hardwick, New Braintree and Oakham

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden and nine others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Hubbardston scores 59 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 42 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**59** / 100

55th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 64 | 51 | 61 |

Rank under other weightings: 43rd to 66th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Hubbardston received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 56 and 61 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**42** / 100

220th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 49 | 31 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 212th to 228th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

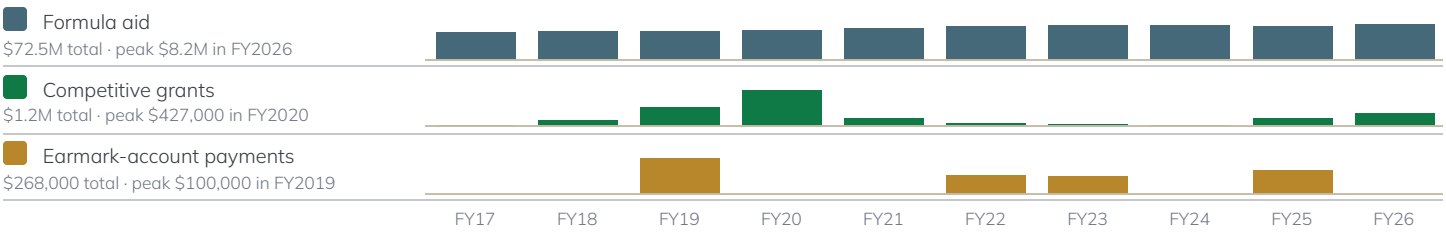
Hubbardston received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 40 and 46 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Hubbardston's town government and school districts received $72.5 million in formula aid and $1.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $72.5M | $1.2M | $268,000 |
| $16,583 per resident (51st of 351) · gross | $264 per resident (224th of 351) | $61.39 per resident (52nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hubbardston peaked in FY2020 at $427,000, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Hubbardston received $291,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $291,000 | $291,000 | $291,000 | No |
| $66.58 per resident (49th of 351) | $66.58 per resident (120th of 351) | $66.58 per resident (127th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Hubbardston's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Hubbardston, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the town of Hubbardston for repairs to the Hubbardston public library" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $66,000 | "the purchase of a replacement boiler at the Hubbardston Center school in the town of Hubbardston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the improvement of public works equipment and facilities in the town of Hubbardston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "elevator improvements at the Hubbardston center school in the town of Hubbardston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the Hubbardston senior center in the town of Hubbardston" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hubbardston received 33% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**84.1**<br>141st of 351 · 19.2 per 1,000 residents (61st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.5M**<br>scored exposure $3.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**76**<br>179th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**41.1 sq mi**<br>39% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**4,371**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.25**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.33; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,423 acres**<br>5.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$122,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$86.03**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,943**<br>FY2017–2025 · 293rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HUBBARDSTON

## Hubbardston has 10,522 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,802 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**10,522 acres**<br>40.0% of Hubbardston's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,802 acres**<br>6.9% of Hubbardston's land · 75 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**46 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**259 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 204 | 10,522 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 165 | 10,602 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 21 | 893 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 39 | 630 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 15 | 279 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 51 | 2,237 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 46 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 259 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 8 | 706 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 136 | 9,064 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 29 | 1,539 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ware River Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 8,577 | |
| Hubbardston State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,183 | |
| Hubbardston WMA | DCR Water Supply Protection | 391 | |
| Phillipston WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 166 | |
| Natty Brook Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 93 | |
| Wachusett Mountain State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 92 | |
| Ware River Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | |
| Moosehorn Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 7 | |
| Williamsville Pond Boat Ramp | DCR Water Supply Protection | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 86.5 miles of public road in Hubbardston, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 84.1 | 97% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.0 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hubbardston $756,000 and takes back $12,000 in assessments and charges, a net $743,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$756,000** | **$12,000** | **$743,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 2% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $585,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $33,000 |
| State Owned Land | $125,000 |
| Public Libraries | $13,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,329 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,240 |
| Regional Transit | $6,685 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HUBBARDSTON

## State programs also awarded $143,000 to organizations in Hubbardston other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Montachusett Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $143,000 |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.3% of Hubbardston's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8.0% | 6.5% | 6.3% | 6.2% |
| $488,000 of $6.1M · median town 14.1% | $523,000 of $8M · median town 12.2% | $712,000 of $11.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.4% · median town 10.0% |

Hubbardston's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $4.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Hubbardston's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 5.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 16.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $488,000 in FY2006 to $712,000 in FY2025, +45.9% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +0.7% | +71.8% | 5 of 9 | 3 of 9 |
| $156,000 to $158,000 · all towns +54.0% | $470,000 to $808,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hubbardston's health insurance would have been $195,000 in FY2025; it was $158,000, $38,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $587,000 in FY2025; it was $808,000, $221,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+40%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hubbardston's government came to $291,000, 265.3 times the $1,097 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $291,000 | 265.3 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $291,000 | 265.3 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $291,000 | 265.3 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hubbardston's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 275th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $4.9M | $4.8M |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.3% | –6% |
| 275th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Hubbardston has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Quabbin and Montachusett; Hubbardston accounts for 29% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $481,000 for schools serving Hubbardston, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Hubbardston's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $481,000 | 1 | $8.66B |
| $110 per resident (236th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Hubbardston's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Hubbardston Center School | Quabbin | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.6M | $481,000 (29%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Hubbardston's share of the final cost was $739,000 against its share of the approved budget of $867,000 (under by $127,000); the local share moved from $385,000 to $302,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hubbardston has $823,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$5.8M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$823,000**<br>annual program: 0.4 years of its yearly money · 291st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**22**<br>one rated poor; about $1.7M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$418,000**<br>bridges $418,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Hubbardston came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $361,000 | $0 | $401,000 | $119,000 |
| FY2018 | $356,000 | $0 | $343,000 | $132,000 |
| FY2019 | $357,000 | $71,000 | $431,000 | $303,000 |
| FY2020 | $355,000 | $36,000 | $492,000 | $248,000 |
| FY2021 | $354,000 | $0 | $535,000 | $67,000 |
| FY2022 | $354,000 | $280,000 | $356,000 | $346,000 |
| FY2023 | $358,000 | $0 | $615,000 | $89,000 |
| FY2024 | $358,000 | $350,000 | $653,000 | $143,000 |
| FY2025 | $357,000 | $201,000 | $285,000 | $416,000 |
| FY2026 | $635,000 | $405,000 | $633,000 | $823,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $634,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Hubbardston in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hubbardston received $1.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 63% of the $2.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Hubbardston ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its


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ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hubbardston** this town | **59** | **$16,583** | **$264** | **$66.58** | **0.33** | **2.3%** |
| Avon peer | 46 | $10,665 | $1,049 | $101 | 3.02 | 3.0% |
| Ashby peer | 56 | $15,057 | $337 | $62.29 | 0.63 | 2.3% |
| Southampton peer | 49 | $11,984 | $317 | $22.65 | 1.74 | 2.9% |
| West Bridgewater peer | 41 | $10,584 | $177 | $65.30 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Shutesbury lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $14,882 | $4,462 | $0 | 0.50 | 2.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Hudson

Town · Middlesex County · 20,077 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

3rd Middlesex · Kate Hogan

STATE SENATE

Middlesex and Worcester · James B. Eldridge

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Hudson Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berlin, Marlborough, Maynard, Northborough, Southborough and Westborough

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Hudson scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 36 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**42** / 100

196th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 45 | 43 | 37 |

Rank under other weightings: 179th to 209th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Hudson received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 41 and 43 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**36** / 100

245th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 37 | 40 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 237th to 258th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

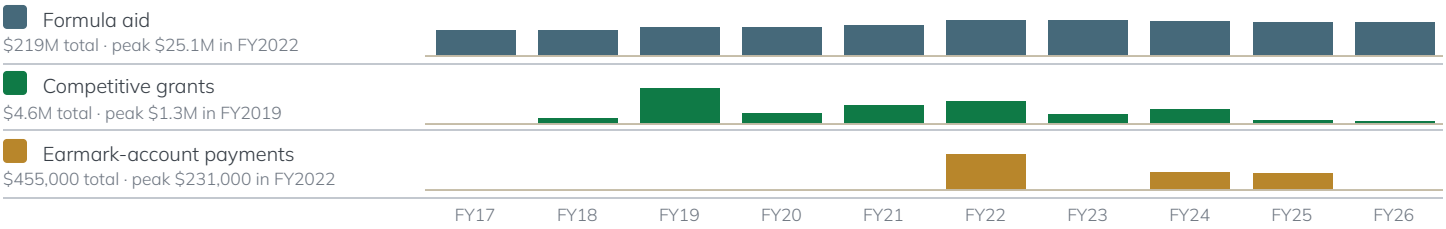
Hudson received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 34 and 37 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Hudson's town government and school districts received $219 million in formula aid and $4.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$219M** | **$4.6M** | **$455,000** |
| $10,896 per resident (149th of 351) · gross | $229 per resident (238th of 351) | $22.65 per resident (187th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hudson peaked in FY2019 at $1.3 million, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $26.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Hudson received $770,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.3 million placed in the city or town and $1.3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$770,000** | **$1.3M** | **$1.3M** | **No** |
| $38.35 per resident (118th of 351) | $66.49 per resident (121st of 351) · 42% to organizations | $66.49 per resident (128th of 351) · 42% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 19 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $770,000 went to Hudson's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $565,000 went to organizations in Hudson or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Hudson, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (19 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $230,000 | "the town of Hudson to purchase the Hudson Armory located at the intersection of Park street and Washington street in the town of Hudson" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "the Hudson council on aging for general improvements to the Hudson Senior Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "Hudson Cultural Alliance, Inc. for the planning, construction, renovation, property management and maintenance work at the Hudson Armory located at the intersection of Park and Washington streets in the town of Hudson" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "Fresh Start Furniture Bank, Inc. in the town of Hudson" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the Fresh Start Furniture Bank, Inc. of Hudson" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 19 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hudson received 91% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**87.7**<br>127th of 351 · 4.4 per 1,000 residents (266th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$15.7M**<br>scored exposure $3.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**113**<br>89th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**11.5 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**20,120**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.64**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.91; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**110 acres**<br>1.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$94,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$857**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,430**<br>FY2017–2025 · 234th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HUDSON

## Hudson has 106 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 25 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**106 acres**<br>1.4% of Hudson's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**25 acres**<br>0.3% of Hudson's land · 7 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**85 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 106 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 106 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 18 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 7 |
| Conservation restriction | 7 | 85 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 106 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Marlborough-Sudbury State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 106 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 92.0 miles of public road in Hudson, the state maintains 0.8 (1%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.8 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 87.7 | 95% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.6 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Hudson $18.9 million and takes back $7 million in assessments and charges, a net $12 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.9 million** | **$7 million** | **$12 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 37% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $14.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $450,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.3M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $51,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $167,000 |
| State Owned Land | $94,000 |
| Public Libraries | $57,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $2M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $52,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,554 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $31,000 |
| Regional Transit | $61,000 |
| Special Education | $2,016 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $209,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $4.6M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HUDSON

## State programs also awarded $850,000 to organizations in Hudson other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Oars, Inc. nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $250,000 |
| FY2021 | Hudson Cultural Alliance nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | American Heritage Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Hudson Cultural Alliance nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## The Division of Local Services shows no FY2025 general-fund spending for Hudson; in FY2016 state aid


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covered 19.9% of it.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17.6% | 19.9% | not reported | not reported |
| $9M of $50.9M · median town 14.1% | $14.6M of $73.3M · median town 12.2% | aid $18.9M; spending not reported · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 16.2% · median town 10.0% |

Hudson's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Hudson's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 35.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 20.7% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $9 million in FY2006 to $18.9 million in FY2025, +110.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $443,000 of Hudson's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| not reported | not reported | 3 of 7 | 2 of 7 |
| FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +54.0% | FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth · two years not reported | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth · two years not reported |

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Hudson's health insurance is not reported for FY2016 or FY2025, so its earmarks are not set against it.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $770,000 | not reported | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.2M | not reported | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.2M | not reported | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hudson's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 63rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $15.6M | $26.4M |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 3.1% | +0% |
| 63rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Hudson runs its own school district and also belongs to Assabet Valley; Hudson accounts for 18% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Hudson, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hudson has $2.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| $8.4M | $5.1M | $2.4M |
| $1.4M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.0 years of its yearly money · 77th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| 13 | 1 | $0 |
| two rated poor; likely about $2.2M of work on those ($2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of three town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Hudson came on average 33 months after the


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start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Hudson owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Hudson owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $594,000 | $0 | $407,000 | $594,000 |
| FY2018 | $588,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2019 | $582,000 | $116,000 | $973,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2020 | $578,000 | $58,000 | $1.1M | $1.2M |
| FY2021 | $577,000 | $0 | $386,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2022 | $578,000 | $290,000 | $736,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $579,000 | $0 | $926,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $578,000 | $319,000 | $781,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2025 | $576,000 | $158,000 | $384,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2026 | $863,000 | $463,000 | $546,000 | $2.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $857,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.3M |

The full list of the 23 bridges in Hudson in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hudson received $5.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 70% of the $8.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Hudson ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.3 million in earmarks placed in Hudson, $565,000 (42%) went to organizations rather than to Hudson's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hudson** this town | **42** | **$10,896** | **$229** | **$66.49** | **0.91** | **3.1%** |
| Winthrop peer · best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Amesbury peer | 39 | $9,706 | $676 | $64.69 | 2.17 | 2.8% |
| Rockland peer | 52 | $13,816 | $523 | $41.44 | 1.27 | 2.5% |
| Wareham peer | 47 | $10,699 | $733 | $18.13 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Maynard peer | 40 | $10,015 | $584 | $105 | 2.79 | 2.5% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Hull

Town · Plymouth County · 10,138 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Plymouth · Joan Meschino | First Plymouth and Norfolk · Patrick M. O'Connor | Hull Public Schools, the town's own district | Metropolitan Area Planning Council |

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Hull scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 64 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**42** / 100

198th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 44 | 52 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 164th to 230th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Hull received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 38 and 46 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**64** / 100

135th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 62 | 70 | 62 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 130th to 139th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

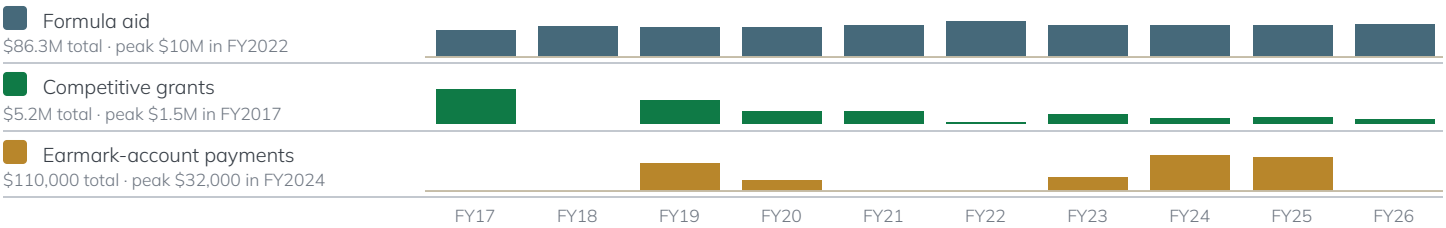
Hull received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 64 stays between 62 and 65 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Hull's town government and school districts received $86.3 million in formula aid and $5.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$86.3M** | **$5.2M** | **$110,000** |
| $8,515 per resident (234th of 351) · gross | $509 per resident (137th of 351) | $10.83 per resident (256th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Hull peaked in FY2017 at $1.5 million, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $13.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Hull received $249,000 in local earmarks to its government, $623,000 placed in the city or town and $1.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$249,000** | **$623,000** | **$1.1M** | **No** |
| $24.54 per resident (186th of 351) | $61.46 per resident (137th of 351) · 60% to organizations | $112 per resident (63rd of 351) · 33% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 18 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $249,000 went to Hull's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $374,000 went to organizations in Hull or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Hull but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $514,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $514,000 in four clauses for state facilities located in Hull (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Hull, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (22 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $129,000 (split seven ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of Boston to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan..." | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2025 | $129,000 (split seven ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of Boston to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan..." | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2023 | $129,000 (split seven ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere, Winthrop and Quincy, the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of Boston and the towns of Nahant and Hull to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in..." | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2020 | $129,000 (split seven ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in the Dorchester, East Boston and South Boston sections of the city of Boston, in the cities of Lynn, Quincy and Revere, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the towns of Hull and Nahant to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan..." | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2017 | $114,000 | "establish a school resource officer position for the town of Hull public schools, including school resource officer salary and benefits, school safety consultants and training and security camera enhancements" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 22 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Hull received 1.65 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**50.8**<br>247th of 351 · 5.0 per 1,000 residents (231st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.1M**<br>scored exposure $190,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**0**<br>346th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**2.9 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**13%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,750**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.42**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.65; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**81 acres**<br>4.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$42,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$514**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$27,353**<br>FY2017–2025 · 121st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HULL

## Hull has 256 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**256 acres**<br>13.9% of Hull's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**34 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 33 | 256 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 94 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 34 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | 94 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boston Harbor Islands State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 212 | |
| Nantasket Beach Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 35 | |
| Fort Revere Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |
| Hull Shore Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 53.6 miles of public road in Hull, the state maintains 1.8 (3%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.2 | 2% |
| DCR | 0.6 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 50.9 | 95% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.9 | 2% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2025 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2023 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere, Winthrop and Quincy, the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of…” |
| FY2020 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the Dorchester, East Boston and South Boston sections of the city of Boston, in the cities of Lynn, Quincy and Revere…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Hull $7.4 million and takes back $741,000 in assessments and charges, a net $6.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.4 million** | **$741,000** | **$6.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $4.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $12,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $147,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $206,000 |
| State Owned Land | $42,000 |
| Public Libraries | $24,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $49,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $36,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,099 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $6,239 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $14,000 |
| MBTA | $262,000 |
| Special Education | $4,843 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $99,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $265,000 |


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STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HULL

## State programs also awarded $314,000 to organizations in Hull other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Hull. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Friends of the Paragon Carousel nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $120,000 |
| FY2019 | Hull Lifesaving Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Hull Lifesaving Museum nonprofit | MOTT Destination Development grants | $50,000 |
| FY2020 | Hull Artists Studio Connection nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $22,000 |
| FY2016 | Hull Lifesaving Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $15,000 |
| FY2016 | Friends of the Paragon Carousel nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.1% of Hull's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 21.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **21.1%** | **16.7%** | **14.1%** | **12.4%** |
| $6.5M of $30.6M · median town 14.1% | $6.2M of $36.9M · median town 12.2% | $7M of $49.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 16.2% · median town 10.0% |

**Hull's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 29.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 37.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $6.5 million in FY2006 to $7 million in FY2025, +8.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+50.0%** | **+42.0%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $3.6M to $5.5M · all towns +54.0% | $7.7M to $11M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Hull's health insurance would have been $4.55 million in FY2025; it was $5.47 million, $914,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.66 million in FY2025; it was $11 million, $1.32 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Hull's government came to $249,000, 13.7% of the $1.82 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $249,000 | 13.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $573,000 | 31.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $959,000 | 52.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Hull's required school contribution is 1.6% of median household income, 332nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$4.2M** | **$8.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.6%** | **+17%** |
| 332nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Hull runs its own school district.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Hull, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Hull has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.1M**<br>$757,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.3M**<br>annual program: 2.0 years of its yearly money · 80th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $283,000 | $0 | $0 | $283,000 |
| FY2018 | $280,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $372,000 |
| FY2019 | $279,000 | $56,000 | $477,000 | $675,000 |
| FY2020 | $280,000 | $28,000 | $65,000 | $918,000 |
| FY2021 | $280,000 | $0 | $359,000 | $840,000 |
| FY2022 | $280,000 | $170,000 | $681,000 | $609,000 |
| FY2023 | $275,000 | $0 | $251,000 | $633,000 |
| FY2024 | $274,000 | $169,000 | $194,000 | $881,000 |
| FY2025 | $274,000 | $77,000 | $489,000 | $743,000 |
| FY2026 | $442,000 | $257,000 | $147,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $441,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.7M |

The one bridge in Hull in MassDOT's inventory, with its condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Nantasket Avenue Seawall Repair Phase I source | $3M |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Nantasket Avenue Seawall Repair Design source | $181,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Harborview Road Seawall Repair Design source | $112,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Hull received $6.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 8% more than the $5.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Hull ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $623,000 in earmarks placed in Hull, $374,000 (60%) went to organizations rather than to Hull's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hull** this town | **42** | **$8,515** | **$509** | **$61.46**† | **1.65** | **1.6%** |
| Mendon peer | 50 | $13,851 | $425 | $113 | 1.05 | 3.6% |
| Wrentham peer | 39 | $9,318 | $289 | $48.99 | 0.85 | 3.0% |
| Sterling peer | 34 | $8,083 | $141 | $35.44 | 0.62 | 2.6% |
| Foxborough peer | 34 | $8,398 | $121 | $73.28† | 1.08 | 3.7% |
| Seekonk peer | 31 | $7,825 | $53.68 | $16.99 | 1.67 | 3.0% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Huntington

Town · Hampshire County · 2,220 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Hampden · Nicholas A. Boldyga | Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark | Gateway Regional School District, shared with Blandford, Chester, Middlefield, Montgomery and Russell | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Huntington scores 63 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 95 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**63** / 100

32nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 67 | 58 | 62 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 27th to 39th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Huntington received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 63 stays between 61 and 65 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**95** / 100

26th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 96 | 94 | 95 | 95 |

Rank under other weightings: 16th to 31st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

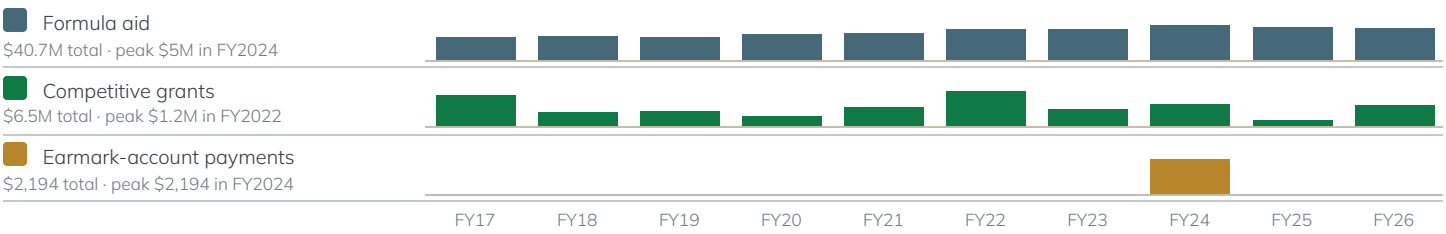
Huntington received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 95 stays between 95 and 95 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Huntington's town government and school districts received $40.7 million in formula aid and $6.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$40.7M** | **$6.5M** | **$2,194** |
| $18,322 per resident (42nd of 351) · gross | $2,918 per resident (34th of 351) | $0.99 per resident (327th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Huntington were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Huntington received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $75,000 placed in the city or town and $75,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$0** | **$75,000** | **$75,000** | **No** |
| enacted, ten budgets | $33.78 per resident (220th of 351) · all to organizations | $33.78 per resident (225th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $0 went to Huntington's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $75,000 went to organizations in Huntington or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Huntington, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "It Takes A Village in the town of Huntington for postpartum and early parenting support for families in the western region of the commonwealth" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "It Takes A Village in the town of Huntington for postpartum and early parenting support for families in western Massachusetts" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "It Takes A Village in the town of Huntington for postpartum and early parenting support for families in the western Massachusetts" | Enacted organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Huntington received 25% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**36.6**<br>304th of 351 · 16.5 per 1,000 residents (67th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5M**<br>scored exposure $842,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**42**<br>288th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.3 sq mi**<br>14% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**13%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,547**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.25; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,033 acres**<br>12.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$73,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$35.93**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$7,755**<br>FY2017–2025 · 341st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN HUNTINGTON

## Huntington has 2,366 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,471 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,366 acres**<br>14.0% of Huntington's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,471 acres**<br>14.7% of Huntington's land · 52 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,499 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 19 | 2,366 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 13 | 2,020 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 25 | 1,641 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 16 | 519 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 11 | 311 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 34 | 1,766 |
| Conservation restriction | 13 | 1,499 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 1,128 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 891 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hiram H. Fox WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,268 | |
| Huntington State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,014 | |
| C.M. Gardner State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 79 | |
| Roadside Park | State: Massachusetts Highway Department | 4 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 54.6 miles of public road in Huntington, the state maintains 11.8 (22%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.8 | 22% |
| Town-accepted | 36.6 | 67% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.7 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Huntington $993,000 and takes back $5,059 in assessments and charges, a net $988,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$993,000** | **$5,059** | **$988,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $436,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $442,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $25,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $10,000 |
| State Owned Land | $73,000 |
| Public Libraries | $7,123 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $580 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,920 |
| Regional Transit | $559 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN HUNTINGTON

## State programs also awarded $29,000 to organizations in Huntington other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Huntington. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Huntington Theatre Company nonprofit | MOTT Destination Development grants | $25,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.6% of Huntington's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 13.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.8%** | **15.2%** | **14.6%** | **14.5%** |
| $438,000 of $3.2M · median town 14.1% | $654,000 of $4.3M · median town 12.2% | $947,000 of $6.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.5% · median town 10.0% |

Huntington's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Huntington's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 39.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 24.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $438,000 in FY2006 to $947,000 in FY2025, +116.3% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–38.1%** | **+11.0%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $89,000 to $55,000 · all towns +54.0% | $192,000 to $213,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Huntington's health insurance would have been $111,000 in FY2025; it was $55,000, $56,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $240,000 in FY2025; it was $213,000, $27,000 below the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+32%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Huntington's reported health insurance fell from $89,000 in FY2016 to $55,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $50,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $50,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Huntington's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 225th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3M** | **$2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **–7%** |
| 225th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Huntington has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Huntington and Gateway; Huntington accounts for 100% and 34% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Huntington, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Huntington has $745,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.7M** | **$1.7M** | **$745,000** |
| $706,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 142nd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **9** | **0** | **$414,000** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $372,000 · dams $0 · culverts $42,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Huntington came on average 12 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $166,000 | $0 | $152,000 | $20,000 |
| FY2018 | $163,000 | $0 | $195,000 | $10 |
| FY2019 | $162,000 | $32,000 | $156,000 | $39,000 |
| FY2020 | $162,000 | $16,000 | $208,000 | $15,000 |
| FY2021 | $162,000 | $0 | $112,000 | $65,000 |
| FY2022 | $161,000 | $122,000 | $217,000 | $131,000 |
| FY2023 | $159,000 | $0 | $122,000 | $168,000 |
| FY2024 | $159,000 | $212,000 | $340,000 | $199,000 |
| FY2025 | $159,000 | $147,000 | $217,000 | $287,000 |
| FY2026 | $280,000 | $177,000 | $0 | $745,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $280,000 | $0 | $0 | $1M |

The full list of the 22 bridges in Huntington in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Bromley Road (Lower) over UNT to Westfield River / Bromley Road (Upper) over UNT to Westfield River source | $42,000 |

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| Colrain peer | 59 | $16,229 | $3,795 | $30.73† | 2.33 | 2.7% |
| Brookfield peer | 55 | $14,600 | $1,459 | $32.37 | 2.11 | 2.4% |
| Buckland peer | 59 | $14,272 | $4,838 | $55.26† | 6.12 | 2.3% |
| Granville peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |
| Hardwick peer | 63 | $20,446 | $849 | $101 | 2.32 | 2.5% |
| Shelburne best in class of 30 | 66 | $14,126 | $8,461 | $182† | 2.94 | 3.0% |


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Ipswich

Town · Essex County · 13,930 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Essex · Kristin E. Kassner

STATE SENATE

First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Ipswich Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Amesbury, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Ipswich scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 36 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

324th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 36 | 28 | 23 |

Rank under other weightings: 314th to 329th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Ipswich received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 26 and 31 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**36** / 100

246th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 50 | 20 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 231st to 263rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

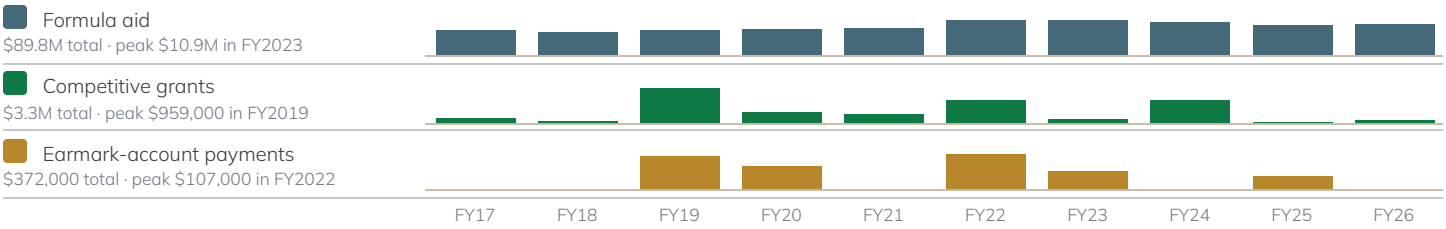
Ipswich received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 30 and 41 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Ipswich's town government and school districts received $89.8 million in formula aid and $3.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$89.8M** | **$3.3M** | **$372,000** |
| $6,449 per resident (321st of 351) · gross | $237 per resident (230th of 351) | $26.73 per resident (164th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Ipswich peaked in FY2019 at $959,000, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Ipswich received $668,000 in local earmarks to its government, $693,000 placed in the city or town and $693,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$668,000** | **$693,000** | **$693,000** | **No** |
| $47.93 per resident (82nd of 351) | $49.75 per resident (169th of 351) · 4% to organizations | $49.75 per resident (176th of 351) · 4% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 18 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $668,000 went to Ipswich's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Ipswich or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Ipswich, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (18 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "the metropolitan area planning council for efforts to promote drinking water sustainability and aquifer protection in the Ipswich river watershed" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "public safety improvements in the town of Ipswich" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $90,000 | "a feasibility study for a new elementary school on the site of the current Doyon elementary school in the town of Ipswich" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "public safety improvements in Ipswich" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $45,000 | "water infrastructure improvements in the town of Ipswich" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 18 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Ipswich received 55% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**74.5**<br>176th of 351 · 5.3 per 1,000 residents (216th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$15.1M**<br>scored exposure $6.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**123**<br>72nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**32.1 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**5%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,637**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.68**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.55; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,194 acres**<br>10.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$667,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$304**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$24,171**<br>FY2017–2025 · 143rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN IPSWICH

## Ipswich has 2,683 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 259 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,683 acres**<br>13.1% of Ipswich's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**259 acres**<br>1.3% of Ipswich's land · 16 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**172 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,447 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 77 | 2,683 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 31 | 2,556 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 15 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 142 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 102 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 43 | 2,194 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 172 |
| Conservation restriction | 134 | 2,447 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | 2,281 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 15 | 260 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 14 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Willowdale State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,195 | |
| Great Marsh North WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 303 | |
| Sandy Point State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 117 | |
| Castle Neck River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 54 | |
| Bradley Palmer State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 98.1 miles of public road in Ipswich, the state maintains 8.3 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.3 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 74.6 | 76% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 10.5 | 11% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Ipswich $8.1 million and takes back $424,000 in assessments and charges, a net $7.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.1 million** | **$424,000** | **$7.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $4.8M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $305,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $118,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $127,000 |
| State Owned Land | $684,000 |
| Public Libraries | $34,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $142,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,785 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $8,565 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $8,420 |
| Regional Transit | $112,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $147,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN IPSWICH

## State programs also awarded $499,000 to organizations in Ipswich other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Ipswich. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Ipswich River Watershed Association nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $137,000 |
| FY2019 | Essex County Trail Association regional body | MassTrails Grants | $27,000 |

A further $336,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.8% of Ipswich's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 21.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **21.0%** | **15.2%** | **11.8%** | **11.3%** |
| $6.8M of $32.6M · median town 14.1% | $7M of $45.9M · median town 12.2% | $7.6M of $63.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 17.0% · median town 10.0% |

Ipswich's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $107,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Ipswich's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 28.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 36.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $6.8 million in FY2006 to $7.6 million in FY2025, +10.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.4 million of Ipswich's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+342.4%** | **+252.2%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $1.2M to $5.3M · all towns +54.0% | $2.9M to $10.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Ipswich's health insurance would have been $1.51 million in FY2025; it was $5.34 million, $3.84 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.65 million in FY2025; it was $10.3 million, $6.64 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+128%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+225%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Ipswich's government came to $558,000, 13.5% of the $4.14 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $558,000 | 13.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $576,000 | 13.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $576,000 | 13.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Ipswich's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 276th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$4.7M** | **$18.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **+25%** |
| 276th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Ipswich runs its own school district and also belongs to Whittier; Ipswich accounts for 2% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Ipswich, FY2017 to August 2026.

Not counted: Winthrop Elementary School (Ipswich), approved FY2018 for up to $27.1 million; Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. Each lapsed when local funding was not secured.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Ipswich has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.5M** | **$4.5M** | **$1.3M** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 212th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **6**<br>one rated poor; about $5.2M of work on those, by planning estimates | **1**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$1.9M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $1.8M · culverts $93,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Ipswich came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Ipswich owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $442,000 | $0 | $893,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $441,000 | $0 | $109,000 | $332,000 |
| FY2019 | $441,000 | $88,000 | $379,000 | $529,000 |
| FY2020 | $440,000 | $44,000 | $608,000 | $558,000 |
| FY2021 | $441,000 | $0 | $516,000 | $483,000 |
| FY2022 | $440,000 | $243,000 | $612,000 | $554,000 |
| FY2023 | $437,000 | $0 | $816,000 | $175,000 |
| FY2024 | $442,000 | $257,000 | $544,000 | $330,000 |
| FY2025 | $438,000 | $121,000 | $193,000 | $695,000 |
| FY2026 | $681,000 | $383,000 | $442,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $679,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the 11 bridges in Ipswich in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | FY24 Dow Brook Reservoir Dam Repair source | $1M |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Ipswich Mill Dam Removal Design source | $75,000 |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Topsfield Road over Gravelly Brook source | $48,000 |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Dow Brook Reservoir Dam Repair source | $712,000 |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Topsfield Road over Gravelly Brook source | $29,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Ipswich received $4.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 72% of the $5.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Ipswich ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $693,000 in earmarks placed in Ipswich, $25,000 (4%) went to organizations rather than to Ipswich's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ipswich** this town | **28** | **$6,449** | **$237** | **$49.75** | **0.55** | **2.3%** |
| Lynnfield peer · best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Newburyport peer | 33 | $6,797 | $442 | $77.12 | 0.78 | 2.0% |
| Bedford peer | 42 | $9,879 | $313 | $18.33 | 0.99 | 2.9% |
| Wayland peer | 33 | $8,090 | $399 | $51.45† | 1.55 | 2.6% |
| Hanover peer | 38 | $9,140 | $220 | $18.83 | 0.60 | 2.8% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Kingston

Town · Plymouth County · 14,027 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**12th Plymouth** · Kathleen R. LaNatra

STATE SENATE

**Plymouth and Barnstable** · Dylan A. Fernandes

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Kingston Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Silver Lake Regional School District**, shared with Halifax and Plympton

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Kingston scores 44 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 76 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**44** / 100

174th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 54 | 38 | 39 |

Rank under other weightings: 157th to 201st.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Kingston received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 40 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**76** / 100

88th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 82 | 76 | 71 |

Rank under other weightings: 86th to 99th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

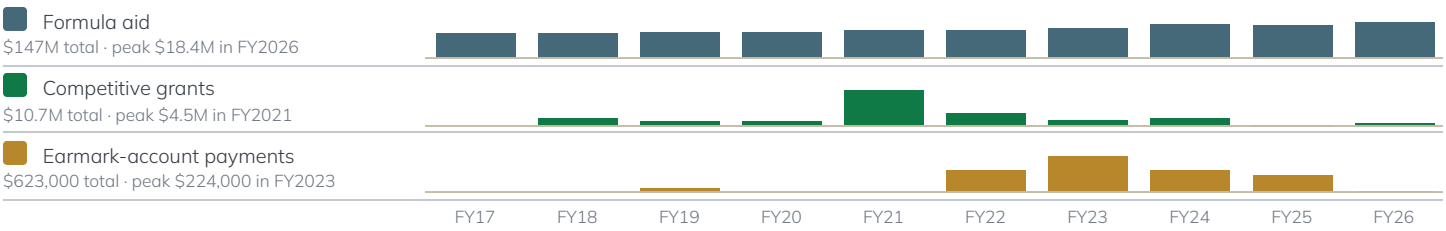
Kingston received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 76 stays between 74 and 78 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Kingston's town government and school districts received $147 million in formula aid and $10.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$147M** | **$10.7M** | **$623,000** |
| $10,470 per resident (169th of 351) · gross | $762 per resident (102nd of 351) | $44.38 per resident (92nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Kingston peaked in FY2021 at $4.5 million, 42% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

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EARMARKS

## Kingston received $498,000 in local earmarks to its government, $580,000 placed in the city or town and $580,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$498,000** | **$580,000** | **$580,000** | **No** |
| $35.47 per resident (134th of 351) | $41.35 per resident (196th of 351) · 14% to organizations | $41.35 per resident (201st of 351) · 14% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 17 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $498,000 went to Kingston's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $82,000 went to organizations in Kingston or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Kingston, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (17 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the town of Kingston for the construction of a veterans memorial" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "Kingston 300, Inc. to print and design a book to support the town of Kingston's 300th Anniversary Celebration" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Kingston to support Kingston's 300th anniversary celebration events" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the town of Kingston for public safety efforts" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the Kingston recreation department for improvements to fields and playgrounds" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 17 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Kingston received 2.68 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**69.2**<br>191st of 351 · 4.9 per 1,000 residents (238th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3M**<br>scored exposure $278,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**79**<br>170th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.6 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,161**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.70**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.68; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**110 acres**<br>0.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$57,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$520**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$33,537**<br>FY2017–2025 · 88th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN KINGSTON

## Kingston has 147 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 303 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**147 acres**<br>1.2% of Kingston's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**303 acres**<br>2.5% of Kingston's land · 25 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**452 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 8 | 147 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 106 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 11 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 20 | 244 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 48 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 14 | 214 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 452 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 105 |
| Public Health and Soldiers' Homes | 1 | 0 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kingston State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 139 | |
| Bay Farm | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |
| Mullikens Landing | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 106.8 miles of public road in Kingston, the state maintains 12.3 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.3 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 69.2 | 65% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 25.2 | 24% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Kingston $8 million and takes back $484,000 in assessments and charges, a net $7.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$8 million** | **$484,000** | **$7.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $30,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $180,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $224,000 |
| State Owned Land | $58,000 |
| Public Libraries | $43,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $50,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $66,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,917 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $6,072 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $13,000 |
| Regional Transit | $114,000 |
| Special Education | $1,774 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $27,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $201,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN KINGSTON

## State programs also awarded $1.1 million to organizations in Kingston other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $730,000 |
| FY2018 | Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $125,000 |
| FY2020 | Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $61,000 |
| FY2025 | Wildlands Trust nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $16,000 (shared three ways) |

A further $121,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.9% of Kingston's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 20.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **20.6%** | **15.7%** | **11.9%** | **11.0%** |
| $6.1M of $29.5M · median town 14.1% | $6.7M of $42.4M · median town 12.2% | $7.2M of $60.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 17.5% · median town 10.0% |

Kingston's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $5.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Kingston's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 23.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 32.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $6.1 million in FY2006 to $7.2 million in FY2025, +18.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.2 million of Kingston's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+65.6%** | **+80.7%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $2.2M to $3.6M · all towns +54.0% | $4.8M to $8.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Kingston's health insurance would have been $2.73 million in FY2025; it was $3.62 million, $890,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $6.03 million in FY2025; it was $8.72 million, $2.69 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Kingston's government came to $468,000, 32.6% of the $1.43 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $468,000 | 32.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $492,000 | 34.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $492,000 | 34.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Kingston's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 77th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$12M** | **$20.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **−2%** |
| 77th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Kingston runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Silver Lake for others; Kingston accounts for 57% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.2 million for schools serving Kingston, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Kingston's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $87.19 per resident (242nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Kingston's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Kingston Elementary School | Kingston | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $725,000 | $725,000 |
| FY2020 | Kingston Elementary School | Kingston | Accelerated Repair (Partial Bolier) | $498,000 | $498,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $618,000 against an approved budget of $937,000 (under by $319,000); the local share moved from $440,000 to $295,000. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Kingston has $1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.1M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | **$4.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1M**<br>annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 168th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **3**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of four town-owned dams | **$526,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $393,000 · culverts $133,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Kingston came on average 34 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $419,000 | $0 | $734,000 | $419,000 |
| FY2018 | $418,000 | $0 | $389,000 | $837,000 |
| FY2019 | $418,000 | $84,000 | $614,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2020 | $419,000 | $42,000 | $619,000 | $912,000 |
| FY2021 | $418,000 | $0 | $647,000 | $683,000 |
| FY2022 | $415,000 | $231,000 | $217,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2023 | $415,000 | $0 | $295,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $415,000 | $240,000 | $567,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2025 | $414,000 | $114,000 | $492,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $643,000 | $358,000 | $1.3M | $1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $641,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.7M |

The full list of the 17 bridges in Kingston in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Lake Street over Jones River source | $58,000 |
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Lake Street over Jones River source | $75,000 |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Elm Street Dam Removal source | $393,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Kingston received $11.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 60% more than the $7.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Kingston ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $580,000 in earmarks placed in Kingston, $82,000 (14%) went to organizations rather than to Kingston's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Kingston** this town | **44** | **$10,470** | **$762** | **$41.35** | **2.68** | **3.0%** |
| Sutton peer | 44 | $10,223 | $840 | $107 | 1.91 | 3.1% |
| Wrentham peer | 39 | $9,318 | $289 | $48.99 | 0.85 | 3.0% |
| Seekonk peer | 31 | $7,825 | $53.68 | $16.99 | 1.67 | 3.0% |
| Westminster peer · best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Holden peer | 50 | $13,276 | $103 | $15.70 | 0.39 | 2.6% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Lakeville

Town · Plymouth County · 11,944 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

12th Bristol · Norman J. Orrall

STATE SENATE

First Bristol and Plymouth · Michael J. Rodrigues

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District**, shared with Freetown
**Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Acushnet, Carver, Mattapoisett and Rochester

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Lakeville scores 44 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 21 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**44** / 100

167th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 54 | 39 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 155th to 188th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Lakeville received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 42 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**21** / 100

311th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 28 | 16 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 306th to 315th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

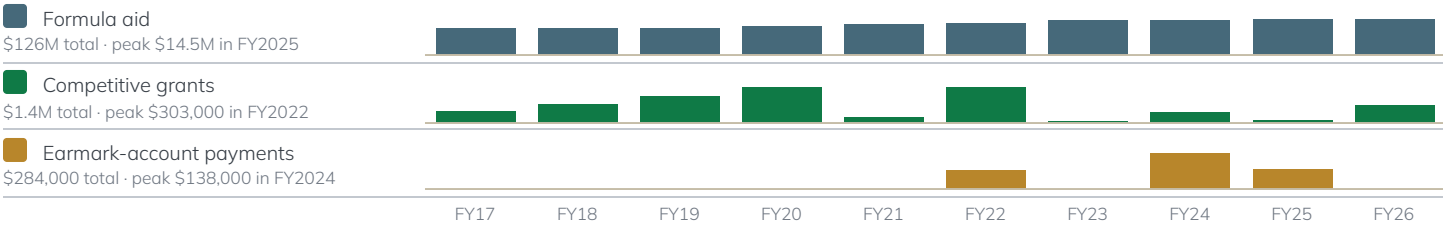
Lakeville received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 21 stays between 19 and 23 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Lakeville's town government and school districts received $126 million in formula aid and $1.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$126M** | **$1.4M** | **$284,000** |
| $10,579 per resident (166th of 351) · gross | $119 per resident (314th of 351) | $23.80 per resident (179th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lakeville peaked in FY2022 at $303,000, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $6.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Lakeville received $410,000 in local earmarks to its government, $592,000 placed in the city or town and $612,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$410,000** | **$592,000** | **$612,000** | **No** |
| $34.33 per resident (142nd of 351) | $49.61 per resident (171st of 351) · 31% to organizations | $51.28 per resident (173rd of 351) · 30% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 12 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $410,000 went to Lakeville's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $182,000 went to organizations in Lakeville or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Lakeville but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $20,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $20,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Lakeville (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Lakeville, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (13 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the town of Lakeville for improvements to the Assawompset elementary school playground" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the town of Lakeville for ADA-compliant improvements to enhance and improve accessibility at the Lakeville public library" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "as a grant to the town of Lakeville for improvements to the Peach Barn and associated properties on Betty's Neck" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $60,000 | "as a grant to the Long Pond Association, Inc. in the town of Lakeville for the management and eradication of invasive weeds in Long pond" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $60,000 | "as a grant to the Long Pond Association, Inc. in the town of Lakeville for the management and eradication of invasive weeds in Long Pond" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 13 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lakeville received 46% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**78.1**<br>163rd of 351 · 6.5 per 1,000 residents (175th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.2M**<br>scored exposure $1.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**81**<br>161st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**29.6 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**12,429**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.21**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.46; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**89 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$25,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$278**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$23,148**<br>FY2017–2025 · 151st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LAKEVILLE

## Lakeville has 716 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,439 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**716 acres**<br>3.8% of Lakeville's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,439 acres**<br>7.6% of Lakeville's land · 77 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**422 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,260 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 14 | 716 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 14 | 428 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 56 | 863 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 7 | 148 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 12 | 422 |
| Conservation restriction | 22 | 1,260 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Freetown-Fall River State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 627 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital - Lakeville | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 29 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital Field 6 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 9 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital Field 3 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 8 | |
| Massasoit State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital Field 5 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 8 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital - Bridge St | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 7 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital Field 2 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 6 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital Field 8 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 6 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital Field 7 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 4 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital Field 1 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 3 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital Field 4 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 2 | |

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### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $20,000 | “a flood management study of the Assawompset pond complex that is a part of the Taunton river watershed in the towns of Freetown, Lakeville…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

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| Public Libraries | $35,000 |

What the state takes back

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|---|---|
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| Mosquito Control Projects | $83,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,244 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| MBTA | $25,000 |
| Regional Transit | $68,000 |


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| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

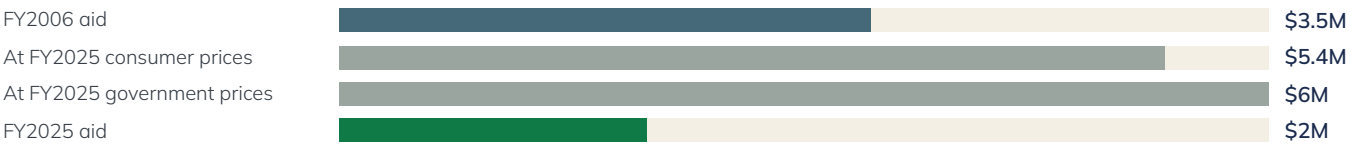
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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
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| **17.8%** | **5.3%** | **5.7%** | **5.1%** |
| $3.5M of $19.4M · median town 14.1% | $1.2M of $23.4M · median town 12.2% | $2M of $35.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.2% · median town 10.0% |

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**Lakeville's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 62.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 66.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $3.5 million in FY2006 to $2 million in FY2025, −42.1% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+41.9%** | **+65.2%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $1.4M to $1.9M · all towns +54.0% | $2.5M to $4.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lakeville's health insurance would have been $1.71 million in FY2025; it was $1.94 million, $232,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.07 million in FY2025; it was $4.06 million, $991,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Lakeville's government came to $410,000, 71.7% of the $572,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $410,000 | 71.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $532,000 | 93.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $552,000 | 96.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Lakeville's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 66th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.3M** | **$17.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **−8%** |
| 66th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Lakeville has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Lakeville, Freetown-Lakeville and Old Colony; Lakeville accounts for 100%, 58% and


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25% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $33.5 million for schools serving Lakeville, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Lakeville's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$33.5M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,806 per resident (60th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Lakeville's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School | Old Colony | Core | $129M | $32.2M (25%) |
| FY2023 | Assawompset Elementary School | Freetown Lakeville | Accelerated Repair (Windows/ Doors) | $2.3M | $1.3M (58%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Lakeville's share of the final cost was $2.3 million against its share of the approved budget of $2.4 million (under by $179,000); the local share moved from $1.1 million to $1.1 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lakeville has $452,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6M** | **$4.9M** | **$452,000** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 263rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **4** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Lakeville came on average 18 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $376,000 | $0 | $685,000 | $312,000 |
| FY2018 | $377,000 | $0 | $486,000 | $383,000 |
| FY2019 | $376,000 | $75,000 | $85,000 | $749,000 |
| FY2020 | $384,000 | $38,000 | $414,000 | $758,000 |
| FY2021 | $382,000 | $0 | $716,000 | $423,000 |
| FY2022 | $401,000 | $260,000 | $820,000 | $264,000 |
| FY2023 | $413,000 | $0 | $623,000 | $54,000 |
| FY2024 | $412,000 | $254,000 | $641,000 | $79,000 |
| FY2025 | $411,000 | $114,000 | $345,000 | $258,000 |
| FY2026 | $667,000 | $392,000 | $659,000 | $659,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $667,000 | $0 | $207,000 | $1.1M |

The full list of the 16 bridges in Lakeville in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Lakeville received $3.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 77% of the $4.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Lakeville ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $592,000 in earmarks placed in Lakeville, $182,000 (31%) went to organizations rather than to Lakeville's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lakeville** this town | **44** | **$10,579** | **$119** | **$49.61** | **0.46** | **3.0%** |
| Rehoboth peer | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |
| Charlton peer | 56 | $14,031 | $197 | $23.82 | 0.74 | 3.0% |
| Freetown peer | 43 | $10,093 | $164 | $145† | 0.30 | 2.8% |
| Longmeadow peer | 28 | $7,493 | $122 | $37.08† | 0.57 | 3.4% |
| Ashland peer | 36 | $7,807 | $843 | $98.35 | 1.10 | 3.0% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Lancaster

Town · Worcester County · 8,606 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

12th Worcester · Meghan K. Kilcoyne

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Middlesex · John J. Cronin

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Nashoba Regional School District, shared with Bolton and Stow

Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Acton, Arlington, Bolton, Concord, Dover, Lexington, Needham and Stow

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Lancaster scores 36 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 41 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**36** / 100

248th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 45 | 36 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 240th to 261st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Lancaster received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 34 and 39 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**41** / 100

224th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 52 | 38 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 215th to 231st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

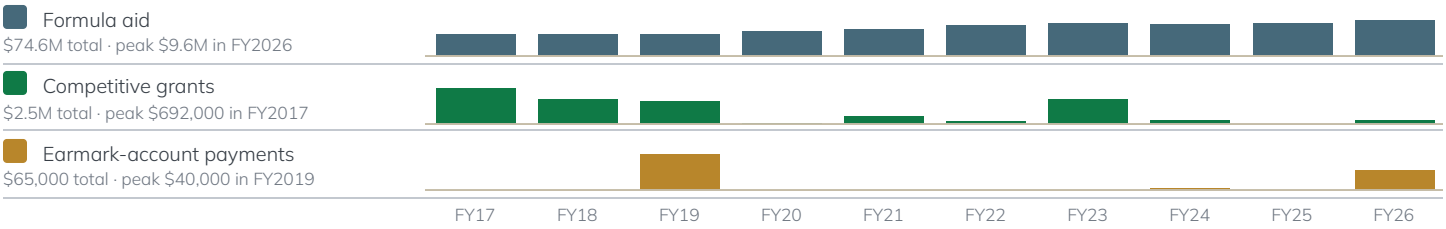
Lancaster received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 38 and 45 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Lancaster's town government and school districts received $74.6 million in formula aid and $2.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $74.6M | $2.5M | $65,000 |
| $8,666 per resident (231st of 351) · gross | $286 per resident (215th of 351) | $7.51 per resident (271st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lancaster peaked in FY2017 at $692,000, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Lancaster received $225,000 in local earmarks to its government, $545,000 placed in the city or town and $545,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $225,000 | $545,000 | $545,000 | No |
| $26.14 per resident (185th of 351) | $63.33 per resident (133rd of 351) · 59% to organizations | $63.33 per resident (139th of 351) · 59% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: ten clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $225,000 went to Lancaster's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $320,000 went to organizations in Lancaster or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Lancaster, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (ten clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "World Farmers, Inc. to improve its agricultural production" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "World Farmers, Inc. in the town of Lancaster for its farming operations and farmers markets" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $80,000 | "infrastructure improvements to the Lancaster Community Center in the town of Lancaster" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $65,000 | "the Thayer Field Foundation, Incorporated to build a playground in the town of Lancaster" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Lancaster for library improvements" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 10 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lancaster received 91% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**63.4**<br>209th of 351 · 7.4 per 1,000 residents (148th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$22.4M**<br>scored exposure $5.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**89**<br>142nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**27.5 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,606**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.92**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.91; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,377 acres**<br>7.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$218,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$158**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,407**<br>FY2017–2025 · 235th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LANCASTER

## Lancaster has 855 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 752 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**855 acres**<br>4.9% of Lancaster's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**752 acres**<br>4.3% of Lancaster's land · 33 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**56 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 24 | 855 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 27 | 1,493 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 226 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 25 | 424 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 103 |
| Conservation restriction | 14 | 56 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 20 | 725 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 1 | 475 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 118 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 93 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 82 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bolton Flats WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 742 | |
| Lancaster State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 114 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 74.9 miles of public road in Lancaster, the state maintains 6.9 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.9 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 63.3 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.5 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Lancaster $1.6 million and takes back $168,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.6 million** | **$168,000** | **$1.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $20,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $77,000 |
| State Owned Land | $223,000 |
| Public Libraries | $29,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $92,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,632 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,200 |
| MBTA | $53,000 |
| Regional Transit | $16,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LANCASTER

## State programs also awarded $1.2 million to organizations in Lancaster other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Lancaster. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $1.2 million in 7 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.4% of Lancaster's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.6%** | **5.9%** | **5.4%** | **4.8%** |
| $1M of $13.3M · median town 14.1% | $1.1M of $18.6M · median town 12.2% | $1.5M of $27.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.7% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+42.2%** | **+68.8%** | **3 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $524,000 to $745,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.2M to $1.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lancaster's health insurance would have been $654,000 in FY2025; it was $745,000, $90,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.44 million in FY2025; it was $1.94 million, $505,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+43%) and FY2025 (+31%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

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SCHOOLS

## Lancaster's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 218th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5M** | **$10M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+7%** |
| 218th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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| Approved, Lancaster's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$26.2M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,041 per resident (50th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Lancaster's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Nashoba Regional High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Nashoba | Core | $14.9M | $4.9M (33%) |
| FY2024 | Nashoba Regional High School | Nashoba | Core | $64.8M | $21.3M (33%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Lancaster; Lancaster's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $4.9 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lancaster has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.1M** | **$3.5M** | **$1.1M** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 182nd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **22** | **0** | **$81,000** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $81,000 |

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start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $311,000 | $0 | $240,000 | $311,000 |
| FY2018 | $312,000 | $0 | $214,000 | $422,000 |
| FY2019 | $312,000 | $62,000 | $221,000 | $609,000 |
| FY2020 | $327,000 | $33,000 | $467,000 | $564,000 |
| FY2021 | $327,000 | $0 | $283,000 | $608,000 |
| FY2022 | $327,000 | $211,000 | $271,000 | $875,000 |
| FY2023 | $323,000 | $0 | $806,000 | $393,000 |
| FY2024 | $323,000 | $306,000 | $249,000 | $773,000 |
| FY2025 | $323,000 | $193,000 | $175,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2026 | $534,000 | $317,000 | $909,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $536,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |

The full list of the 38 bridges in Lancaster in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Brockelman Rd over Unknown source | $81,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Lancaster received $3.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 84% of the $4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Lancaster ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $545,000 in earmarks placed in Lancaster, $320,000 (59%) went to organizations rather than to Lancaster's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lancaster** this town | **36** | **$8,666** | **$286** | **$63.33**† | **0.91** | **2.5%** |
| Rutland peer | 59 | $17,290 | $124 | $22.03 | 0.61 | 2.2% |
| Dighton peer | 56 | $15,030 | $168 | $76.89 | 0.53 | 2.4% |
| Georgetown peer | 46 | $10,873 | $155 | $26.52 | 0.60 | 2.7% |
| Hanson peer | 51 | $12,622 | $231 | $52.67 | 0.66 | 2.6% |
| Berkley peer | 51 | $12,903 | $95.35 | $13.91 | 0.18 | 2.7% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Lanesborough

Town · Berkshire County · 3,028 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

STATE SENATE

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Mount Greylock Regional School District, shared with Williamstown

Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Monroe, North Adams, Savoy and Williamstown

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Lanesborough scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 54 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**40** / 100

212th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 42 | 40 | 33 |

Rank under other weightings: 197th to 240th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Lanesborough received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 38 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**54** / 100

174th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 56 | 56 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 161st to 186th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

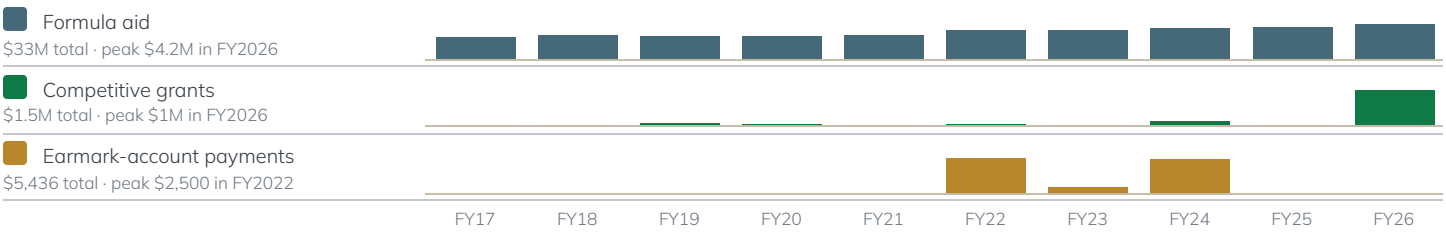
Lanesborough received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 52 and 56 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Lanesborough's town government and school districts received $33 million in formula aid and $1.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $33M | $1.5M | $5,436 |
| $10,886 per resident (150th of 351) · gross | $484 per resident (142nd of 351) | $1.80 per resident (317th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lanesborough peaked in FY2026 at $1 million, 69% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Lanesborough in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $5,436 in payments to Lanesborough's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Lanesborough.

Lanesborough is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Lanesborough's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Lanesborough's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| East Brookfield | $205,000 | $205,000 | $205,000 | $94.64 |
| Bernardston | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Phillipston | $50,000 | $150,000 | $150,000 | $79.16 |
| Holland | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $38.71 |
| Ashfield | $12,000 | $92,000 | $92,000 | $48.86 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lanesborough received 1.16 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**48.3**<br>261st of 351 · 15.9 per 1,000 residents (70th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.1M**<br>scored exposure $3.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**89**<br>142nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**28.9 sq mi**<br>20% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**10%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,354**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.16; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,785 acres**<br>15.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$187,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$67.19**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,566**<br>FY2017–2025 · 193rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LANESBOROUGH

## Lanesborough has 3,761 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,991 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,761 acres**<br>20.4% of Lanesborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,991 acres**<br>10.8% of Lanesborough's land · 40 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**513 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,067 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 44 | 3,761 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 20 | 2,717 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 17 | 1,166 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 22 | 822 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 3 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 52 | 3,066 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 10 | 513 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 1,067 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | 2,477 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 6 | 240 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,925 | |
| Chalet WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 949 | |
| Mount Greylock State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 554 | |
| Balance Rock State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 163 | |
| Barton's Ledge WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 149 | |
| Ashuwillticook Rail Trail | State: Department of Transportation | 21 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 64.4 miles of public road in Lanesborough, the state maintains 10.5 (16%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.5 | 16% |
| Town-accepted | 47.5 | 74% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.0 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Lanesborough $681,000 and takes back $61,000 in assessments and charges, a net $620,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| $681,000 | $61,000 | $620,000 |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $7,201 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $446,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $14,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $17,000 |
| State Owned Land | $188,000 |
| Public Libraries | $8,252 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $22,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $948 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,120 |
| Regional Transit | $33,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LANESBOROUGH

## State programs also awarded $575,000 to organizations in Lanesborough other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Lanesborough. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $55,000 |
| FY2026 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2024 | Berkshire Snow Seekers nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2020 | Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $7,050 (shared six ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $440,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

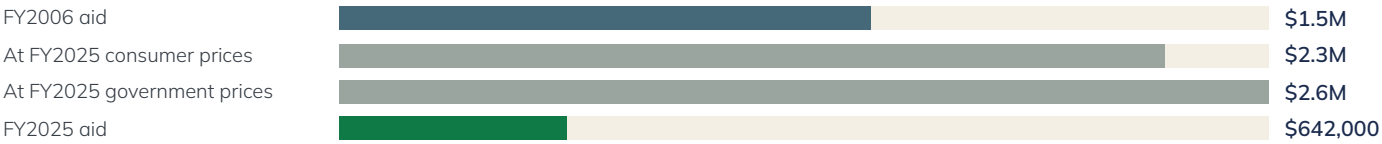
## State aid covered 5.3% of Lanesborough's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.6%** | **17.3%** | **5.3%** | **4.8%** |
| $1.5M of $8M · median town 14.1% | $1.8M of $10.3M · median town 12.2% | $642,000 of $12.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 18.4% · median town 10.0% |

Lanesborough's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Lanesborough's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 72.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 75.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.5 million in FY2006 to $642,000 in FY2025, –57.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $463,000 of Lanesborough's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–40.1%** | **–30.2%** | **2 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $1.2M to $738,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.7M to $1.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lanesborough's health insurance would have been $1.54 million in FY2025; it was $738,000, $800,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.09 million in FY2025; it was $1.17 million, $923,000 below the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (–39%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (–48%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Lanesborough's reported health insurance fell from $1.2 million in FY2016 to $738,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Lanesborough's required school contribution is 2.8%


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## of median household income, 114th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$2.6M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$3.3M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.8%**<br>114th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+17%**<br>after inflation |

Lanesborough has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Mount Greylock and Northern Berkshire; Lanesborough accounts for 34% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $437,000 for schools serving Lanesborough, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Lanesborough's share<br>**$437,000**<br>$144 per resident (230th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Lanesborough's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School<br>grant increased by Board vote | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $571,000 | $24,000 (4%) |
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $9.8M | $413,000 (4%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Lanesborough; Lanesborough's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $24,000.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lanesborough has $503,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.6M**<br>$866,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$503,000**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 216th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**11**<br>two rated poor; about $2M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Lanesborough came on average 12 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $224,000 | $0 | $224,000 | $51,000 |
| FY2018 | $250,000 | $0 | $352,000 | $14,000 |
| FY2019 | $222,000 | $44,000 | $236,000 | $44,000 |
| FY2020 | $219,000 | $22,000 | $264,000 | $22,000 |
| FY2021 | $218,000 | $0 | $240,000 | $8 |
| FY2022 | $215,000 | $158,000 | $215,000 | $158,000 |
| FY2023 | $213,000 | $0 | $372,000 | $8 |
| FY2024 | $213,000 | $246,000 | $402,000 | $58,000 |
| FY2025 | $213,000 | $161,000 | $118,000 | $314,000 |
| FY2026 | $375,000 | $235,000 | $421,000 | $503,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $374,000 | $0 | $0 | $877,000 |

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| Phillipston peer | 50 | $12,743 | $1,191 | $79.16† | 1.39 | 2.9% |
| Holland peer | 45 | $10,480 | $1,150 | $38.71 | 0.46 | 2.7% |
| Ashfield peer | 45 | $10,211 | $1,970 | $48.86† | 1.85 | 2.4% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Lawrence

City · Essex County · 88,736 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

16th Essex · Francisco E. Paulino 39% of residents
17th Essex · Frank A. Moran 37% of residents
4th Essex · Estela A. Reyes 24% of residents

Lawrence is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

First Essex · Pavel M. Payano

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Lawrence Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Andover, Methuen and North Andover

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Lawrence scores 81 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 52 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**81** / 100

2nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 83 | 75 | 76 | 91 |

Rank under other weightings: 1st to 2nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Lawrence received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 81 stays between 78 and 85 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**52** / 100

181st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 51 | 38 | 53 | 68 |

Rank under other weightings: 157th to 209th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

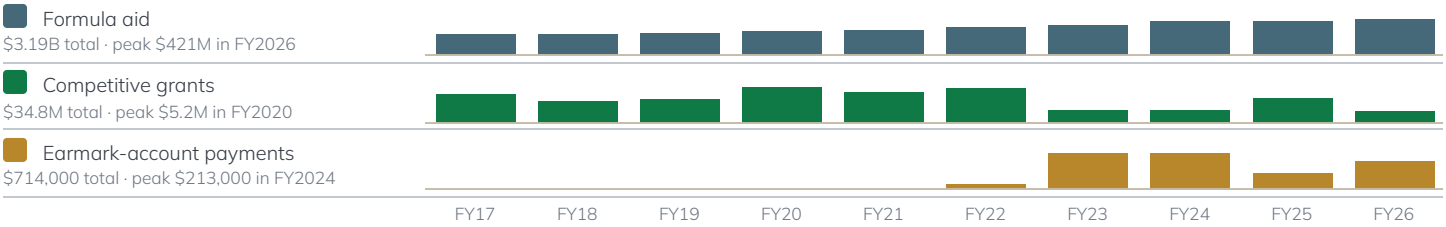
Lawrence received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 48 and 57 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Lawrence's town government and school districts received $3.19 billion in formula aid and $34.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $3.19B | $34.8M | $714,000 |
| $35,983 per resident (1st of 351) · gross | $392 per resident (173rd of 351) | $8.05 per resident (269th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lawrence were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $106 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Lawrence received $241,000 in local earmarks to its government, $6.5 million placed in the city or town and $6.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $241,000 | $6.5M | $6.5M | No |
| $2.71 per resident (295th of 351) | $72.86 per resident (109th of 351) · 96% to organizations | $73.42 per resident (114th of 351) · 96% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 160 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $241,000 went to Lawrence's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $6.2 million went to organizations in Lawrence or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Lawrence but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $50,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $50,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Lawrence (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Lawrence, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (161 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $250,000 | "Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Inc. to expand and sustain its mobile health program in communities throughout the Merrimack Valley" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $200,000 | "the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Inc" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $153,000 | "Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. for their court appointed special advocate program in Essex county" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2021 | $150,000 | "Lazarus House, Inc. for its Holly street shelter and its soup kitchen for the costs incurred to provide extra support to the city of Lawrence during the 2019 novel coronavirus pandemic" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $125,000 | "Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Inc. to address unmet acute patient health needs including, but not limited to, medical and behavioral health, community support and pharmacy services, at a satellite clinic at the former DyeWorks mill building in partnership with Lawrence CommunityWorks, Inc" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 161 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lawrence received 1.09 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**123.2**<br>59th of 351 · 1.4 per 1,000 residents (346th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$186M**<br>scored exposure $88.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**60**<br>230th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**6.9 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**88,736**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.24**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.09; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$15,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$7,254**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,277**<br>FY2017–2025 · 317th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LAWRENCE

## Lawrence has 58 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 9 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**58 acres**<br>1.3% of Lawrence's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**9 acres**<br>0.2% of Lawrence's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**16 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 28 | 58 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 6 | 6 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 9 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 16 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 3 |
| Public Health and Soldiers' Homes | 1 | 2 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lawrence Riverfront State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 48 | |
| Pemberton Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Higgins Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Geisler Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Lawrence Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 139.6 miles of public road in Lawrence, the state maintains 5.9 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.9 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 123.4 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 10.4 | 7% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $50,000 | “Northern Essex Community College to support a matching grant for the Northern Essex Community College Promise Program benefiting graduating seniors…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Lawrence $366 million and takes back $52.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $313 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$366 million** | **$52.5 million** | **$313 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 14% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $332M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $7.5M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $25M |
| Veterans Benefits | $411,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $82,000 |
| State Owned Land | $15,000 |
| Public Libraries | $342,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $22,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $481,000 |
| Regional Transit | $1.3M |
| Special Education | $47,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.1M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $49.5M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LAWRENCE

## State programs also awarded $5.3 million to organizations in Lawrence other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Lawrence. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Lawrence CommunityWorks nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $600,000 |
| FY2022 | Lawrence CommunityWorks nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $455,000 |
| FY2026 | Lawrence Community Works nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $375,000 |
| FY2026 | Lawrence Community Works nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $375,000 |
| FY2025 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | MassTrails Grants | $300,000 |
| FY2026 | Groundwork Lawrence nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $225,000 |
| FY2026 | Groundwork Lawrence nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $225,000 |
| FY2023 | Elevated Thought Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2016 | Lawrence Community Works nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $150,000 |
| FY2022 | Lawrence History Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $105,000 |
| FY2022 | Lawrence CommunityWorks nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | Lawrence CommunityWorks nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Lawrence CommunityWorks nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2025 | The Community Group nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2019 | Groundwork Lawrence nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $100,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 29 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $1.1 million in 5 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 72.2% of Lawrence's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 65.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **65.0%** | **73.3%** | **72.2%** | **62.1%** |
| $147M of $227M · median town 14.1% | $205M of $279M · median town 12.2% | $320M of $444M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 54.5% · median town 10.0% |

Lawrence's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $31.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Lawrence's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 40.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 24.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $147 million in FY2006 to $320 million in FY2025, +117.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $7 million of Lawrence's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+37.5%** | **+27.6%** | **2 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $14.1M to $19.4M · all towns +54.0% | $24.5M to $31.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lawrence's health insurance would have been $17.6 million in FY2025; it was $19.4 million, $1.78 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $30.6 million in FY2025; it was $31.2 million, $658,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Lawrence's government came to $191,000, 3.6% of the $5.29 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $191,000 | 3.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $5.4M | 102.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $5.5M | 103.6% | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## Lawrence's required school contribution is 1.0% of median household income, the seventh-lowest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$351M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$18M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.0%**<br>345th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+29%**<br>after inflation |

Lawrence runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater Lawrence; Lawrence accounts for 70% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $147 million for schools serving Lawrence, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Lawrence's share<br>**$147M**<br>$1,652 per resident (106th of 351) | Projects<br>**5**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Lawrence's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Oliver Partnership School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Lawrence | Core | $11.2M | $11.2M |
| FY2024 | Francis M. Leahy Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Lawrence | Core | $5.4M | $5.4M |
| FY2022 | Francis M. Leahy Elementary School | Lawrence | Core | $61.3M | $61.3M |
| FY2021 | Oliver Partnership School | Lawrence | Core | $61.6M | $61.6M |
| FY2018 | School for Exceptional Studies | Lawrence | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3.3M | $3.3M |
| FY2018 | Community Day Arlington Elementary School | Lawrence | Accelerated Repair (Roof;Boiler) | $2.5M | $2.5M |
| FY2017 | High School Learning Center | Lawrence | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.2M | $1.2M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $16.7 million to grants for two projects serving Lawrence, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the three projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $7.8 million against an approved budget of $9.2 million (under by $1.4 million); the local share moved from $2.2 million to $2.2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lawrence has $3.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns six bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$18.1M**<br>$2.6M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$12.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3.4M**<br>annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 163rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**16**<br>six rated poor; about $126M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Lawrence came on average 19 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Lawrence owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Lawrence owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.7M | $385,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.6M | $136,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.3M | $264,000 | $41,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2020 | $1.3M | $132,000 | $2.2M | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.9M | $520,000 |
| FY2022 | $1.3M | $411,000 | $599,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | $1.3M | $0 | $1M | $2M |
| FY2024 | $1.3M | $626,000 | $2.2M | $1.8M |
| FY2025 | $1.4M | $389,000 | $599,000 | $2.9M |
| FY2026 | $1.8M | $763,000 | $2.1M | $3.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.8M | $0 | $0 | $5.1M |

The full list of the 45 bridges in Lawrence in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Lawrence received $55 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 75% of the $73.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Lawrence ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $6.5 million in earmarks placed in Lawrence, $6.2 million (96%) went to organizations rather than to Lawrence's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lawrence** this town | **81** | **$35,983** | **$392** | **$72.86†** | **1.09** | **1.0%** |
| Fall River peer | 72 | $25,031 | $426 | $77.65† | 0.89 | 2.0% |
| New Bedford peer | 73 | $27,251 | $466 | $126† | 1.34 | 1.9% |
| Chicopee peer · lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |
| Lynn peer | 72 | $27,652 | $300 | $87.92† | 1.51 | 2.5% |
| Brockton peer | 72 | $26,796 | $378 | $70.10 | 1.28 | 2.3% |
| Springfield best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

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REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

STATE MONEY CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

EARMARKS General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Lee

Town · Berkshire County · 5,719 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Lee Public Schools, the town's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Lee scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 86 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**39** / 100

233rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 34 | 42 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 200th to 269th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Lee received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 36 and 41 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**86** / 100

59th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 87 | 86 | 81 | 90 |

Rank under other weightings: 56th to 61st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

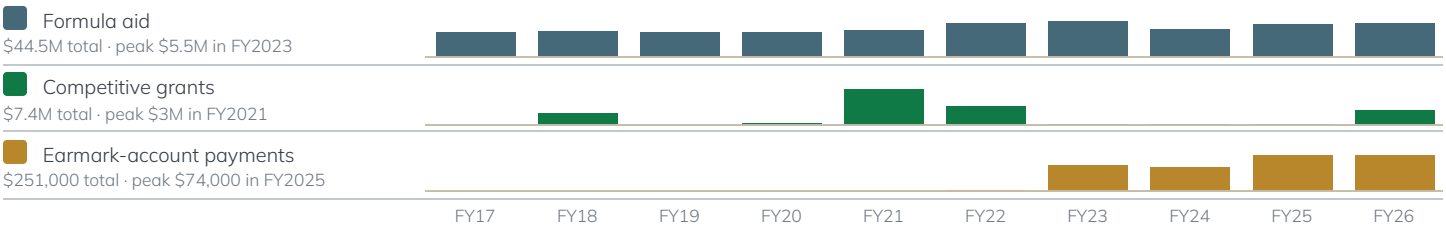
Lee received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 86 stays between 84 and 87 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Lee's town government and school districts received $44.5 million in formula aid and $7.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$44.5M** | **$7.4M** | **$251,000** |
| $7,783 per resident (265th of 351) · gross | $1,292 per resident (63rd of 351) | $43.92 per resident (94th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lee peaked in FY2021 at $3 million, 41% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $17.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Lee received $125,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$125,000** | **$125,000** | **$125,000** | **No** |
| $21.86 per resident (203rd of 351) | $21.86 per resident (269th of 351) | $21.86 per resident (271st of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2023. All of it went to Lee's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Lee, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "renovations to the Park Street Bridge in Lee" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "trail linkages and trail projects, including design and construction of infrastructure, for the development of the Highlands footpath between the towns of Lee and Goshen" | Enacted to the city or town government |


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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lee received 2.91 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**54.7**<br>231st of 351 · 9.6 per 1,000 residents (112th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$29.6M**<br>scored exposure $16M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**75**<br>180th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.1 sq mi**<br>15% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**10%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,392**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.76**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.91; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,636 acres**<br>15.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$114,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$43.38**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$28,739**<br>FY2017–2025 · 113th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LEE

## Lee has 2,662 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,490 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,662 acres**<br>15.9% of Lee's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,490 acres**<br>8.9% of Lee's land · 36 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**262 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,590 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 33 | 2,662 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 27 | 1,666 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 14 | 548 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 18 | 838 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 104 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 23 | 1,341 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 4 | 262 |
| Conservation restriction | 13 | 1,590 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | 1,198 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 13 | 468 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| October Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,372 | |
| Beartown State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 710 | |
| Hop Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 468 | |
| George L. Darey Housatonic Valley WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 113 | |
| Laurel Lake Boat Ramp | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 73.5 miles of public road in Lee, the state maintains 17.5 (24%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 17.5 | 24% |
| Town-accepted | 54.7 | 74% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.5 | 1% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Lee $4.6 million and takes back $723,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.6 million** | **$723,000** | **$3.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 16% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $2.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $41,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.2M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $806,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $36,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $46,000 |
| State Owned Land | $114,000 |
| Public Libraries | $16,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,997 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,740 |
| Regional Transit | $66,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $588,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $61,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LEE

## State programs also awarded $176,000 to organizations in Lee other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Lee. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $16,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2024 | Berkshire Snow Seekers nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2022 | Department Of Conservation and Recreation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2021 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,690 (shared five ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,100 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2020 | Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $7,050 (shared six ways) |
| FY2022 | Knox Trail Sno-Riders nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $6,297 (shared six ways) |
| FY2026 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $5,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2023 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $2,333 (shared six ways) |
| FY2021 | Department of Conservation & Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $1,504 (shared five ways) |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |


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A further $86,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.1% of Lee's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 25.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **25.9%** | **22.5%** | **17.1%** | **14.3%** |
| $3.7M of $14.2M · median town 14.1% | $4M of $17.8M · median town 12.2% | $4.2M of $24.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 21.8% · median town 10.0% |

**Lee's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 26.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 34.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $3.7 million in FY2006 to $4.2 million in FY2025, +13.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $610,000 of Lee's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+11.0%** | **+21.5%** | **1 of 9** | **1 of 9** |
| $2.9M to $3.2M · all towns +54.0% | $4M to $4.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lee's health insurance would have been $3.65 million in FY2025; it was $3.24 million, $406,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.99 million in FY2025; it was $4.86 million, $135,000 below the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Lee's government came to $125,000, 39.0% of the $321,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $125,000 | 39.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $125,000 | 39.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $125,000 | 39.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Lee's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 51st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.3M** | **$7.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **–4%** |
| 51st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Lee runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Lee, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lee has $314,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns six bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.5M** | **$3.7M** | **$314,000** |
| $996,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.1 years of its yearly money · 326th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **22**<br>six rated poor; likely about $24M of work on those ($23.8M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **1**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Lee came on average 14 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Lee owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $293,000 | $0 | $293,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $290,000 | $0 | $369,000 | $11 |
| FY2019 | $288,000 | $58,000 | $288,000 | $58,000 |
| FY2020 | $286,000 | $29,000 | $343,000 | $29,000 |
| FY2021 | $285,000 | $0 | $249,000 | $65,000 |
| FY2022 | $283,000 | $176,000 | $31,000 | $493,000 |
| FY2023 | $278,000 | $0 | $614,000 | $157,000 |
| FY2024 | $286,000 | $279,000 | $162,000 | $559,000 |
| FY2025 | $284,000 | $181,000 | $772,000 | $252,000 |
| FY2026 | $467,000 | $275,000 | $626,000 | $368,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $466,000 | $0 | $54,000 | $780,000 |

The full list of the 55 bridges in Lee in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Lee received $7.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 19% more than the $6.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Lee ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lee** this town | **39** | **$7,783** | **$1,292** | **$21.86** | **2.91** | **3.1%** |
| Great Barrington peer | 42 | $9,461 | $2,113 | $175† | 2.92 | 3.7% |
| Hatfield peer | 32 | $6,480 | $1,299 | $3.01 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| Chatham peer · best in class of 30 | 23 | $4,225 | $743 | $246† | 0.70 | 1.8% |
| Sheffield peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |
| Plainville peer | 39 | $9,512 | $160 | $41.02 | 0.68 | 3.3% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Leicester

Town · Worcester County · 11,113 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

17th Worcester · David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf 50% of residents

5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. 25% of residents

7th Worcester · Paul K. Frost 25% of residents

Leicester is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Leicester Public Schools, the town's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Leicester scores 55 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 76 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**55** / 100

88th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 55 | 54 | 57 |

Rank under other weightings: 74th to 93rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Leicester received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 54 and 55 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**76** / 100

89th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 75 | 75 | 76 | 77 |

Rank under other weightings: 88th to 95th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

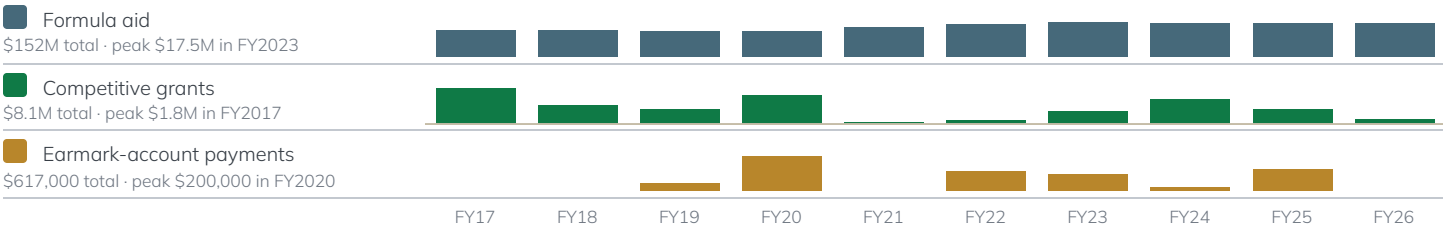
Leicester received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 76 stays between 75 and 76 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Leicester's town government and school districts received $152 million in formula aid and $8.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$152M** | **$8.1M** | **$617,000** |
| $13,695 per resident (102nd of 351) · gross | $728 per resident (108th of 351) | $55.56 per resident (66th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Leicester peaked in FY2017 at $1.8 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.2 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Leicester received $521,000 in local earmarks to its government, $631,000 placed in the city or town and $631,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$521,000** | **$631,000** | **$631,000** | **No** |
| $46.92 per resident (87th of 351) | $56.82 per resident (148th of 351) · 17% to organizations | $56.82 per resident (156th of 351) · 17% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 16 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $521,000 went to Leicester's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $110,000 went to organizations in Leicester or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Leicester, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (16 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the development of a water and sewer economic infrastructure feasibility study and master plan in the town of Leicester" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $85,000 | "repairs to the boiler system at the Leicester elementary school in the town of Leicester" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "the fire department in the town of Leicester for the purchase of extrication tools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "firefighter turnout gear and emergency preparedness enhancements for the Leicester fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the purchase of turnout gear for the fire department in the town of Leicester" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 16 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Leicester received 1.36 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**83.9**<br>142nd of 351 · 7.6 per 1,000 residents (144th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.7M**<br>scored exposure $6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**111**<br>93rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**5**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.3 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,223**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.13**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.36; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**111 acres**<br>0.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$19,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$172**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,365**<br>FY2017–2025 · 236th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LEICESTER

## Leicester has 222 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 988 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**222 acres**<br>1.5% of Leicester's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**988 acres**<br>6.6% of Leicester's land · 49 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**88 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 10 | 222 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 105 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 26 | 485 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 20 | 440 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 63 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 30 | 731 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 88 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 105 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Moose Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 121 | |
| Moose Hill Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 101 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 95.5 miles of public road in Leicester, the state maintains 5.4 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.4 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 84.0 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.1 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Leicester $14.7 million and takes back $1.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $13.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.7 million** | **$1.4 million** | **$13.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $196,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $434,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $26,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $96,000 |
| State Owned Land | $20,000 |
| Public Libraries | $35,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,210 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $17,000 |
| Regional Transit | $135,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $628,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $647,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LEICESTER

## State programs also awarded $2.1 million to organizations in Leicester other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Stiles Lake Water District nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $1.9M |
| FY2021 | Leicester Sports Planning Committee nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $48,000 |
| FY2024 | Leicester Historical Commission regional body | Cultural Facilities Fund | $15,000 |
| FY2021 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission regional body | MassTrails Grants | $4,741 (shared seven ways) |

A further $180,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 35.3% of Leicester's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 45.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **45.9%** | **43.2%** | **35.3%** | **32.5%** |
| $11.2M of $24.4M · median town 14.1% | $12M of $27.6M · median town 12.2% | $14.1M of $39.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 46.3% · median town 10.0% |

**Leicester's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 19.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 28.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $11.2 million in FY2006 to $14.1 million in FY2025, +25.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $622,000 of Leicester's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+33.3%** | **+64.2%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $2.4M to $3.1M · all towns +54.0% | $3.9M to $6.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Leicester's health insurance would have been $2.94 million in FY2025; it was $3.13 million, $198,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.83 million in FY2025; it was $6.35 million, $1.52 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Leicester's government came to $521,000, 66.6% of the $784,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $521,000 | 66.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $601,000 | 76.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $601,000 | 76.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Leicester's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 133rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$11.4M** | **$11.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+2%** |
| 133rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Leicester runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Leicester, FY2017 to August 2026.

Not counted: Leicester Middle School (Leicester), approved FY2020 for up to $41.9 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Leicester has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and five high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.4M** | **$4.4M** | **$1.3M** |
| $1.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 172nd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **33** | **5** | **$1.8M** |
| two rated poor; likely about $2M of work on those ($1.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of eight town-owned dams | bridges $801,000 · dams $1M · culverts $32,000 |


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Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Leicester came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $436,000 | $0 | $442,000 | $46,000 |
| FY2018 | $430,000 | $0 | $487,000 | $47,000 |
| FY2019 | $427,000 | $85,000 | $472,000 | $191,000 |
| FY2020 | $426,000 | $43,000 | $143,000 | $539,000 |
| FY2021 | $426,000 | $0 | $224,000 | $741,000 |
| FY2022 | $425,000 | $280,000 | $154,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2023 | $422,000 | $0 | $672,000 | $1M |
| FY2024 | $423,000 | $267,000 | $621,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | $422,000 | $117,000 | $968,000 | $683,000 |
| FY2026 | $701,000 | $418,000 | $469,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $700,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the 37 bridges in Leicester in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | MA-56 & Marshall Street over Kettle Brook source | $32,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Waite Pond Dam Repair source | $1M |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Leicester received $8.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 50% more than the $5.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Leicester ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $631,000 in earmarks placed in Leicester, $110,000 (17%) went to organizations rather than to Leicester's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Leicester** this town | **55** | **$13,695** | **$728** | **$56.82** | **1.36** | **2.8%** |
| Granby peer | 49 | $12,582 | $104 | $26.32† | 0.31 | 2.4% |
| East Longmeadow peer · lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |
| Auburn peer | 43 | $11,124 | $134 | $47.46 | 0.32 | 2.6% |
| Pepperell peer | 51 | $13,867 | $271 | $56.38 | 1.79 | 2.6% |
| Somerset peer | 47 | $11,729 | $136 | $41.53 | 0.73 | 2.4% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Lenox

Town · Berkshire County · 5,079 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Lenox Public Schools, the town's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Lenox scores 32 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 71 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**32** / 100

288th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 33 | 37 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 260th to 307th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Lenox received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 31 and 34 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**71** / 100

110th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 73 | 76 | 63 | 74 |

Rank under other weightings: 103rd to 117th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

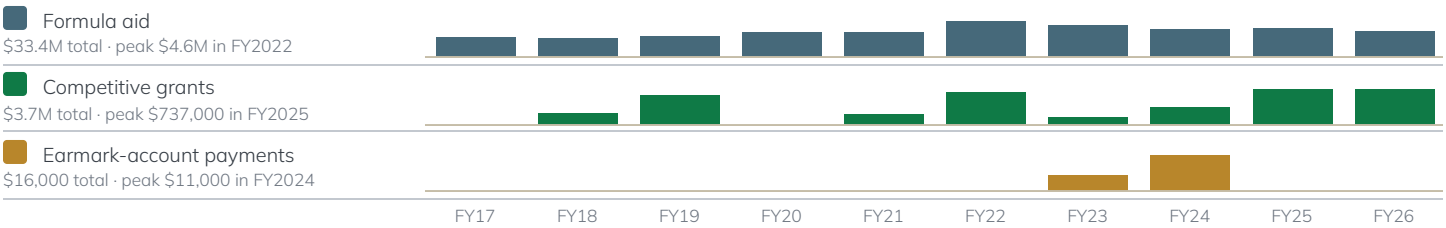
Lenox received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 71 stays between 69 and 74 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Lenox's town government and school districts received $33.4 million in formula aid and $3.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $33.4M | $3.7M | $16,000 |
| $6,580 per resident (313th of 351) · gross | $735 per resident (106th of 351) | $3.15 per resident (306th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lenox were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $36 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Lenox received $75,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $75,000 | $75,000 | $75,000 | No |
| $14.77 per resident (243rd of 351) | $14.77 per resident (293rd of 351) | $14.77 per resident (294th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2025. All of it went to Lenox's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Lenox, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the Berkshire County Gold Star Family Memorial in Lenox" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lenox received 1.89 times its proportional share of competitive grant


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awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**51.5**<br>245th of 351 · 10.1 per 1,000 residents (105th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.4M**<br>scored exposure $4.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**75**<br>180th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.2 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**16%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,045**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.88**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.89; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

### STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,279 acres**<br>9.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$68,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$52.96**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$43,633**<br>FY2017–2025 · 49th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

### THE COMMONWEALTH IN LENOX

## Lenox has 1,068 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 347 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,068 acres**<br>7.9% of Lenox's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**347 acres**<br>2.6% of Lenox's land · 19 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**20 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,332 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 13 | 1,068 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 10 | 944 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 162 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 11 | 82 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 102 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 23 | 704 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 20 |
| Conservation restriction | 19 | 1,332 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 797 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 147 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| October Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 621 | |
| George L. Darey Housatonic Valley WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 447 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 63.5 miles of public road in Lenox, the state maintains 11.2 (18%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.2 | 18% |
| Town-accepted | 51.4 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.9 | 1% |

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Lenox $4.2 million and takes back $411,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3.8 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$4.2 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$411,000**<br>10% of what is sent | Net<br>**$3.8 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $26,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.8M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $691,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $7,716 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $33,000 |
| State Owned Land | $69,000 |
| Public Libraries | $14,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,199 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,160 |
| Regional Transit | $96,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $268,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $41,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LENOX

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | The Mount: Edith Wharton's Home nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Edith Wharton Restoration nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $180,000 |
| FY2023 | The Mount: Edith Wharton's Home nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $172,000 |
| FY2024 | Ventfort Hall Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $149,000 |
| FY2017 | Ventfort Hall Mansion and Gilded Age Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2017 | Edith Wharton Restoration nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $124,000 |
| FY2016 | Edith Wharton Restoration nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2020 | Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $40,000 |
| FY2024 | Berkshire Snow Seekers nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2021 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,690 (shared five ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,100 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2020 | Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $7,050 (shared six ways) |
| FY2018 | Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 20 awards; the web page lists all of them.

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **21.4%** | **19.5%** | **13.7%** | **12.6%** |
| $3.2M of $14.9M · median town 14.1% | $4M of $20.3M · median town 12.2% | $3.9M of $28.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 21.2% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+31.1%** | **+57.1%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $3.4M to $4.5M · all towns +54.0% | $3.6M to $5.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lenox's health insurance would have been $4.30 million in FY2025; it was $4.52 million, $215,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.55 million in FY2025; it was $5.72 million, $1.17 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+36%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
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| To the city or town government | $75,000 | 7.0% | 13.0% |
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| Everything placed | $75,000 | 7.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Lenox's required school contribution is 2.1% of median household income, 300th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.5M** | **$5.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.1%** | **+5%** |
| 300th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Lenox runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Lenox, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lenox has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.4M** | **$2.7M** | **$1.3M** |
| $963,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 103rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **12** | **2** | **$500,000** |
| one rated poor; about $5.2M of work on those, by planning estimates | of four town-owned dams | bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $289,000 | $0 | $257,000 | $32,000 |
| FY2018 | $285,000 | $0 | $0 | $317,000 |
| FY2019 | $284,000 | $57,000 | $98,000 | $560,000 |
| FY2020 | $282,000 | $28,000 | $522,000 | $348,000 |
| FY2021 | $281,000 | $0 | $0 | $629,000 |
| FY2022 | $279,000 | $172,000 | $806,000 | $274,000 |
| FY2023 | $273,000 | $0 | $407,000 | $141,000 |
| FY2024 | $274,000 | $270,000 | $278,000 | $407,000 |
| FY2025 | $275,000 | $177,000 | $300,000 | $559,000 |
| FY2026 | $445,000 | $259,000 | $0 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $444,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.7M |

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PEERS

## Lenox ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lenox** this town | **32** | **$6,580** | **$735** | **$14.77** | **1.89** | **2.1%** |
| Rockport peer | 29 | $6,385 | $408 | $88.56 | 1.27 | 2.1% |
| Wellfleet peer | 37 | $4,162 | $3,572 | $59.49 | 1.85 | 1.3% |
| Orleans peer | 26 | $4,954 | $820 | $115† | 1.26 | 1.7% |
| Nahant peer | 30 | $5,917 | $268 | $131 | 0.69 | 1.6% |
| Tisbury peer · lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |


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**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Leominster

City · Worcester County · 43,909 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
4th Worcester · Natalie M. Higgins

STATE SENATE
Worcester and Middlesex · John J. Cronin

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Leominster Public Schools, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Leominster scores 58 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 51 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**58** / 100

61st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | 51 | 57 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 49th to 75th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Leominster received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 56 and 60 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**51** / 100

190th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 43 | 54 | 55 |

Rank under other weightings: 178th to 199th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

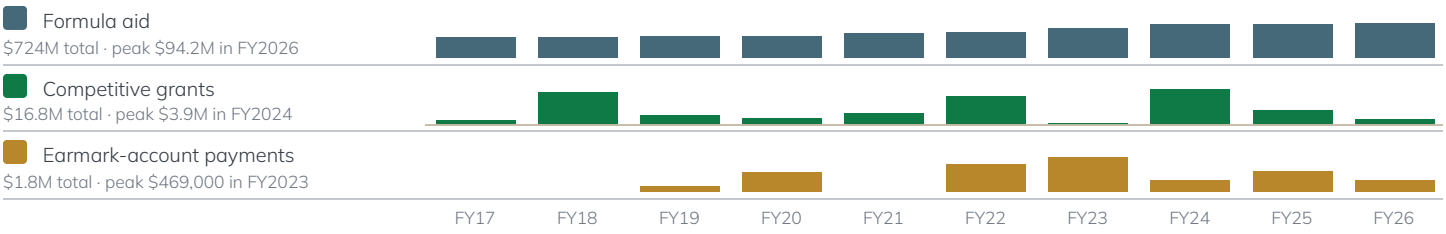
Leominster received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 49 and 53 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Leominster's town government and school districts received $724 million in formula aid and $16.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $724M | $16.8M | $1.8M |
| $16,497 per resident (54th of 351) · gross | $382 per resident (179th of 351) | $41.75 per resident (104th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Leominster peaked in FY2024 at $3.9 million, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $32.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Leominster received $959,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2.4 million placed in the city or town and $2.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $959,000 | $2.4M | $2.4M | No |
| $21.85 per resident (204th of 351) | $54.84 per resident (154th of 351) · 60% to organizations | $54.84 per resident (161st of 351) · 60% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 42 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $959,000 went to Leominster's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.4 million went to organizations in Leominster or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Leominster, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (42 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $500,000 | "the United Way of North Central Massachusetts for the Leominster Flood Relief Fund to reimburse Leominster residents for damages related to severe weather events that occurred in September 2023" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "NewVue Communities, Inc. and RCAP Solutions, Inc. for the purposes of launching a pilot program to address systemic challenges to accessing sustainable housing for Leominster residents with a focus on target populations that are not assisted by the existing housing ecosystem" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "Friends of Sholan Farms, Inc. in the city of Leominster for on-farm infrastructure, land management and maintenance costs" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2021 | $100,000 | "renovations and updates to the Leominster senior center in the town of Leominster" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $83,000 (split three ways) | "not less than $250,000 shall be obligated for contracts with the Veteran Homestead, Inc. in the cities of Leominster, Gardner and Fitchburg" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 42 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Leominster received 1.58 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**163.8**<br>26th of 351 · 3.7 per 1,000 residents (290th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$46.2M**<br>scored exposure $18.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**110**<br>98th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**8**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**28.8 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**44,057**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.22**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.58; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,453 acres**<br>7.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$269,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$185**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,549**<br>FY2017–2025 · 274th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LEOMINSTER

## Leominster has 1,612 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 839 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,612 acres**<br>8.7% of Leominster's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**839 acres**<br>4.5% of Leominster's land · 53 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**346 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,216 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 37 | 1,612 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 10 | 195 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 22 | 506 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 26 | 257 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 76 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 28 | 992 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 11 | 346 |
| Conservation restriction | 63 | 2,216 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 4 | 109 |


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State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 148 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 45 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 2 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Leominster State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,386 | |
| Johnny Appleseed State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 150 | |
| Wachusett Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 71 | |
| Leominster State Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Whalom Lake Access | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 186.5 miles of public road in Leominster, the state maintains 12.1 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.1 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 163.8 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 9.5 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Leominster $86.6 million and takes back $3.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $82.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$86.6 million** | **$3.7 million** | **$82.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $76.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $182,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.7M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $7.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $282,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $460,000 |
| State Owned Land | $269,000 |
| Public Libraries | $143,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $115,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $62,000 |
| Regional Transit | $794,000 |
| Special Education | $6,689 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.3M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.4M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LEOMINSTER

## State programs also awarded $940,000 to organizations in Leominster other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Leominster. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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A further $940,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 44.4% of Leominster's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 44.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **44.2%** | **42.4%** | **44.4%** | **42.1%** |
| $41.4M of $93.7M · median town 14.1% | $51.1M of $121M · median town 12.2% | $76.9M of $173M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 41.2% · median town 10.0% |

**Leominster's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 19.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 6.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $41.4 million in FY2006 to $76.9 million in FY2025, +86.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.7 million of Leominster's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+71.3%** | **+41.0%** | **3 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $21.2M to $36.4M · all towns +54.0% | $25.3M to $35.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Leominster's health insurance would have been $26.5 million in FY2025; it was $36.4 million, $9.86 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $31.6 million in FY2025; it was $35.7 million, $4.09 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+31%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+35%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost. Flag: in FY2022, FY2023, FY2024 and FY2025 reported health insurance exceeded all general-fund fixed costs; the health-insurance report includes the employee share for self-insured towns.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Leominster's government came to $959,000, 6.3% of the $15.1 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $959,000 | 6.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.1M | 13.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.1M | 13.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Leominster's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 229th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$72.7M** | **$38.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+25%** |
| 229th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Leominster runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $64.4 million for schools serving Leominster, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Leominster's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$64.4M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,466 per resident (113th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Leominster's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Fall Brook Elementary School | Leominster | Core | $64.4M | $64.4M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Leominster has $460,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and eight high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$16.1M**<br>$2.7M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$13.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$460,000**<br>annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 337th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**48**<br>two rated poor; likely about $9.4M of work on those ($8.7M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**8**<br>of 13 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$2M**<br>bridges $600,000 · dams $1.2M · culverts $285,000 |

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| FY2017 | $1.1M | $0 | $859,000 | $309,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.3M | $366,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.1M | $224,000 | $756,000 | $953,000 |
| FY2020 | $1.1M | $113,000 | $1.1M | $1.2M |
| FY2021 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.7M | $609,000 |
| FY2022 | $1.1M | $545,000 | $830,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $1.1M | $0 | $2.5M | $70,000 |
| FY2024 | $1.1M | $614,000 | $1.7M | $129,000 |
| FY2025 | $1.1M | $312,000 | $0 | $1.6M |
| FY2026 | $1.7M | $875,000 | $3.6M | $460,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.7M | $0 | $0 | $2.1M |

The full list of the 82 bridges in Leominster in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Barrett Park Pond Dam Repairs source | $1M |
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Elm Street over Haynes Brook / Exchange Street over Slack Brook / Kingman Drive over Slack Brook source | $250,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Colburn Pond Dam Repair Design source | $164,000 |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Lancaster St over Toad Mill Brook source | $35,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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| Westfield peer | 52 | $14,111 | $235 | $64.11 | 0.63 | 2.6% |
| Taunton peer | 59 | $17,881 | $149 | $94.17† | 0.82 | 2.7% |
| West Springfield peer | 57 | $16,581 | $376 | $85.85 | 0.82 | 2.9% |
| Everett peer | 68 | $22,244 | $337 | $120 | 2.38 | 3.1% |
| Attleboro peer | 48 | $13,064 | $110 | $32.30† | 0.33 | 2.7% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Belchertown lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Leverett

Town · Franklin County · 1,608 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

**STATE SENATE**
Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Leverett Public Schools, the town's own district
Amherst-Pelham Regional School District, shared with Amherst, Pelham and Shutesbury

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Leverett scores 47 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 88 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

47 / 100

149th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 51 | 50 | 49 | 38 |

Rank under other weightings: 123rd to 167th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Leverett received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 45 and 49 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

88 / 100

53rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 90 | 90 | 86 | 84 |

Rank under other weightings: 48th to 58th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

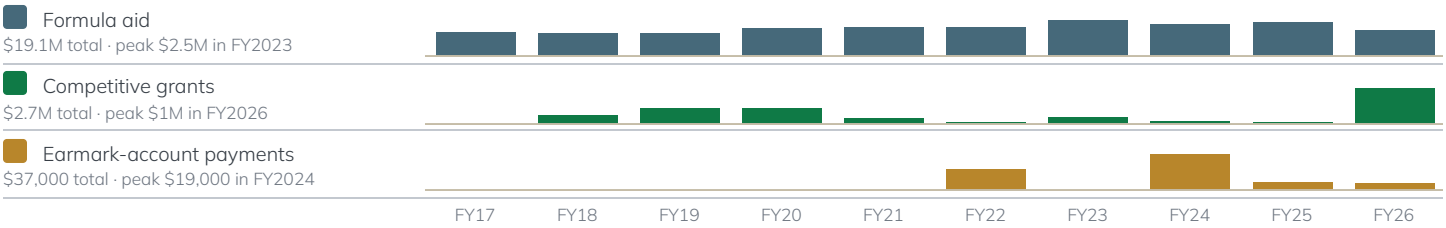
Leverett received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 88 stays between 86 and 89 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Leverett's town government and school districts received $19.1 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $19.1M | $2.7M | $37,000 |
| $11,884 per resident (130th of 351) · gross | $1,674 per resident (54th of 351) | $23.23 per resident (183rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Leverett peaked in FY2026 at $1 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Leverett received $115,000 in local earmarks to its government, $215,000 placed in the city or town and $215,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $115,000 | $215,000 | $215,000 | No |
| $71.52 per resident (42nd of 351) | $134 per resident (35th of 351) · 47% to organizations | $134 per resident (42nd of 351) · 47% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2023. $115,000 went to Leverett's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $100,000 went to organizations in Leverett or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Leverett, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the Friends of Leverett Pond for the repair, design, permitting and construction of the Leverett Pond dam" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the town of Leverett for rehabilitation of the Leverett Crafts and Arts Building" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $15,000 | "the town of Leverett for its 250th anniversary" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Leverett received 1.95 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**33.7**<br>320th of 351 · 20.9 per 1,000 residents (55th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.9M**<br>scored exposure $3.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**67**<br>206th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.8 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,677**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**5.86**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.95; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**672 acres**<br>4.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$29,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$42.67**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$30,491**<br>FY2017–2025 · 104th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LEVERETT

## Leverett has 637 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,982 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**637 acres**<br>4.4% of Leverett's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,982 acres**<br>20.4% of Leverett's land · 87 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**4,144 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 15 | 637 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 17 | 617 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 52 | 2,397 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 90 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 26 | 495 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 49 | 1,627 |
| Conservation restriction | 34 | 4,144 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 14 | 488 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 93 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 36 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mt. Toby WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 226 | |
| Montague WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 177 | |
| Brushy Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 108 | |
| Mount Toby State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 94 | |
| Mount Toby State Forest | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 32 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 42.0 miles of public road in Leverett, the state maintains 5.4 (13%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.4 | 13% |
| Town-accepted | 34.7 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.9 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Leverett $928,000 and takes back $118,000 in assessments and charges, a net $809,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$928,000** | **$118,000** | **$809,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 13% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $437,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $209,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $232,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $14,000 |
| State Owned Land | $29,000 |
| Public Libraries | $6,592 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $619 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $700 |
| Regional Transit | $517 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $116,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LEVERETT

## State programs also awarded $4.9 million to organizations in Leverett other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Leverett. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Hassanamisco Nipmuc Band tribal nation | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $3M |
| FY2027 | Hassanamisco Nipmuc Band nonprofit | EEA Eco One Stop FY27 (climate/resilience grants) | $1.5M (shared two ways) |
| FY2026 | Friends of North Leverett Sawmill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $196,000 |
| FY2023 | Friends of North Leverett Sawmill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2019 | Kestrel Land Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2023 | Friends of North Leverett Sawmill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |
| FY2023 | Leverett Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |
| FY2021 | Kestrel Land Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $7,450 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $138,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.4% of Leverett's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 11.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.3%** | **12.1%** | **11.4%** | **11.2%** |
| $514,000 of $4.6M · median town 14.1% | $661,000 of $5.5M · median town 12.2% | $857,000 of $7.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 11.3% · median town 10.0% |

Leverett's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $827,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Leverett's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 7.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 4.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $514,000 in FY2006 to $857,000 in FY2025, +66.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+185.0%** | **+79.1%** | **4 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $71,000 to $202,000 · all towns +54.0% | $217,000 to $389,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Leverett's health insurance would have been $88,000 in FY2025; it was $202,000, $113,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $271,000 in FY2025; it was $389,000, $118,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+41%) and FY2023 (+52%); fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+49%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Leverett's government came to $115,000, 87.8% of the $131,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $115,000 | 87.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $215,000 | 164.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $215,000 | 164.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Leverett's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 90th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.1M** | **$2.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **–0%** |
| 90th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Leverett runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Amherst-Pelham for others; Leverett accounts for 7% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $435,000 for schools serving Leverett, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Leverett's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$435,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $271 per resident (219th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Leverett's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Amherst Regional Middle School | Amherst Pelham | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $6M | $435,000 (7%) |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Leverett has $855,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.5M**<br>$672,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$855,000**<br>annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 92nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>three rated poor; likely about $1.9M of work on those ($1.3M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$309,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $309,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Leverett came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $151,000 | $0 | $116,000 | $84,000 |
| FY2018 | $150,000 | $0 | $127,000 | $152,000 |
| FY2019 | $150,000 | $30,000 | $51,000 | $281,000 |
| FY2020 | $149,000 | $15,000 | $361,000 | $84,000 |
| FY2021 | $149,000 | $0 | $173,000 | $60,000 |
| FY2022 | $149,000 | $116,000 | $0 | $324,000 |
| FY2023 | $148,000 | $0 | $279,000 | $193,000 |
| FY2024 | $148,000 | $205,000 | $95,000 | $451,000 |
| FY2025 | $147,000 | $144,000 | $305,000 | $438,000 |
| FY2026 | $255,000 | $162,000 | $0 | $855,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $254,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Leverett in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2022 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Shutesbury Road Culvert Enhancement source | $259,000 |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Shutesbury Rd over Unknown Tributary to Roaring Brook source | $50,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Leverett received $3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 53% of the $5.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Leverett ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $215,000 in earmarks placed in Leverett, $100,000 (47%) went to organizations rather than to Leverett's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Leverett** this town | **47** | **$11,884** | **$1,674** | **$134** | **1.95** | **2.9%** |
| Sheffield peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |
| Blandford peer | 52 | $10,142 | $5,405 | $0 | 0.80 | 2.6% |
| Chesterfield peer | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |
| Worthington peer | 45 | $10,665 | $2,563 | $58.77 | 0.59 | 2.8% |
| Hatfield peer | 32 | $6,480 | $1,299 | $3.01 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

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**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Lexington

Town · Middlesex County · 34,295 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

### STATE HOUSE

**15th Middlesex** · Michelle L. Ciccolo
89% of residents

**21st Middlesex** · Kenneth I. Gordon
11% of residents

Lexington is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

### STATE SENATE

**Fourth Middlesex** · Cindy F. Friedman 66% of residents

**Third Middlesex** · Michael J. Barrett 34% of residents

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Lexington Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Acton, Arlington, Bolton, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Needham and Stow

### REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Lexington scores 36 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 9 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

#### ALL STATE AID

**36** / 100

250th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 58 | 24 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 207th to 280th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Lexington received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 30 and 43 under every weighting tested.

#### DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**9** / 100

347th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 17 | 8 | 5 |

Rank under other weightings: 344th to 349th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

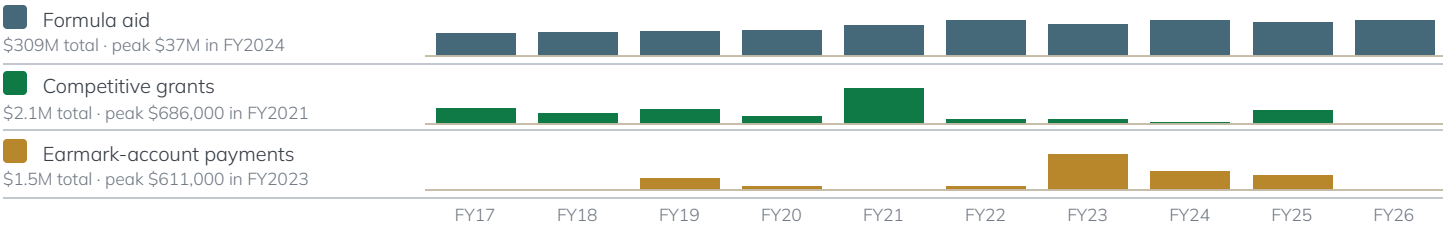
Lexington received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 9 stays between 8 and 11 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Lexington's town government and school districts received $309 million in formula aid and $2.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$309M** | **$2.1M** | **$1.5M** |
| $9,001 per resident (222nd of 351) · gross | $61.92 per resident (345th of 351) | $44.46 per resident (91st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lexington peaked in FY2021 at $686,000, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $23.1 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Lexington received $520,000 in local earmarks to its government, $3.9 million placed in the city or town and $3.9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$520,000** | **$3.9M** | **$3.9M** | **No** |
| $15.16 per resident (238th of 351) | $113 per resident (53rd of 351) · 87% to organizations | $113 per resident (61st of 351) · 87% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 32 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $520,000 went to Lexington's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $3.4 million went to organizations in Lexington or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Lexington, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (32 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $350,000 | "the NAN Project in the town of Lexington to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention programming in schools and communities" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $250,000 | "not less than $250,000 for the assisted outpatient treatment program at Eliot Community Human Services, Inc. to treat residents who suffer from serious and persistent mental illness and experience repeated interaction with law enforcement or have a high rate of recurring hospitalization due to..." | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $250,000 | "not less than $250,000 for the assisted outpatient treatment program at Eliot Community Human Services, Inc. to treat residents who suffer from serious and persistent mental illness and experience repeated interaction with law enforcement or have a high rate of recurring hospitalization due to..." | Enacted organization based here |
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Printed: the 5 largest of 32 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lexington received 57% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**132.0**<br>48th of 351 · 3.8 per 1,000 residents (284th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.9M**<br>scored exposure $2.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**95**<br>128th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.4 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**34,358**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.08**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.57; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$65,023**<br>FY2017–2025 · 21st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LEXINGTON

## Lexington has 105 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 129 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**105 acres**<br>1.0% of Lexington's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**129 acres**<br>1.2% of Lexington's land · 7 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**144 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 105 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 7 | 129 |
| Conservation restriction | 68 | 144 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beaver Brook North Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 57 | |
| Beaver Brook North Reservation | State: Department of Capital Asset Management | 48 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 163.4 miles of public road in Lexington, the state maintains 18.3 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 18.3 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 131.8 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 13.2 | 8% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Lexington $22.7 million and takes back $1.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $21.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$22.7 million** | **$1.2 million** | **$21.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $20.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $41,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $17,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $96,000 |
| Public Libraries | $89,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $19,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $21,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $14,000 |
| MBTA | $886,000 |
| Special Education | $10,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $150,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $122,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LEXINGTON

## State programs also awarded $1.1 million to organizations in Lexington other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Lexington. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Munroe Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2016 | Lexington Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $158,000 |
| FY2022 | Munroe Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $131,000 |
| FY2025 | Lexington Arts & Crafts Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $99,000 |
| FY2019 | Lexington Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2021 | Lexington Arts and Crafts Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $60,000 |
| FY2024 | Lexington Historical Society nonprofit | MOTT Destination Development grants | $40,000 |
| FY2023 | Munroe Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2020 | Munroe Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $16,000 |
| FY2021 | Lexington Arts and Crafts Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $267,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.3% of Lexington's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 6.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **6.6%** | **6.5%** | **7.3%** | **6.9%** |
| $8.6M of $131M · median town 14.1% | $11.6M of $177M · median town 12.2% | $20.5M of $279M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.2% · median town 10.0% |


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Lexington's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $309,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Lexington's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 53.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 36.2% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.6 million in FY2006 to $20.5 million in FY2025, +137.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+58.2%** | **+65.2%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $22.8M to $36M · all towns +54.0% | $29.3M to $48.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lexington's health insurance would have been $28.5 million in FY2025; it was $36 million, $7.58 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $36.6 million in FY2025; it was $48.4 million, $11.8 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (–66%) and FY2023 (+168%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (–87%) and FY2023 (+745%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Lexington's government came to $470,000, 3.5% of the $13.3 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $470,000 | 3.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.5M | 26.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.5M | 26.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Lexington's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 162nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$19.7M** | **$79.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+25%** |
| 162nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Lexington runs its own school district and also belongs to Minuteman; Lexington accounts for 14% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $139 million for schools serving Lexington, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Lexington's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$139M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $4,043 per resident (20th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Lexington's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Lexington High School | Lexington | Core | $122M | $122M |
| FY2018 | Maria Hastings Elementary School | Lexington | Core | $16.9M | $16.9M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lexington has $2.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$13.8M**<br>$2.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$9.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.5M**<br>annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 191st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Lexington came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Lexington owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $971,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $688,000 |
| FY2018 | $970,000 | $0 | $829,000 | $829,000 |
| FY2019 | $974,000 | $195,000 | $898,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2020 | $975,000 | $98,000 | $1.2M | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $978,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $978,000 |
| FY2022 | $982,000 | $440,000 | $978,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $990,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $990,000 |
| FY2024 | $974,000 | $509,000 | $1.4M | $1M |
| FY2025 | $965,000 | $263,000 | $420,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2026 | $1.4M | $717,000 | $1.4M | $2.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.4M | $0 | $0 | $3.9M |

The full list of the 24 bridges in Lexington in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Lexington received $7.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 53% of the $13.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Lexington ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3.9 million in earmarks placed in Lexington, $3.4 million (87%) went to organizations rather than to Lexington's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lexington** this town | **36** | **$9,001** | **$61.92** | **$113**† | **0.57** | **2.7%** |
| Hingham peer | 30 | $6,498 | $83.05 | $90.15† | 0.24 | 2.2% |
| Winchester peer | 28 | $6,820 | $40.16 | $49.13 | 0.45 | 2.5% |
| Needham peer | 28 | $6,664 | $33.58 | $144† | 0.21 | 2.5% |
| Wellesley peer | 28 | $6,221 | $46.83 | $85.74 | 0.18 | 1.9% |
| Marblehead peer | 29 | $6,094 | $187 | $21.64 | 0.50 | 1.9% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Leyden

Town · Franklin County · 637 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

**STATE SENATE**
Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Pioneer Valley Regional School District, shared with Bernardston and Northfield
Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield and ten others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Leyden scores 52 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 94 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

52 / 100

108th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 54 | 48 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 96th to 118th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Leyden received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 50 and 54 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

94 / 100

32nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | 94 | 91 | 94 |

Rank under other weightings: 29th to 35th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

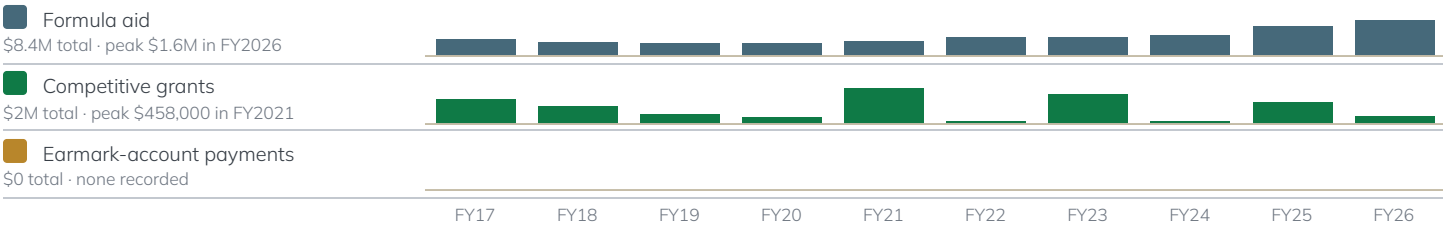
Leyden received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 94 stays between 93 and 94 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Leyden's town government and school districts received $8.4 million in formula aid and $2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $8.4M | $2M | $0 |
| $13,247 per resident (107th of 351) · gross | $3,201 per resident (30th of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Leyden peaked in FY2021 at $458,000, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 637 residents, a single payment moves Leyden's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Leyden received $100,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | No |
| $157 per resident (5th of 351) | $157 per resident (17th of 351) | $157 per resident (26th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2024. All of it went to Leyden's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Leyden, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the town of Leyden to support municipal vehicles and equipment for municipal departments" | Enacted to the city or town government |


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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Leyden received 2.17 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**35.1**<br>314th of 351 · 55.0 per 1,000 residents (21st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.2M**<br>scored exposure $532,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**56**<br>240th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.9 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**9%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**705**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.90**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.17; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**868 acres**<br>7.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$47,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$54.23**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,624**<br>FY2017–2025 · 270th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LEYDEN

## Leyden has 902 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,871 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**902 acres**<br>7.9% of Leyden's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,871 acres**<br>25.0% of Leyden's land · 91 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**659 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,199 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 8 | 902 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 12 | 887 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 22 | 724 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 49 | 1,583 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 20 | 564 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 56 | 2,395 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 17 | 659 |
| Conservation restriction | 39 | 1,199 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 11 | 828 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 58 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Leyden WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 785 | |
| Leyden State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 61 | |
| Shattuck Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 39 | |
| Green River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 18 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 37.9 miles of public road in Leyden, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 35.1 | 93% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.8 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Leyden $178,000 and takes back $1,099 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $176,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$178,000** | **$1,099** | **$176,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $107,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $9,719 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $9,128 |
| State Owned Land | $47,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,050 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $217 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $860 |
| Regional Transit | $22 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LEYDEN

## State programs also awarded $752,000 to organizations in Leyden other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Bernardston-Gill-Leyden Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,939 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.0% of Leyden's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 5.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5.4%** | **6.6%** | **7.0%** | **6.9%** |
| $80,000 of $1.5M · median town 14.1% | $109,000 of $1.7M · median town 12.2% | $161,000 of $2.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.2% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| not reported | **+56.1%** | **5 of 9** | **3 of 3** |
| FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +54.0% | $104,000 to $162,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth · six years not reported |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Leyden's fixed costs would have been $130,000 in FY2025; it was $162,000, $32,000 above the path.


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Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (–72%) and FY2021 (+340%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Leyden's health insurance is not reported for FY2016 or FY2025, so its earmarks are not set against it.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $100,000 | not reported | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $100,000 | not reported | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $100,000 | not reported | 45.2% |

### SCHOOLS

## Leyden's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 291st highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$761,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$630,000**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.2%**<br>291st of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+103%**<br>after inflation |

Leyden has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Pioneer and Franklin County; Leyden accounts for 13% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.9 million for schools serving Leyden, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Leyden's share<br>**$1.9M**<br>$3,022 per resident (53rd of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Leyden's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $1.9M (2%) |

### ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Leyden has $670,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.5M**<br>$672,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$670,000**<br>annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 175th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**9**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$989,000**<br>bridges $383,000 · dams $0 · culverts $606,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Leyden came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $146,000 | $0 | $274,000 | $87,000 |
| FY2018 | $143,000 | $0 | $167,000 | $63,000 |
| FY2019 | $143,000 | $29,000 | $89,000 | $146,000 |
| FY2020 | $143,000 | $14,000 | $89,000 | $214,000 |
| FY2021 | $142,000 | $0 | $89,000 | $268,000 |
| FY2022 | $142,000 | $117,000 | $181,000 | $346,000 |
| FY2023 | $141,000 | $0 | $205,000 | $282,000 |
| FY2024 | $141,000 | $203,000 | $94,000 | $533,000 |
| FY2025 | $141,000 | $141,000 | $202,000 | $612,000 |
| FY2026 | $256,000 | $167,000 | $366,000 | $670,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $256,000 | $0 | $0 | $927,000 |

The full list of the nine bridges in Leyden in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | West Leyden Road over Hibbard Brook source | $127,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Coates Road over Glen Brook source | $395,000 |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Coates Road over Glenn Brook source | $84,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Leyden received $2.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 29% more than the $1.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Leyden ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Leyden** this town | **52** | **$13,247** | **$3,201** | **$157** | **2.17** | **2.2%** |
| Florida peer · lowest in class of 30 | 64 | $19,543 | $1,744 | $0 | 0.14 | 3.2% |
| New Braintree peer · best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |
| Petersham peer | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |
| Heath peer | 70 | $20,313 | $6,568 | $65.36† | 0.84 | 1.5% |
| Goshen peer | 58 | $15,373 | $3,510 | $81.97 | 1.88 | 2.3% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Lincoln

Town · Middlesex County · 6,948 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**13th Middlesex** · Carmine Lawrence Gentile
50% of residents
**14th Norfolk** · Alice Hanlon Peisch
50% of residents
Lincoln is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Third Middlesex** · Michael J. Barrett

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Lincoln Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District**, shared with Sudbury

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Lincoln scores 41 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 60 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**41** / 100
204th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 61 | 40 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 154th to 236th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Lincoln received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 36 and 46 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**60** / 100
148th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 78 | 60 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 130th to 169th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

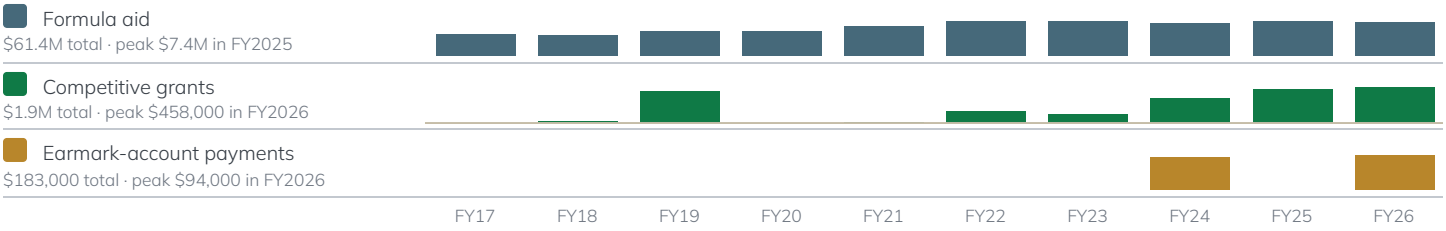
Lincoln received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 60 stays between 55 and 65 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Lincoln's town government and school districts received $61.4 million in formula aid and $1.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$61.4M** | **$1.9M** | **$183,000** |
| $8,832 per resident (226th of 351) · gross | $272 per resident (219th of 351) | $26.29 per resident (167th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lincoln peaked in FY2026 at $458,000, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Lincoln received $1.3 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.6 million placed in the city or town and $1.6 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.3M** | **$1.6M** | **$1.6M** | **No** |
| $191 per resident (2nd of 351) | $223 per resident (7th of 351) · 14% to organizations | $223 per resident (14th of 351) · 14% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 18 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.3 million went to Lincoln's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $220,000 went to organizations in Lincoln or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Lincoln, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (18 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $150,000 | "the town of Lincoln to mitigate the costs of educating the children of retired-military families" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "the town of Lincoln to mitigate the costs of educating the children of retired-military families" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "the town of Lincoln to mitigate the costs of educating the children of retired-military families" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "the town of Lincoln to mitigate the costs of educating the children of retired-military families" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $150,000 | "the town of Lincoln to mitigate the costs of educating the children of retired-military families" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 18 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lincoln received 1.39 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**52.4**<br>241st of 351 · 7.5 per 1,000 residents (145th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$445,000**<br>scored exposure $137,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**46**<br>279th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.2 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,948**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.49**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.39; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**255 acres**<br>2.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$626,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$2,454**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,248**<br>FY2017–2025 · 289th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LINCOLN

## Lincoln has 78 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 116 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**78 acres**<br>0.9% of Lincoln's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**116 acres**<br>1.3% of Lincoln's land · 9 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**77 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,094 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 21 | 78 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 26 | 166 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 2 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 74 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 40 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 9 | 70 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 77 |
| Conservation restriction | 201 | 1,094 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state agencies | 13 | 92 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | 75 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Walden Pond State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 78 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 61.3 miles of public road in Lincoln, the state maintains 6.5 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.5 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 52.4 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.7 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Lincoln $3.2 million and takes back $188,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.2 million** | **$188,000** | **$3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.5M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $885,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $131,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $7,783 |
| State Owned Land | $626,000 |
| Public Libraries | $20,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,301 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $4,247 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,100 |
| MBTA | $178,000 |

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2021 | DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Mass Audubon nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $132,000 |
| FY2022 | Mass Audubon nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $130,000 |
| FY2017 | The Walden Woods Project nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2018 | DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2021 | Massachusetts Audubon Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2018 | DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.3%** | **5.8%** | **6.7%** | **6.2%** |
| $2.6M of $23.3M · median town 14.1% | $1.8M of $31.5M · median town 12.2% | $2.9M of $44M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.0% · median town 10.0% |

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Gross state aid went from $2.6 million in FY2006 to $2.9 million in FY2025, +11.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+28.3%** | **+41.0%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $3.2M to $4.1M · all towns +54.0% | $5.2M to $7.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lincoln's health insurance would have been $4.04 million in FY2025; it was $4.15 million, $109,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $6.53 million in FY2025; it was $7.37 million, $844,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Lincoln's government came to $1.2 million, 127.0% of the $914,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
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| Everything placed | $1.3M | 146.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Lincoln's required school contribution is 1.9% of median household income, 318th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2M** | **$9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.9%** | **+17%** |
| 318th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Lincoln runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Lincoln-Sudbury for others; Lincoln accounts for 13% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Lincoln, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lincoln has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.2M** | **$2.3M** | **$1.5M** |
| $962,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.0 years of its yearly money · 79th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **1** | **0** | **$149,000** |
| none rated poor | of two town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $149,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $268,000 | $0 | $302,000 | $23,000 |
| FY2018 | $265,000 | $0 | $164,000 | $124,000 |
| FY2019 | $259,000 | $52,000 | $412,000 | $321,000 |
| FY2020 | $267,000 | $27,000 | $277,000 | $337,000 |
| FY2021 | $266,000 | $0 | $126,000 | $477,000 |
| FY2022 | $266,000 | $174,000 | $186,000 | $731,000 |
| FY2023 | $267,000 | $0 | $380,000 | $619,000 |
| FY2024 | $267,000 | $271,000 | $179,000 | $979,000 |
| FY2025 | $267,000 | $177,000 | $510,000 | $913,000 |
| FY2026 | $442,000 | $262,000 | $101,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $441,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the three bridges in Lincoln in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Lincoln Road over Stony Brook / Pierce Hill Road over Stony Brook / Tower Road over Stony Brook source | $149,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lincoln** this town | **41** | **$8,832** | **$272** | **$223** | **1.39** | **1.9%** |
| Cohasset peer · best in class of 30 | 32 | $7,092 | $383 | $129† | 0.76 | 2.5% |
| Sherborn peer | 39 | $9,422 | $708 | $109 | 0.88 | 2.7% |
| Newbury peer | 41 | $8,033 | $339 | $38.77 | 0.19 | 1.6% |
| Boxford peer | 40 | $9,338 | $156 | $74.78 | 0.46 | 2.6% |
| Bolton peer | 35 | $8,127 | $737 | $62.75 | 1.64 | 2.8% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Littleton

Town · Middlesex County · 10,280 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Middlesex · James Arciero

STATE SENATE

Middlesex and Worcester · James B. Eldridge

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Littleton Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Nashoba Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ayer, Chelmsford, Groton, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Westford

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Littleton scores 37 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 91 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**37** / 100

245th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 52 | 32 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 217th to 262nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Littleton received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 37 stays between 33 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**91** / 100

44th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | 95 | 90 | 86 |

Rank under other weightings: 35th to 47th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

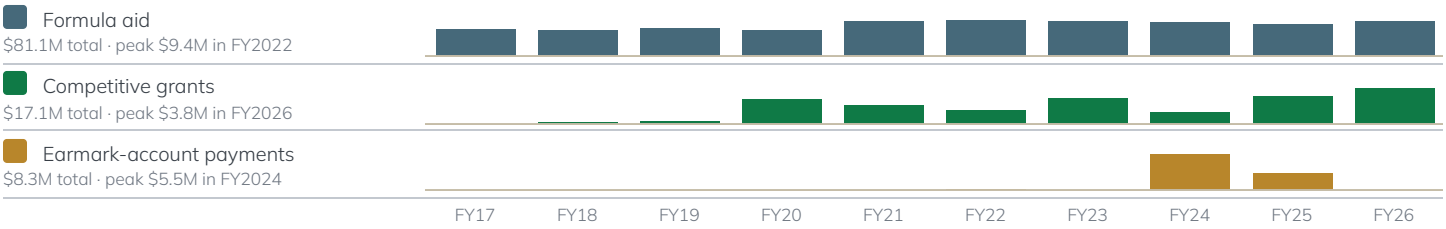
Littleton received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 91 stays between 89 and 92 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Littleton's town government and school districts received $81.1 million in formula aid and $17.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$81.1M** | **$17.1M** | **$8.3M** |
| $7,885 per resident (259th of 351) · gross | $1,660 per resident (55th of 351) | $808 per resident (1st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Littleton peaked in FY2026 at $3.8 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $10.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Littleton received $570,000 in local earmarks to its government, $645,000 placed in the city or town and $645,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$570,000** | **$645,000** | **$645,000** | **No** |
| $55.45 per resident (67th of 351) | $62.74 per resident (135th of 351) · 12% to organizations | $62.74 per resident (142nd of 351) · 12% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: ten clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $570,000 went to Littleton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $75,000 went to organizations in Littleton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Littleton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (ten clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $110,000 | "install solar panels on the roof of the Reuben Hoar library in the town of Littleton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the purchase and installation of solar panels for the senior center in Littleton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the installation of a sidewalk on Harwood avenue in the town of Littleton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $60,000 | "updating the 2019 Littleton Common Revitalization Road Map" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the renovation of the World War I monument at the corner of King street and Shattuck street and for the marking of veterans graves at the Westlawn cemetery in the town of Littleton" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 10 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Littleton received 5.22 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**66.0**<br>199th of 351 · 6.4 per 1,000 residents (179th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.6M**<br>scored exposure $518,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**72**<br>191st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.5 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**10,381**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.17**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 5.22; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**96 acres**<br>0.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$10,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$105**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$52,342**<br>FY2017–2025 · 32nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LITTLETON

## Littleton has 109 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 336 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**109 acres**<br>1.0% of Littleton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**336 acres**<br>3.2% of Littleton's land · 24 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**61 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**321 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 109 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 80 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 55 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 17 | 254 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 28 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 23 | 766 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 6 | 61 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 321 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 80 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boxborough Station WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 109 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 89.5 miles of public road in Littleton, the state maintains 18.0 (20%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 18.0 | 20% |
| Town-accepted | 66.0 | 74% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.5 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Littleton $7.3 million and takes back $1.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $6.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.3 million** | **$1.2 million** | **$6.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 16% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $5.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $85,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $598,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $938,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $88,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $38,000 |
| State Owned Land | $10,000 |
| Public Libraries | $30,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $64,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,036 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $6,371 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $6,300 |
| MBTA | $59,000 |
| Regional Transit | $20,000 |
| Special Education | $4,321 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $137,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $881,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LITTLETON

## State programs also awarded $87,000 to organizations in Littleton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Littleton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $87,000 in 5 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.5% of Littleton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 14.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.0%** | **14.1%** | **11.5%** | **9.4%** |
| $4M of $28.5M · median town 14.1% | $5.2M of $36.9M · median town 12.2% | $6.7M of $58.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.6% · median town 10.0% |

Littleton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $208,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Littleton's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 8.1% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 3.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $4 million in FY2006 to $6.7 million in FY2025, +67.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.1 million of Littleton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+54.4%** | **+91.1%** | **4 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $3.3M to $5.1M · all towns +54.0% | $4.9M to $9.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Littleton's health insurance would have been $4.17 million in FY2025; it was $5.15 million, $983,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $6.07 million in FY2025; it was $9.28 million, $3.21 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+45%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Littleton's government came to $510,000, 28.1% of the $1.81 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $510,000 | 28.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $585,000 | 32.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $585,000 | 32.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Littleton's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 59th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.4M** | **$17.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **–3%** |
| 59th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Littleton runs its own school district and also belongs to Nashoba Valley; Littleton accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $39 million for schools serving Littleton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Littleton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$39M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,789 per resident (25th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Littleton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Shaker Lane Elementary School | Littleton | Core | $38.9M | $38.9M |
| FY2019 | Nashoba Valley Technical High School | Nashoba Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Windows/Doors) | $1.6M | $99,000 (6%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Littleton's share of the final cost was $210,000 against its share of the approved budget of $223,000 (under by $13,000); the local share moved from $124,000 to $119,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Littleton has $1.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.8M**<br>$1M of it one-time supplements | **$3.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.9M**<br>annual program: 3.0 years of its yearly money · 25th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **8**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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| FY2018 | $397,000 | $0 | $0 | $397,000 |
| FY2019 | $398,000 | $80,000 | $397,000 | $478,000 |
| FY2020 | $395,000 | $39,000 | $0 | $912,000 |
| FY2021 | $393,000 | $0 | $786,000 | $519,000 |
| FY2022 | $392,000 | $220,000 | $162,000 | $969,000 |
| FY2023 | $411,000 | $0 | $717,000 | $663,000 |
| FY2024 | $402,000 | $229,000 | $210,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | $398,000 | $108,000 | $0 | $1.6M |
| FY2026 | $616,000 | $342,000 | $476,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $613,000 | $0 | $175,000 | $2.5M |

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| Freetown peer | 43 | $10,093 | $164 | $145† | 0.30 | 2.8% |
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| Lakeville peer | 44 | $10,579 | $119 | $49.61 | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |


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**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Longmeadow

Town · Hampden County · 15,696 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd Hampden · Brian M. Ashe | Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester · Jacob R. Oliveira | Longmeadow Public Schools, the town's own district | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Longmeadow scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 16 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

333rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 39 | 23 | 19 |

Rank under other weightings: 306th to 344th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Longmeadow received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 23 and 32 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**16** / 100

327th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 22 | 19 | 9 |

Rank under other weightings: 321st to 330th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

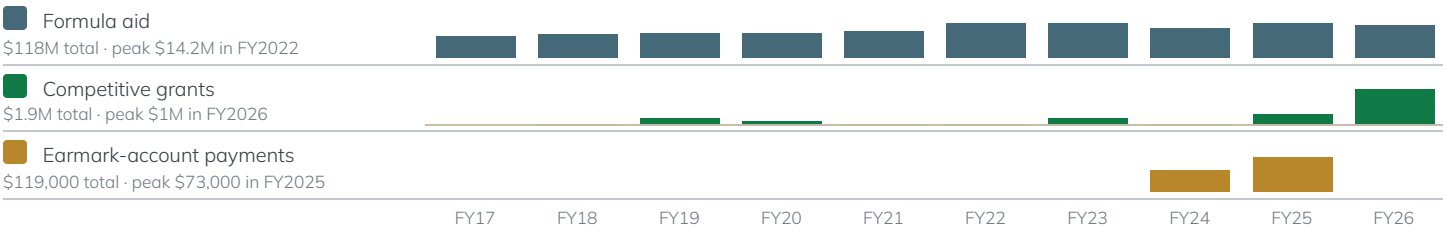
Longmeadow received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 16 stays between 14 and 19 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Longmeadow's town government and school districts received $118 million in formula aid and $1.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$118M** | **$1.9M** | **$119,000** |
| $7,493 per resident (275th of 351) · gross | $122 per resident (310th of 351) | $7.57 per resident (270th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Longmeadow peaked in FY2026 at $1 million, 53% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Longmeadow received $100,000 in local earmarks to its government, $582,000 placed in the city or town and $582,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$100,000** | **$582,000** | **$582,000** | **No** |
| $6.37 per resident (285th of 351) | $37.08 per resident (211th of 351) · 83% to organizations | $37.08 per resident (217th of 351) · 83% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $100,000 went to Longmeadow's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $482,000 went to organizations in Longmeadow or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Longmeadow, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "Bay Path University in the town of Longmeadow to support the introduction of the Closing Regional Workforce Gaps in Education and Healthcare Through Experimental Learning, Mentoring and Licensure Project, a career-focused program seeking to reduce the mismatch between skills demanded and skills..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the Willie Ross School for the Deaf, Inc. in the town of Longmeadow" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $60,000 | "the JGS Lifecare Corporation in the town of Longmeadow to support unit renovations and nurse call system technology" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "Bay Path University in the town of Longmeadow to support a college-readiness bootcamp to prepare young women for college" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "the town of Longmeadow for the purchase of an emergency generator for the new Longmeadow Adult Center which will also be used as an emergency shelter" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Longmeadow received 57% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**91.5**<br>118th of 351 · 5.8 per 1,000 residents (199th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**39**<br>296th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**9.1 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**15,696**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.84**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.57; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$7,354**<br>FY2017–2025 · 344th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LONGMEADOW

## No state conservation land is mapped in Longmeadow; 14 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**14 acres**<br>0.2% of Longmeadow's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**110 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 14 |
| Conservation restriction | 5 | 110 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 100.8 miles of public road in Longmeadow, the state maintains 3.3 (3%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.3 | 3% |
| Town-accepted | 84.8 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 12.8 | 13% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Longmeadow $10.5 million and takes back $422,000 in assessments and charges, a net $10.1 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$10.5 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$422,000**<br>4% of what is sent | Net<br>**$10.1 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $78,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $188,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $47,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $78,000 |
| Public Libraries | $44,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,914 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $9,160 |
| Regional Transit | $88,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $102,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $219,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.8% of Longmeadow's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 15.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.4%** | **10.8%** | **11.8%** | **11.3%** |
| $6.6M of $42.9M · median town 14.1% | $6.2M of $57.7M · median town 12.2% | $9.6M of $81.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.4% · median town 10.0% |

**Longmeadow's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 6.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 16.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $6.6 million in FY2006 to $9.6 million in FY2025, +45.2% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+47.7%** | **+48.1%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $6.8M to $10M · all towns +54.0% | $7.8M to $11.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Longmeadow's health insurance would have been $8.45 million in FY2025; it was $10.00 million, $1.54 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.76 million in FY2025; it was $11.6 million, $1.82 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Longmeadow's government came to $100,000, 3.1% of the $3.23 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $100,000 | 3.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $582,000 | 18.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $582,000 | 18.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Longmeadow's required school contribution is 3.4%


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## of median household income, 22nd highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$7.8M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$28.7M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.4%**<br>22nd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+29%**<br>after inflation |

Longmeadow runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $64.3 million for schools serving Longmeadow, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Longmeadow's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$64.3M**<br>$4,098 per resident (19th of 351) | **2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Longmeadow's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Center School | Longmeadow | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $5.7M | $5.7M |
| FY2026 | Center School | Longmeadow | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3.9M | $3.9M |
| FY2025 | Glenbrook Middle School | Longmeadow | Core | $54.8M | $54.8M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Longmeadow has $1.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.2M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | **$4.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.9M**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 128th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$75,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $75,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Longmeadow came on average 23 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Longmeadow owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $477,000 | $0 | $168,000 | $435,000 |
| FY2018 | $472,000 | $0 | $787,000 | $164,000 |
| FY2019 | $473,000 | $95,000 | $637,000 | $95,000 |
| FY2020 | $478,000 | $48,000 | $573,000 | $48,000 |
| FY2021 | $479,000 | $0 | $0 | $527,000 |
| FY2022 | $478,000 | $281,000 | $0 | $1.3M |
| FY2023 | $472,000 | $0 | $804,000 | $954,000 |
| FY2024 | $477,000 | $286,000 | $260,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2025 | $477,000 | $133,000 | $1.3M | $747,000 |
| FY2026 | $804,000 | $464,000 | $128,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $803,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.7M |

The full list of the six bridges in Longmeadow in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert training site (DER) award | Longmeadow Brook Culvert Replacement source | $75,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Longmeadow received $3.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 51% of the $6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Longmeadow ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $582,000 in earmarks placed in Longmeadow, $482,000 (83%) went to organizations rather than to Longmeadow's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Longmeadow** this town | **28** | **$7,493** | **$122** | **$37.08**† | **0.57** | **3.4%** |
| Charlton peer | 56 | $14,031 | $197 | $23.82 | 0.74 | 3.0% |
| Ashland peer | 36 | $7,807 | $843 | $98.35 | 1.10 | 3.0% |
| Rehoboth peer | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |
| Lakeville peer | 44 | $10,579 | $119 | $49.61 | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Wilmington peer | 42 | $9,651 | $202 | $31.68 | 0.32 | 2.7% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

FAIRNESS INDEX CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

STATE MONEY CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

EARMARKS General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Lowell

City · Middlesex County · 118,368 residents (ACS 2020–24)

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### STATE HOUSE

**18th Middlesex** · Tara T. Hong 37% of residents
**17th Middlesex** · Vanna Howard (until taking the First Middlesex Senate seat in March 2026; seat vacant) 35% of residents
**16th Middlesex** · Rodney M. Elliott 28% of residents

Lowell is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

### STATE SENATE

**First Middlesex** · Vanna Howard (since March 2026) and Edward J. Kennedy (until October 2025)

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Lowell Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Dracut, Dunstable and Tyngsborough

### REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Northern Middlesex Council Of Governments

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Lowell scores 70 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 54 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

#### ALL STATE AID

**70** / 100

12th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 73 | 62 | 68 | 79 |

Rank under other weightings: 11th to 14th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Lowell received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 70 stays between 67 and 74 under every weighting tested.

#### DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**54** / 100

175th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 42 | 59 | 61 |

Rank under other weightings: 156th to 192nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

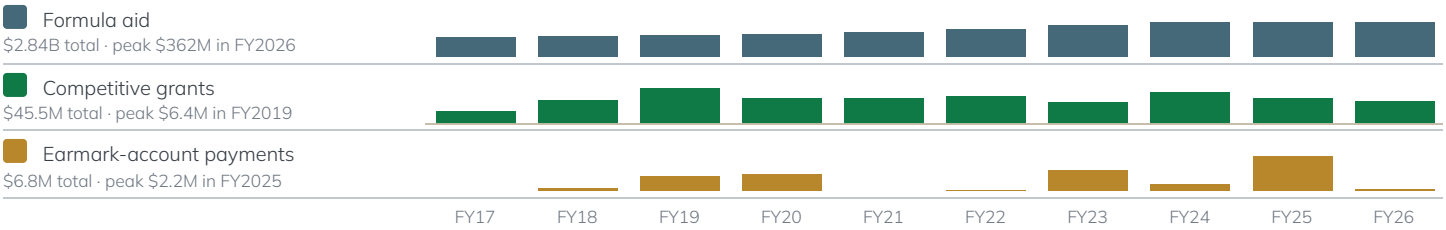
Lowell received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 50 and 58 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Lowell's town government and school districts received $2.84 billion in formula aid and $45.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.84B** | **$45.5M** | **$6.8M** |
| $24,024 per resident (12th of 351) · gross | $384 per resident (176th of 351) | $57.65 per resident (63rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lowell were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $128 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Lowell received $4.5 million in local earmarks to its government, $7.9 million placed in the city or town and $8.9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$4.5M** | **$7.9M** | **$8.9M** | **No** |
| $37.82 per resident (125th of 351) | $66.99 per resident (119th of 351) · 44% to organizations | $75.02 per resident (111th of 351) · 39% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 78 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $4.5 million went to Lowell's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $3.5 million went to organizations in Lowell or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Lowell but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $575,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $950,000 in six clauses for state facilities located in Lowell (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Lowell, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (84 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $1M | "Greater Lowell technical high school for upgrading all athletic facilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $275,000 | "Greater Lowell Community Foundation, Inc. in the city of Lowell for community programs" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $250,000 | "a new veterans park in Lowell" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $250,000 | "playground and park projects in Lowell" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $250,000 | "a new veterans park in Lowell" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 84 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lowell received 82% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**188.4**<br>21st of 351 · 1.6 per 1,000 residents (340th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$270M**<br>scored exposure $89.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**128**<br>65th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.6 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**118,733**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.63**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.82; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**343 acres**<br>3.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$408,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$1,190**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$9,183**<br>FY2017–2025 · 329th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LOWELL

## Lowell has 406 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 58 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**406 acres**<br>4.7% of Lowell's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**58 acres**<br>0.7% of Lowell's land · 18 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**42 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 138 | 406 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 142 | 410 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 18 | 58 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 42 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 51 | 269 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 91 | 141 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsborough State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 320 | |
| Lowell Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 61 | |
| Umass Lowell - North Campus | State: University of Massachusetts | 10 | |
| Riverfront Park | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 5 | |
| John J. Janas Memorial Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Umass Lowell | State: University of Massachusetts | 3 | |
| Lord Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Merrimack River Bike Path | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 243.8 miles of public road in Lowell, the state maintains 14.3 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.3 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 188.1 | 77% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 41.3 | 17% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $150,000 | “the Innovation Venture Fund at University of Massachusetts at Lowell for the continued implementation of a business development grant program to…” |
| FY2022 | $200,000 | “the River Hawk New Venture Fund at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell for the continued implementation of a business development grant program…” |
| FY2021 | $125,000 | “the Innovation Venture Fund at University of Massachusetts at Lowell for the continued implementation of a business development grant program” |
| FY2020 | $125,000 | “the Innovation Venture Fund at University of Massachusetts Lowell for the continued implementation of a business development grant program” |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | “the study and design of a science, technology, engineering and mathematics education facility at the Lowell campus of Middlesex Community College” |
| FY2019 | $250,000 | “the Innovation Venture Fund at Umass Lowell for the continued implementation of a business development grant program” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Lowell $319 million and takes back $55.9 million in assessments and charges, a net $263 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$319 million** | **$55.9 million** | **$263 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 18% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $276M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $8.9M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $32.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $349,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $420,000 |
| State Owned Land | $408,000 |
| Public Libraries | $414,000 |


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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $95,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $31,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $362,000 |
| Regional Transit | $1.2M |
| Special Education | $35,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.8M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $52.3M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LOWELL

## State programs also awarded $7.1 million to organizations in Lowell other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Lowell. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | UTEC nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $815,000 |
| FY2027 | Novus Properties nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $746,000 |
| FY2026 | Northern Middlesex Council of Governments regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $540,000 |
| FY2026 | Nine Zero Two Development nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $403,000 |
| FY2025 | SMOC - Lowell nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $255,000 |
| FY2026 | Hive Public Market nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $250,000 |
| FY2027 | Oak and Thistle Healing nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $205,000 |
| FY2021 | Whistler House Museum of Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Lowell Department of Planning and Development nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | Lowell Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2027 | Sizzling Kitchen nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $186,000 |
| FY2027 | NMCOG regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $150,000 |
| FY2016 | Middlesex Community College Lowell nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $113,000 |
| FY2023 | Community Teamwork, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Community Teamwork, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 33 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $1.9 million in 10 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 54.6% of Lowell's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 55.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **55.3%** | **52.4%** | **54.6%** | **45.1%** |
| $157M of $284M · median town 14.1% | $169M of $323M · median town 12.2% | $288M of $527M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 47.0% · median town 10.0% |

Lowell's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $31.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Lowell's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 17.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 4.8% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $157 million in FY2006 to $288 million in FY2025, +82.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $12.2 million of Lowell's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+33.0%** | **+52.8%** | **6 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $36.7M to $48.8M · all towns +54.0% | $46.5M to $71.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lowell's health insurance would have been $45.8 million in FY2025; it was $48.8 million, $2.99 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $58.1 million in FY2025; it was $71.1 million, $13 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Lowell's government came to $4.4 million, 36.1% of the $12.1 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $4.4M | 36.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $7.4M | 61.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $8.4M | 68.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Lowell's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 279th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$293M** | **$77.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **+27%** |
| 279th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Lowell runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater Lowell; Lowell accounts for 72% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $286 million for schools serving Lowell, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Lowell's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$286M** | **13** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,415 per resident (73rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Lowell's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Joseph McAvinnue School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.1M | $1.1M |
| FY2024 | John J. Shaughnessy Elementary School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.9M | $2.9M |
| FY2024 | Henry J. Robinson Middle School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.6M | $1.6M |
| FY2024 | Bartlett Community Partnership School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.8M | $1.8M |
| FY2024 | B.F. Butler Middle School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.1M | $1.1M |
| FY2024 | Lowell High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Lowell | Core | $37M | $37M |
| FY2023 | S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.4M | $2.4M |
| FY2023 | John J. Shaughnessy Elementary School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $781,000 | $781,000 |
| FY2023 | Henry J. Robinson Middle School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Window/Door) | $7.3M | $7.3M |
| FY2023 | Dr. An Wang Middle School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Boiler) | $3.9M | $3.9M |
| FY2020 | James F. Sullivan Middle School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Boiler) | $2.8M | $2.8M |
| FY2020 | Dr. Gertrude Bailey Elementary School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof; Boiler) | $2M | $2M |
| FY2020 | S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.1M | $1.1M |
| FY2020 | Rogers Early Learning Center | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.6M | $1.6M |
| FY2020 | James S. Daley Middle School | Lowell | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.4M | $1.4M |

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**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $37 million to grants for one project serving Lowell, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the six projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $9 million against an approved budget of $13.4 million (under by $4.4 million); the local share moved from $3.6 million to $2.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lowell has $10.8 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$25.5M**<br>$3.7M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$12.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$10.8M**<br>annual program: 3.5 years of its yearly money · 18th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**39**<br>four rated poor; likely about $13.2M of work on those ($12.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Lowell came on average 30 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Lowell owns two poor bridges of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Lowell owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.9M | $0 | $3.6M | $20,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.9M | $0 | $2.2M | $20,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.9M | $372,000 | $1.3M | $2.3M |
| FY2020 | $1.9M | $188,000 | $323,000 | $4.2M |
| FY2021 | $1.9M | $0 | $2.5M | $4.1M |
| FY2022 | $1.9M | $627,000 | $2.1M | $4.5M |
| FY2023 | $1.9M | $0 | $2.3M | $4.1M |
| FY2024 | $1.9M | $895,000 | $781,000 | $6M |
| FY2025 | $1.9M | $534,000 | $1.2M | $7.2M |
| FY2026 | $2.5M | $1.1M | $0 | $10.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2.5M | $0 | $0 | $13.3M |

The full list of the 97 bridges in Lowell in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Lowell received $66.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 15% more than the $57.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Lowell ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $7.9 million in earmarks placed in Lowell, $3.5 million (44%) went to organizations rather than to Lowell's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lowell** this town | **70** | **$24,024** | **$384** | **$66.99** | **0.82** | **2.3%** |
| Brockton peer | 72 | $26,796 | $378 | $70.10 | 1.28 | 2.3% |
| New Bedford peer | 73 | $27,251 | $466 | $126† | 1.34 | 1.9% |
| Fall River peer | 72 | $25,031 | $426 | $77.65† | 0.89 | 2.0% |
| Springfield peer · best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |
| Lawrence peer | 81 | $35,983 | $392 | $72.86† | 1.09 | 1.0% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Ludlow

Town · Hampden County · 20,904 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
**7th Hampden** · Aaron L. Saunders

STATE SENATE
**Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester** · Jacob R. Oliveira

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
**Ludlow Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Ludlow scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 54 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**42** / 100

199th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 37 | 49 | 38 |

Rank under other weightings: 165th to 233rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Ludlow received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 39 and 44 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**54** / 100

177th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 49 | 61 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 158th to 190th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

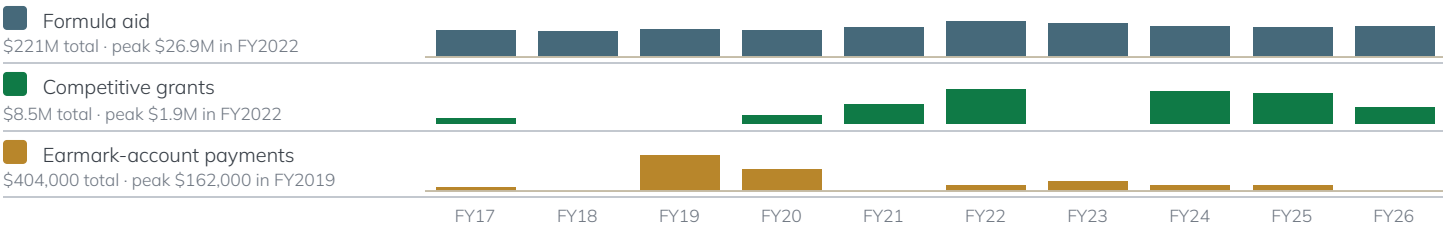
Ludlow received more than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 51 and 56 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Ludlow's town government and school districts received $221 million in formula aid and $8.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$221M** | **$8.5M** | **$404,000** |
| $10,596 per resident (163rd of 351) · gross | $407 per resident (165th of 351) | $19.31 per resident (207th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Ludlow peaked in FY2022 at $1.9 million, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $16 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Ludlow received $735,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2.8 million placed in the city or town and $2.8 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$735,000** | **$2.8M** | **$2.8M** | **No** |
| $35.16 per resident (137th of 351) | $132 per resident (36th of 351) · 73% to organizations | $132 per resident (43rd of 351) · 73% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 23 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $735,000 went to Ludlow's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2 million went to organizations in Ludlow or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Ludlow, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (23 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $350,000 | "the Westmass Area Development Corporation to offset and pay any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the revitalization of the Ludlow Mills Industrial Complex" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $350,000 | "the Westmass Area Development Corporation to offset and pay any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the revitalization of the Ludlow Mills Industrial Complex" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $350,000 | "offset and pay all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the revitalization of the Ludlow Mills industrial complex for Westmass Area Development Corporation" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $350,000 | "the Westmass Area Development Corporation to offset and pay any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the revitalization of the Ludlow Mills industrial complex" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $350,000 | "the Westmass Area Development Corporation to offset and pay any and all costs incurred and related to, but not limited to, operational costs and expenses involved with the revitalization of the Ludlow Mills Industrial Complex" | Enacted organization named with the town |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Ludlow received 1.85 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**124.0**<br>58th of 351 · 5.9 per 1,000 residents (193rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$18.2M**<br>scored exposure $6.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**177**<br>24th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**27.2 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**21,175**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.07**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.85; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,377 acres**<br>7.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$54,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$39.04**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,452**<br>FY2017–2025 · 275th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LUDLOW

## Ludlow has 1,376 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,047 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,376 acres**<br>7.9% of Ludlow's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,047 acres**<br>6.0% of Ludlow's land · 61 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,818 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 22 | 1,376 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 51 | 1,443 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 19 | 503 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 25 | 212 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 17 | 333 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 283 |
| Conservation restriction | 14 | 1,818 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 14 | 1,227 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 12 | 164 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 25 | 52 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Facing Rock WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,230 | |
| Red Bridge State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 52 | |
| Ludlow State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 50 | |
| Nash Hill Reservoir | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 38 | |
| Chicopee Memorial State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Thompson Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 137.4 miles of public road in Ludlow, the state maintains 6.1 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.0 | 4% |
| DCR | 0.1 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 123.4 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.7 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Ludlow $20.7 million and takes back $2.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $18.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$20.7 million** | **$2.1 million** | **$18.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $15.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $300,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $466,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $250,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $292,000 |
| State Owned Land | $54,000 |
| Public Libraries | $67,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,870 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $13,000 |
| Regional Transit | $118,000 |
| Special Education | $37,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $944,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $963,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LUDLOW

## State programs also awarded $4.7 million to organizations in Ludlow other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | WinnDevelopment nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2017 | Ludlow Mills Riverwalk nonprofit | MassWorks Infrastructure Program | $430,000 |
| FY2022 | Lupa Game Farm nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $90,000 |
| FY2026 | Exit Seven Players nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $44,000 |

A further $3.6 million in 7 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 23.8% of Ludlow's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 34.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **34.2%** | **29.0%** | **23.8%** | **22.1%** |
| $15M of $44M · median town 14.1% | $17.3M of $59.5M · median town 12.2% | $19.6M of $82.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 34.1% · median town 10.0% |

**Ludlow's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 16.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 25.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $15 million in FY2006 to $19.6 million in FY2025, +30.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.4 million of Ludlow's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+9.6%** | **+38.5%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $8.8M to $9.7M · all towns +54.0% | $12M to $16.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Ludlow's health insurance would have been $11 million in FY2025; it was $9.68 million, $1.35 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $15 million in FY2025; it was $16.7 million, $1.64 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Ludlow's government came to $685,000, 80.7% of the $849,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $685,000 | 80.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.3M | 2.7 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.3M | 2.7 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Ludlow's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 136th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$15M** | **$20M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **–1%** |
| 136th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Ludlow runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $27.9 million for schools serving Ludlow, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Ludlow's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$27.9M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,337 per resident (126th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Ludlow's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Chapin Street Elementary School | Ludlow | Core | $27.9M | $27.9M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $54.6 million against an approved budget of $57.5 million (under by $2.9 million); the local share moved from $29.5 million to $27.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Ludlow has $2.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$10.3M**<br>$1.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.2M**<br>annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 174th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>two rated poor; about $6.1M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Ludlow came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Ludlow owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

**Ludlow owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $703,000 | $0 | $1.3M | -$0 |
| FY2018 | $701,000 | $0 | $154,000 | $695,000 |
| FY2019 | $700,000 | $140,000 | $835,000 | $1M |
| FY2020 | $697,000 | $70,000 | $672,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $694,000 | $0 | $583,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $694,000 | $410,000 | $779,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | $684,000 | $0 | $1.8M | $443,000 |
| FY2024 | $685,000 | $412,000 | $714,000 | $826,000 |
| FY2025 | $685,000 | $190,000 | $502,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $629,000 | $716,000 | $2.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $3.3M |

The full list of the 29 bridges in Ludlow in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Ludlow received $11.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 47% more than the $7.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Ludlow ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.8 million in earmarks placed in Ludlow, $2 million (73%) went to organizations rather than to Ludlow's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ludlow** this town | **42** | **$10,596** | **$407** | **$132**† | **1.85** | **2.8%** |
| South Hadley peer | 40 | $9,190 | $458 | $31.82 | 1.61 | 2.5% |
| Belchertown peer | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |
| Agawam peer | 45 | $11,619 | $247 | $23.34 | 0.39 | 2.7% |
| Milford peer | 54 | $15,901 | $146 | $36.10 | 0.26 | 3.1% |
| Oxford peer | 52 | $13,864 | $491 | $15.69 | 1.37 | 2.7% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Lunenburg

Town · Worcester County · 11,902 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

### STATE HOUSE

1st Middlesex · Margaret R. Scarsdale
75% of residents
3rd Worcester · Michael P. Kushmerek
25% of residents
Lunenburg is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

### STATE SENATE

Worcester and Middlesex · John J. Cronin

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Lunenburg Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden and nine others

### REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

**Lunenburg scores 41 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 28 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.**

### ALL STATE AID

**41** / 100
207th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 46 | 39 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 199th to 226th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Lunenburg received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 38 and 43 under every weighting tested.

### DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**28** / 100
275th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 31 | 31 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 268th to 286th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

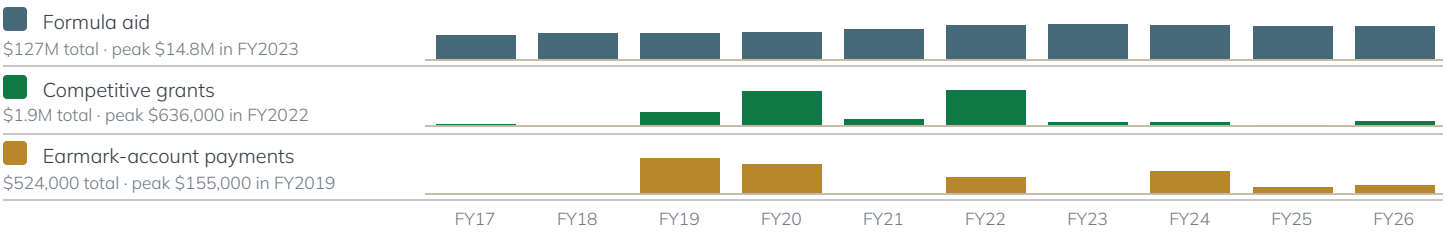
Lunenburg received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 26 and 30 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

**Lunenburg's town government and school districts received $127 million in formula aid and $1.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.**

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$127M** | **$1.9M** | **$524,000** |
| $10,667 per resident (157th of 351) · gross | $157 per resident (282nd of 351) | $44.04 per resident (93rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lunenburg peaked in FY2022 at $636,000, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $6.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

**Lunenburg received $622,000 in local earmarks to its government, $647,000 placed in the city or town and $647,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.**

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$622,000** | **$647,000** | **$647,000** | **No** |
| $52.26 per resident (76th of 351) | $54.36 per resident (156th of 351) · 4% to organizations | $54.36 per resident (162nd of 351) · 4% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 12 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $622,000 went to Lunenburg's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Lunenburg or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Lunenburg, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (12 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $165,000 | "the purpose of the removal and replacement of fuel storage tanks in Lunenburg" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the town of Lunenburg for improvements to the senior center in the town of Lunenburg" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the Lunenburg Fire Department for the purposes of replacing the department's self-contained breathing apparatus" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $40,000 | "the town of Lunenburg for security system upgrades in the Lunenburg public schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $40,000 | "the town of Lunenburg for installation of light-emitting diode light fixtures at the Lunenburg Public Library" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 12 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lunenburg received 42% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**86.2**<br>132nd of 351 · 7.2 per 1,000 residents (151st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10M**<br>scored exposure $3.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**69**<br>200th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.4 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,902**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.59**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.42; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**129 acres**<br>0.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$49,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$376**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,157**<br>FY2017–2025 · 199th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LUNENBURG

## Lunenburg has 129 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,292 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**129 acres**<br>0.8% of Lunenburg's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,292 acres**<br>7.6% of Lunenburg's land · 55 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**801 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**239 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 10 | 129 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 9 | 292 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 15 | 193 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 22 | 758 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 18 | 340 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 298 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 16 | 801 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 239 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | 252 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 40 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Willard Brook State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 127 | |
| Mulpus Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2 | |
| Squannacook River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 92.1 miles of public road in Lunenburg, the state maintains 5.9 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.9 | 6% |
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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

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| Veterans Benefits | $66,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $145,000 |
| State Owned Land | $49,000 |
| Public Libraries | $35,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $92,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,763 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $8,060 |
| MBTA | $25,000 |
| Regional Transit | $67,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $415,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $475,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LUNENBURG

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Lunenburg Snow Riders nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $33,000 |

A further $515,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22.8% | 23.9% | 23.0% | 20.6% |
| $5.4M of $23.6M · median town 14.1% | $8.1M of $33.7M · median town 12.2% | $10.8M of $46.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 21.9% · median town 10.0% |

Lunenburg's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $848,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Lunenburg's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 29.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 14.8% above grown by the government price index.**




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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +81.9% | +75.1% | 6 of 9 | 7 of 9 |
| $1.7M to $3M · all towns +54.0% | $3.2M to $5.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lunenburg's health insurance would have been $2.09 million in FY2025; it was $3.04 million, $952,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.94 million in FY2025; it was $5.52 million, $1.58 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Lunenburg's government came to $552,000, 40.3% of the $1.37 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $552,000 | 40.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $577,000 | 42.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $577,000 | 42.2% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Lunenburg's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 151st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $10.1M | $14.6M |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.7% | +8% |
| 151st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Lunenburg runs its own school district and also belongs to Montachusett; Lunenburg accounts for 7% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Lunenburg, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lunenburg has $2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| $6.4M | $3.6M | $2M |
| $1.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.3 years of its yearly money · 63rd of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **25**<br>one rated poor; likely about $744,000 of work on those ($357,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **1**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$379,000**<br>bridges $379,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Lunenburg came on average 32 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Lunenburg owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $420,000 | $0 | $522,000 | $0 |
| FY2018 | $416,000 | $0 | $488,000 | $211,000 |
| FY2019 | $415,000 | $83,000 | $355,000 | $447,000 |
| FY2020 | $415,000 | $41,000 | $294,000 | $668,000 |
| FY2021 | $416,000 | $0 | $162,000 | $922,000 |
| FY2022 | $415,000 | $273,000 | $286,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2023 | $420,000 | $0 | $421,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | $418,000 | $262,000 | $241,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2025 | $418,000 | $116,000 | $679,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2026 | $691,000 | $421,000 | $491,000 | $2.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $719,000 | $0 | $228,000 | $2.7M |

The full list of the 27 bridges in Lunenburg in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Lunenburg received $2.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 51% of the $5.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Lunenburg ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $647,000 in earmarks placed in Lunenburg, $25,000 (4%) went to organizations rather than to Lunenburg's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lunenburg** this town | **41** | **$10,667** | **$157** | **$54.36** | **0.42** | **2.7%** |
| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
| Tyngsborough peer | 42 | $10,115 | $758 | $44.22 | 2.20 | 3.2% |
| Millbury peer | 44 | $9,909 | $648 | $53.29 | 1.09 | 2.5% |
| Wilbraham peer | 44 | $12,134 | $123 | $109† | 0.42 | 3.1% |
| East Bridgewater peer | 48 | $11,873 | $303 | $82.76† | 1.19 | 2.4% |
| Halifax best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Lynn

City · Essex County · 101,709 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

10th Essex · Daniel Cahill 44% of residents
11th Essex · Sean Reid 42% of residents
8th Essex · Jennifer Balinsky Armini 8% of residents
9th Essex · Donald H. Wong 6% of residents

Lynn is split among four House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Third Essex · Brendan P. Crighton

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Lynn Public Schools, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Lynn scores 72 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 43 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**72** / 100

8th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 77 | 67 | 68 | 77 |

Rank under other weightings: 7th to 11th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Lynn received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 72 stays between 70 and 75 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**43** / 100

218th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 32 | 51 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 199th to 236th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

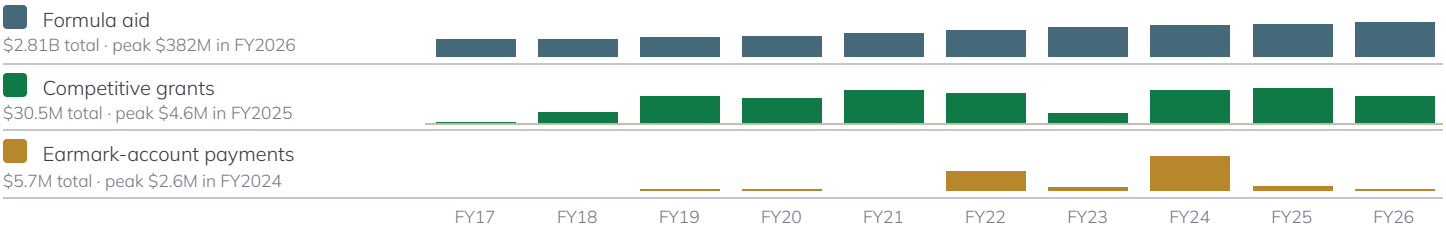
Lynn received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 40 and 46 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Lynn's town government and school districts received $2.81 billion in formula aid and $30.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $2.81B | $30.5M | $5.7M |
| $27,652 per resident (6th of 351) · gross | $300 per resident (209th of 351) | $56.37 per resident (65th of 351) |

Competitive grants to Lynn were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $86.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Lynn received $2.9 million in local earmarks to its government, $8.9 million placed in the city or town and $11.8 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $2.9M | $8.9M | $11.8M | No |
| $28.80 per resident (169th of 351) | $87.92 per resident (85th of 351) · 67% to organizations | $116 per resident (56th of 351) · 51% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 103 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $2.9 million went to Lynn's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $6 million went to organizations in Lynn or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Lynn but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $2.8 million, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $2.8 million in 29 clauses for state facilities located in Lynn (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Lynn, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (132 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $300,000 | "as a grant to the Lynn Housing Authority to provide housing stabilization services and information and referral services to households who face significant barriers to sustaining housing, including, but not limited to, those who are currently or previously have been served with: (i) residential..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $300,000 | "as grants to the Lynn Housing Authority to provide housing stabilization services and information and referral services to households who face significant barriers to sustaining housing, including, but not limited to, those who are currently or previously have been served with: (i) residential..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $300,000 | "equally as grants to Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc. and the Lynn housing authority to provide information and referral services relating to emergency rental assistance and other services under the executive office of housing and livable communities' 2019 novel coronavirus eviction..." | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $300,000 | "equally as grants to Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc. and the Lynn housing authority for housing stabilization services for certain households who face significant barriers to sustaining housing payments and are served with residential assistance payments under item 7004-9316 or..." | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $300,000 | "equally as grants to the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc. and the Lynn housing authority to provide information and referral services relating to emergency rental assistance and other services under the department of housing and community development's COVID-19 eviction diversion..." | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 132 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lynn received 1.51 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**160.1**<br>29th of 351 · 1.6 per 1,000 residents (342nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3.3M**<br>scored exposure $1.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**65**<br>208th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**11**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.7 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**101,944**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.52**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.51; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$3,800**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$29,231**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,503**<br>FY2017–2025 · 297th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LYNN

## Lynn has 37 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**37 acres**<br>0.5% of Lynn's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,701 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 21 | 37 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 0 |
| Conservation restriction | 24 | 1,701 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lynn Shore Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 23 | |
| Lynn Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |
| Carroll Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Saugus River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| William P. Connery Sr. and Sons Memorial Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Willis Fishing Pier | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |
| Lynn Fishing Pier | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

## ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 175.4 miles of public road in Lynn, the state maintains 6.3 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.0 | 2% |
| DCR | 3.3 | 2% |
| Town-accepted | 159.7 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 9.3 | 5% |


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STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2026 | $55,000 | “the maintenance of Red Rock park on Lynn Shore drive in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2025 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2025 | $55,000 | “the maintenance of Red Rock park on Lynn Shore drive in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2024 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, Quincy, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | “the cleanup of Pilayella algae on King’s beach and Long beach in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2023 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere, Winthrop and Quincy, the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of…” |
| FY2023 | $55,000 | “the maintenance of Red Rock Park on Lynn Shore Drive in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | “the cleanup of Pilayella algae on King’s beach and Long beach in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2022 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2022 | $55,000 | “the maintenance of Red Rock park on Lynn Shore drive in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | “the cleanup of Pilayella alg ae on Kings beach and Long beach in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2021 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2021 | $50,000 | “the cleanup of Pilayella algae on Kings beach and Long beach in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2021 | $25,000 | “the maintenance of Red Rock Park on Lynn Shore Drive, in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2020 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the Dorchester, East Boston and South Boston sections of the city of Boston, in the cities of Lynn, Quincy and Revere…” |
| FY2020 | $55,000 | “the maintenance of Red Rock park on Lynn Shore drive in Lynn” |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | “the cleanup of Pilayella algae on Kings beach and Long beach in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2019 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2019 | $55,000 | “the maintenance of Red Rock park on Lynn Shore drive in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | “the cleanup of Pilayella algae on Kings Beach and Long Beach in Lynn” |
| FY2018 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2018 | $55,000 | “the maintenance of Red Rock park in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | “the cleanup of Pilayella algae on Kings beach and Long beach in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2017 | $225,000 | “the Metropolitan Beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2017 | $100,000 | “the replacement of the cast iron fence on the median of the Carroll Parkway in Lynn” |
| FY2017 | $55,000 | “the maintenance of Red Rock park on Lynn Shore drive in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | “the cleanup of Pilayella algae on King’s Beach and Long Beach in the city of Lynn” |
| FY2017 | $17,000 | “address the cleanup of Pilayella algae in Lynn, Nahant and Revere” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Lynn $366 million and takes back $51.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $314 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$366 million** | **$51.5 million** | **$314 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 14% of what is sent | receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $327M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $9M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $28.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $393,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $250,000 |
| State Owned Land | $3,853 |
| Public Libraries | $317,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $89,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $29,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $63,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $222,000 |
| MBTA | $2.6M |
| Special Education | $54,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $2M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $46.3M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN LYNN

## State programs also awarded $2 million to organizations in Lynn other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Lynn. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Flying Yankee Realty Trust, LLC nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $250,000 |
| FY2018 | RAW Art Works nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $154,000 |
| FY2023 | RAW Art Works nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $105,000 |
| FY2023 | Centerboard, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | RAW Art Works nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Lynn Music Foundation nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $81,000 |
| FY2023 | Lynn Auditorium nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2025 | Lynn Shelter Association nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $63,000 |
| FY2021 | Beyond Walls nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2024 | Lynn Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $25,000 |
| FY2023 | The Brickyard Collaborative regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $12,000 |
| FY2023 | Lynn Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |
| FY2016 | Lynn Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2016 | RAW Art Works nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $1 million in 7 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 59.3% of Lynn's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 59.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **59.1%** | **57.3%** | **59.3%** | **51.6%** |
| $137M of $231M · median town 14.1% | $177M of $309M · median town 12.2% | $323M of $544M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 53.7% · median town 10.0% |


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**Lynn's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 52.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 35.5% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $137 million in FY2006 to $323 million in FY2025, +136.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $7.6 million of Lynn's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+62.5%** | **+56.6%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $50.8M to $82.6M · all towns +54.0% | $82.6M to $129M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lynn's health insurance would have been $63.4 million in FY2025; it was $82.6 million, $19.1 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $103 million in FY2025; it was $129 million, $26.2 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+33%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Lynn's government came to $2.6 million, 8.3% of the $31.8 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $2.6M | 8.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $7.9M | 24.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $10.5M | 33.2% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Lynn's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 238th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$317M** | **$67.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+38%** |
| 238th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Lynn runs its own school district.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $129 million for schools serving Lynn, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Lynn's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$129M** | **6** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,272 per resident (132nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Lynn's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Edward A. Sisson Elementary School | Lynn | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $2.9M | $2.9M |
| FY2024 | Pickering Middle School | Lynn | Core | $105M | $105M |
| FY2024 | A. Drewicz Elementary School | Lynn | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $3.6M | $3.6M |
| FY2023 | Captain William G. Shoemaker Elementary School | Lynn | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.5M | $2.5M |
| FY2022 | Lynn Vocational Technical Institute | Lynn | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $8.7M | $8.7M |
| FY2019 | Lynn Vocational Technical Institute | Lynn | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.7M | $2.7M |
| FY2018 | Hood Elementary School | Lynn | Accelerated Repair (Roof;Window/Door) | $4.4M | $4.4M |

Not counted: Pickering Middle School (Lynn), approved FY2017 for up to $100 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $7.7 million against an approved budget of $10.1 million (under by $2.4 million); the local share moved from $2.9 million to $2.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lynn has $1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and 11 high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$20.7M**<br>$3.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$17.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1M**<br>annual program: 0.5 years of its yearly money · 285th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**2**<br>one rated poor; about $548,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**11**<br>of 14 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Lynn owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Lynn owns 11 high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.5M | $0 | $1.6M | $824,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.5M | $0 | $2.2M | $752,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.5M | $299,000 | $1.2M | $1.3M |
| FY2020 | $1.5M | $150,000 | $1.8M | $1.2M |
| FY2021 | $1.5M | $0 | $2.1M | $600,000 |
| FY2022 | $1.5M | $534,000 | $1.1M | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | $1.5M | $0 | $2.2M | $868,000 |
| FY2024 | $1.5M | $742,000 | $977,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2025 | $1.5M | $439,000 | $3.8M | $343,000 |
| FY2026 | $2M | $939,000 | $1.9M | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2.1M | $0 | $424,000 | $3.1M |

The full list of the ten bridges in Lynn in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Lynn received $46.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 90% of the $51.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Lynn ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $8.9 million in earmarks placed in Lynn, $6 million (67%) went to organizations rather than to Lynn's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lynn** this town | **72** | **$27,652** | **$300** | **$87.92†** | **1.51** | **2.5%** |
| New Bedford peer | 73 | $27,251 | $466 | $126† | 1.34 | 1.9% |
| Fall River peer | 72 | $25,031 | $426 | $77.65† | 0.89 | 2.0% |
| Lawrence peer | 81 | $35,983 | $392 | $72.86† | 1.09 | 1.0% |
| Springfield peer · best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |
| Brockton peer | 72 | $26,796 | $378 | $70.10 | 1.28 | 2.3% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |

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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

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**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Lynnfield

Town · Essex County · 13,064 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**20th Middlesex** · Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

STATE SENATE

**Third Essex** · Brendan P. Crighton

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Lynnfield Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Lynnfield scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 39 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**30** / 100

306th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 44 | 22 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 288th to 331st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Lynnfield received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 26 and 34 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**39** / 100

232nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 51 | 37 | 31 |

Rank under other weightings: 221st to 241st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

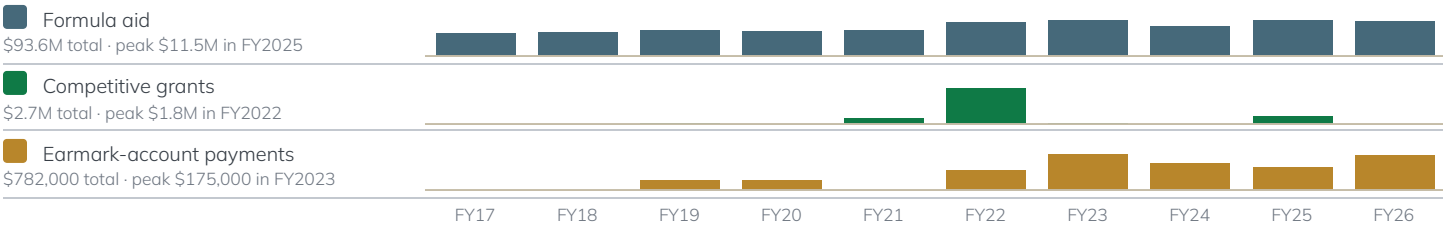
Lynnfield received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 36 and 42 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Lynnfield's town government and school districts received $93.6 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$93.6M** | **$2.7M** | **$782,000** |
| $7,167 per resident (284th of 351) · gross | $206 per resident (247th of 351) | $59.88 per resident (56th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Lynnfield peaked in FY2022 at $1.8 million, 67% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $10.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Lynnfield received $798,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.9 million placed in the city or town and $1.9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$798,000** | **$1.9M** | **$1.9M** | **No** |
| $61.05 per resident (54th of 351) | $147 per resident (27th of 351) · 58% to organizations | $147 per resident (38th of 351) · 58% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 24 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $798,000 went to Lynnfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.1 million went to organizations in Lynnfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Lynnfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (24 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $350,000 | "the NAN Project to provide mental health awareness and suicide prevention programming in schools and communities" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $250,000 | "The Nan Project to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $250,000 | "The NAN Project to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $200,000 | "The NAN Project to increase mental health awareness and suicide prevention" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "converting the Lynnfield middle school fitness room in the town of Lynnfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 24 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Lynnfield received 81% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**68.8**<br>194th of 351 · 5.3 per 1,000 residents (219th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$425,000**<br>scored exposure $122,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**47**<br>275th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**9.9 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**13,064**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.81; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**324 acres**<br>5.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$75,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$231**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,826**<br>FY2017–2025 · 162nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN LYNNFIELD

## No state conservation land is mapped in Lynnfield; 15 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**15 acres**<br>0.2% of Lynnfield's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**151 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 347 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 15 |
| Conservation restriction | 14 | 151 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Military Division | 1 | 347 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 76.4 miles of public road in Lynnfield, the state maintains 5.5 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.5 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 68.6 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.3 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Lynnfield $8.7 million and takes back $924,000 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $7.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.7 million** | **$924,000** | **$7.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $232,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $30,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $86,000 |
| State Owned Land | $75,000 |
| Public Libraries | $33,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $55,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,789 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $8,031 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $6,780 |
| MBTA | $338,000 |
| Special Education | $9,558 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $35,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $465,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.6% of Lynnfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 9.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.8%** | **10.5%** | **10.6%** | **9.7%** |
| $3.3M of $33.5M · median town 14.1% | $5.2M of $49.5M · median town 12.2% | $7.7M of $72.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 11.8% · median town 10.0% |

Lynnfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $145,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Lynnfield's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 51.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 35.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $3.3 million in FY2006 to $7.7 million in FY2025, +135.5% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+61.4%** | **+62.6%** | **8 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $4.9M to $7.9M · all towns +54.0% | $7.5M to $12.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Lynnfield's health insurance would have been $6.11 million in FY2025; it was $7.89 million, $1.78 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.31 million in FY2025; it was $12.1 million, $2.81 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Lynnfield's government came to $628,000, 20.9% of the $3.00 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $628,000 | 20.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.5M | 49.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.5M | 49.5% | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## Lynnfield's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 74th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$6.7M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$23.8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.0%**<br>74th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+11%**<br>after inflation |

Lynnfield runs its own school district and also belongs to Essex North Shore; Lynnfield accounts for 2% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $16,000 for schools serving Lynnfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Lynnfield's share<br>**$16,000**<br>$1.21 per resident (277th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Lynnfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $16,000 (2%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Lynnfield's share of the final cost was $24,000 against its share of the approved budget of $36,000 (under by $13,000); the local share moved from $21,000 to $14,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Lynnfield has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.1M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 185th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $423,000 | $0 | $498,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $418,000 | $0 | $476,000 | $11 |
| FY2019 | $412,000 | $82,000 | $850,000 | $82,000 |
| FY2020 | $409,000 | $41,000 | $456,000 | $77,000 |
| FY2021 | $408,000 | $0 | $485,000 | $6 |
| FY2022 | $406,000 | $229,000 | $406,000 | $229,000 |
| FY2023 | $410,000 | $0 | $639,000 | $12 |
| FY2024 | $412,000 | $238,000 | $217,000 | $433,000 |
| FY2025 | $414,000 | $114,000 | $847,000 | $114,000 |
| FY2026 | $645,000 | $357,000 | $0 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $645,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.8M |

The full list of the 13 bridges in Lynnfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Lynnfield received $4.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 17% more than the $3.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Lynnfield ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lynnfield** this town | **30** | **$7,167** | **$206** | **$147**† | **0.81** | **3.0%** |
| Ipswich peer | 28 | $6,449 | $237 | $49.75 | 0.55 | 2.3% |
| Newburyport peer | 33 | $6,797 | $442 | $77.12 | 0.78 | 2.0% |
| Wayland peer | 33 | $8,090 | $399 | $51.45† | 1.55 | 2.6% |
| Bedford peer | 42 | $9,879 | $313 | $18.33 | 0.99 | 2.9% |
| Mattapoisett peer | 33 | $6,007 | $1,477 | $18.09 | 2.08 | 2.2% |
| Burlington best in class of 30 | 35 | $7,194 | $367 | $102† | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Malden

City · Middlesex County · 65,906 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

33rd Middlesex · Steven Ultrino 69% of residents
35th Middlesex · Paul J. Donato 25% of residents
32nd Middlesex · Kate Lipper-Garabedian 6% of residents

Malden is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Fifth Middlesex · Jason M. Lewis

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Malden Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Wakefield and three others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Malden scores 51 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 32 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**51** / 100

112th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 44 | 57 | 54 |

Rank under other weightings: 87th to 144th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Malden received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 49 and 54 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**32** / 100

260th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 24 | 43 | 33 |

Rank under other weightings: 241st to 278th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

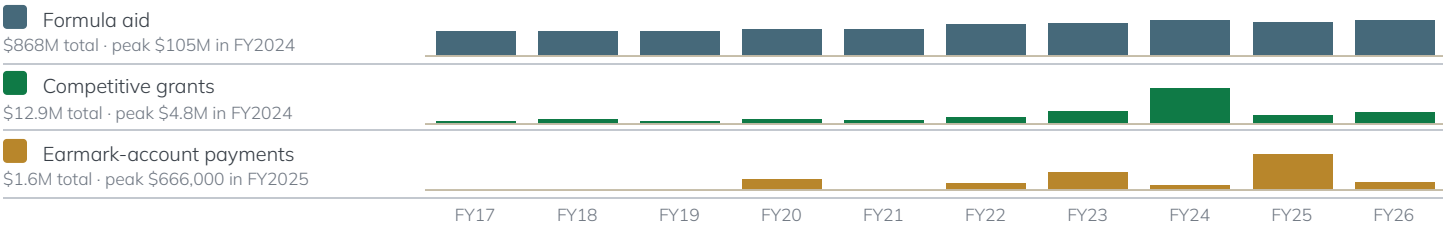
Malden received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 29 and 36 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Malden's town government and school districts received $868 million in formula aid and $12.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$868M** | **$12.9M** | **$1.6M** |
| $13,164 per resident (109th of 351) · gross | $195 per resident (255th of 351) | $23.53 per resident (182nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Malden peaked in FY2024 at $4.8 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

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## EARMARKS

### Malden received $1.9 million in local earmarks to its government, $3.9 million placed in the city or town and $3.9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.9M** | **$3.9M** | **$3.9M** | **No** |
| $28.29 per resident (172nd of 351) | $58.55 per resident (144th of 351) · 52% to organizations | $58.55 per resident (151st of 351) · 52% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 56 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.9 million went to Malden's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2 million went to organizations in Malden or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Malden, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (56 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | $250,000 | "the city of Malden for improvements to parks and playgrounds to expand access to open spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic including, but not limited to, the Devir Park Revitalization Project" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "capital improvements to Linden park in the city of Malden, including, but not limited to, design, engineering and construction" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "Housing Families, Inc. in the city of Malden for technological infrastructure improvements to support community based health services" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "Malden for flood mitigation including, but not limited to, the cleaning and maintenance of the Town Line brook and Linden brook culverts" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "Housing Families homeless children program in Malden" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 56 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Malden received 1.64 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**94.5**<br>109th of 351 · 1.4 per 1,000 residents (344th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$24.8M**<br>scored exposure $7.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**6**<br>342nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**5.0 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**66,128**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.27**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.64; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,457**<br>FY2017–2025 · 286th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MALDEN

## Malden has 88 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**88 acres**<br>2.7% of Malden's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 19 | 88 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 22 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 21 |
| Other state agencies | 3 | 0 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Middlesex Fells Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 56 | |
| East Coast Greenway | State: Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority | 12 | |
| Town Line Brook | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | |
| Spot Pond Brook | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Middlesex Fells Reservation | DCR Water Supply Protection | 4 | |
| Holland Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 109.5 miles of public road in Malden, the state maintains 3.9 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.1 | 1% |
| DCR | 2.8 | 3% |
| Town-accepted | 94.4 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 11.3 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Malden $89.3 million and takes back $18.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $71.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$89.3 million** | **$18.2 million** | **$71.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 20% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $70.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.9M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $16M |
| Veterans Benefits | $49,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $213,000 |
| Public Libraries | $197,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $20,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $40,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $240,000 |
| MBTA | $5.1M |
| Special Education | $17,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $633,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $12.1M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MALDEN

## State programs also awarded $1.3 million to organizations in Malden other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Malden. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Volunteers of America of Massachusetts nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $600,000 |
| FY2024 | Jean Appolon Expressions nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $138,000 |
| FY2019 | Cities of Malden and Melrose nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $77,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Urban Media Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $17,000 |
| FY2024 | Bike to the Sea nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $15,000 |
| FY2023 | Bike to the Sea nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2026 | Urban Media Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |
| FY2023 | Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,880 (shared five ways) |

A further $384,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 36.7% of Malden's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 43.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **43.4%** | **41.6%** | **36.7%** | **29.4%** |
| $55.9M of $129M · median town 14.1% | $68.1M of $164M · median town 12.2% | $81.6M of $222M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 34.9% · median town 10.0% |

Malden's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Malden's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 5.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 16.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $55.9 million in FY2006 to $81.6 million in FY2025, +45.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $6.8 million of Malden's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+40.6%** | **+58.0%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $25.8M to $36.2M · all towns +54.0% | $29.3M to $46.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Malden's health insurance would have been $32.2 million in FY2025; it was $36.2 million, $4.04 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $36.6 million in FY2025; it was $46.3 million, $9.71 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Malden's government came to $1.6 million, 15.2% of the $10.4 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.6M | 15.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.4M | 32.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.4M | 32.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Malden's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 260th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$72.4M** | **$62.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+14%** |
| 260th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Malden runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Malden accounts for 14% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $23.3 million for schools serving Malden, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Malden's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$23.3M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $354 per resident (201st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Malden's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $3.2M (14%) |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $20.1M (14%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Malden; Malden's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $3.2 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Malden has $5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$12.6M**<br>$1.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$5M**<br>annual program: 3.2 years of its yearly money · 22nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**7**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Malden came on average 32 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $911,000 | $0 | $661,000 | $911,000 |
| FY2018 | $909,000 | $0 | $1M | $904,000 |
| FY2019 | $911,000 | $182,000 | $572,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2020 | $909,000 | $91,000 | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2021 | $910,000 | $0 | $376,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2022 | $909,000 | $315,000 | $439,000 | $2.5M |
| FY2023 | $921,000 | $0 | $713,000 | $2.8M |
| FY2024 | $921,000 | $450,000 | $969,000 | $3.2M |
| FY2025 | $921,000 | $270,000 | $1.1M | $3.2M |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $561,000 | $0 | $5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $6.3M |

The full list of the 14 bridges in Malden in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Malden received $19.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 77% of the $25.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Malden ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3.9 million in earmarks placed in Malden, $2 million (52%) went to organizations rather than to Malden's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Malden** this town | **51** | **$13,164** | **$195** | **$58.55**† | **1.64** | **2.4%** |
| Haverhill peer | 58 | $16,056 | $523 | $98.18† | 2.11 | 2.7% |
| Revere peer | 64 | $19,109 | $328 | $25.99 | 2.70 | 2.8% |
| Marlborough peer | 53 | $13,835 | $804 | $65.97 | 1.57 | 3.4% |
| Attleboro peer | 48 | $13,064 | $110 | $32.30† | 0.33 | 2.7% |
| Everett peer | 68 | $22,244 | $337 | $120 | 2.38 | 3.1% |
| Framingham best in class of 30 | 54 | $14,513 | $248 | $157† | 0.72 | 3.1% |
| Middleborough lowest in class of 30 | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

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ESSEX COUNTY

# Manchester-by-the-Sea

Town · Essex County · 5,403 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
5th Essex · Andrew Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (until November 2025)

**STATE SENATE**
First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Manchester Essex Regional School District**, shared with Essex
**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Marblehead and eight others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Manchester-by-the-Sea scores 34 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 75 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**34** / 100

275th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 56 | 30 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 238th to 308th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Manchester-by-the-Sea received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 28 and 39 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**75** / 100

97th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 73 | 90 | 72 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 84th to 113th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

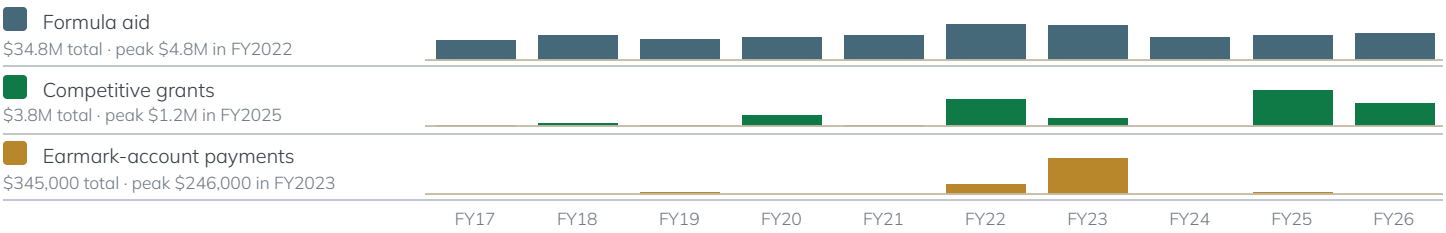
Manchester-by-the-Sea received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 75 stays between 70 and 79 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Manchester-by-the-Sea's town government and school districts received $34.8 million in formula aid and $3.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$34.8M** | **$3.8M** | **$345,000** |
| $6,434 per resident (322nd of 351) · gross | $696 per resident (113th of 351) | $63.90 per resident (46th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Manchester-by-the-Sea peaked in FY2025 at $1.2 million, 33% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Manchester-by-the-Sea received $279,000 in local earmarks to its government, $324,000 placed in the city or town and $324,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$279,000** | **$324,000** | **$324,000** | **No** |
| $51.63 per resident (78th of 351) | $60.01 per resident (139th of 351) · 14% to organizations | $60.01 per resident (145th of 351) · 14% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 16 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $279,000 went to Manchester-by-the-Sea's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $45,000 went to organizations in Manchester-by-the-Sea or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Manchester-by-the-Sea, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (16 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea for the planning and design of a senior and general municipal use center, or both" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "emergency repairs and design and engineering plans for the restoration of Morse Pier in the town of Manchester-By-the-Sea" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $30,000 | "Cape Ann's Energy Future comprehensive review in the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $30,000 | "the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea for wastewater treatment plant floodproofing efforts" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the replacement of the turf field at Manchester-Essex Regional high school in the town of Manchester" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 16 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Manchester-by-the-Sea received 2.44 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**24.3**<br>331st of 351 · 4.5 per 1,000 residents (260th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.8M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**75**<br>180th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**9.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,578**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.04**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.44; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$36,828**<br>FY2017–2025 · 74th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA

## No state conservation land or coded chapter land is mapped in Manchester-by-the-Sea.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**398 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 50 |
| Conservation restriction | 43 | 398 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 39.0 miles of public road in Manchester-by-the-Sea, the state maintains 8.2 (21%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.2 | 21% |
| Town-accepted | 23.2 | 60% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.5 | 19% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Manchester-by-the-Sea $350,000 and takes back $197,000 in assessments and charges, a net $153,000.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$350,000**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$197,000**<br>56% of what is sent | Net<br>**$153,000**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $303,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $246 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $35,000 |
| Public Libraries | $12,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $47,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,384 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $3,319 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,160 |
| MBTA | $139,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA

## State programs also awarded $49,000 to organizations in Manchester-by-the-Sea other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Manchester-by-the-Sea. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Manchester-Essex RSD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $49,000 (shared two ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 0.8% of Manchester-by-the-Sea's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 1.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1.7%** | **0.8%** | **0.8%** | **0.3%** |
| $296,000 of $17.3M · median town 14.1% | $220,000 of $26.4M · median town 12.2% | $309,000 of $37.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 0.3% · median town 10.0% |

Manchester-by-the-Sea's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Manchester-by-the-Sea's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 32.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 40.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $296,000 in FY2006 to $309,000 in FY2025, +4.4% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+1.1%** | **+36.5%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $1.4M to $1.4M · all towns +54.0% | $2.6M to $3.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Manchester-by-the-Sea's health insurance would have been $1.78 million in FY2025; it was $1.44 million, $339,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.29 million in FY2025; it was $3.60 million, $306,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Manchester-by-the-Sea's government came to $274,000, 17.8 times the $15,000 rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $274,000 | 17.8 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $312,000 | 20.3 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $312,000 | 20.3 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Manchester-by-the-Sea's required school contribution is 1.6% of median household income, 330th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$2.1M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$7.3M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.6%**<br>330th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+17%**<br>after inflation |

Manchester-by-the-Sea has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Manchester Essex and Essex North Shore; Manchester-by-the-Sea accounts for 58% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $7.2 million for schools serving Manchester-by-the-Sea, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Manchester-by-the-Sea's share<br>**$7.2M**<br>$1,341 per resident (125th of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Manchester-by-the-Sea's share |
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $3,937 (1%) |
| FY2019 | Manchester Memorial Elementary School | Manchester Essex | Core | $12.6M | $7.2M (58%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Manchester-by-the-Sea's share of the final cost was $6,000 against its share of the approved budget of $9,000 (under by $3,000); the local share moved from $5,000 to $4,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Manchester-by-the-Sea has $684,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.1M**<br>$366,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$684,000**<br>annual program: 2.2 years of its yearly money · 65th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1.6M of work on those ($755,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Manchester-by-the-Sea came on average 29 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $146,000 | $0 | $67,000 | $79,000 |
| FY2018 | $143,000 | $0 | $742,000 | $10 |
| FY2019 | $142,000 | $28,000 | $80,000 | $90,000 |
| FY2020 | $142,000 | $14,000 | $232,000 | $14,000 |
| FY2021 | $141,000 | $0 | $0 | $156,000 |
| FY2022 | $141,000 | $76,000 | $0 | $373,000 |
| FY2023 | $140,000 | $0 | $76,000 | $437,000 |
| FY2024 | $142,000 | $82,000 | $511,000 | $150,000 |
| FY2025 | $145,000 | $40,000 | $0 | $335,000 |
| FY2026 | $224,000 | $125,000 | $0 | $684,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $225,000 | $0 | $0 | $908,000 |

The full list of the 16 bridges in Manchester-by-the-Sea in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Manchester-by-the-Sea received $6.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 3.7 times the $1.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Manchester-by-the-Sea ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $324,000 in earmarks placed in Manchester-by-the-Sea, $45,000 (14%) went to organizations rather than to Manchester-by-the-Sea's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Manchester-by-the-Sea** this town | **34** | **$6,434** | **$696** | **$60.01** | **2.44** | **1.6%** |
| Dover peer | 37 | $8,305 | $138 | $99.67 | 1.08 | 2.4% |
| Carlisle peer | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |
| West Tisbury peer | 53 | $11,333 | $312 | $14.61† | 0.59 | 2.5% |
| Sherborn peer | 39 | $9,422 | $708 | $109 | 0.88 | 2.7% |
| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Chilmark lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $5,153 | $334 | $0 | 0.74 | 1.4% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Mansfield

Town · Bristol County · 23,931 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

1st Bristol · Michael S. Chaisson 51% of residents
14th Bristol · Adam J. Scanlon 32% of residents
8th Norfolk · Edward R. Philips 17% of residents

Mansfield is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Bristol and Norfolk · Paul R. Feeney

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Mansfield Public Schools, the town's own district
Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Mansfield scores 46 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 26 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**46** / 100

153rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 54 | 42 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 145th to 162nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Mansfield received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 46 stays between 44 and 48 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**26** / 100

291st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 31 | 25 | 23 |

Rank under other weightings: 284th to 295th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

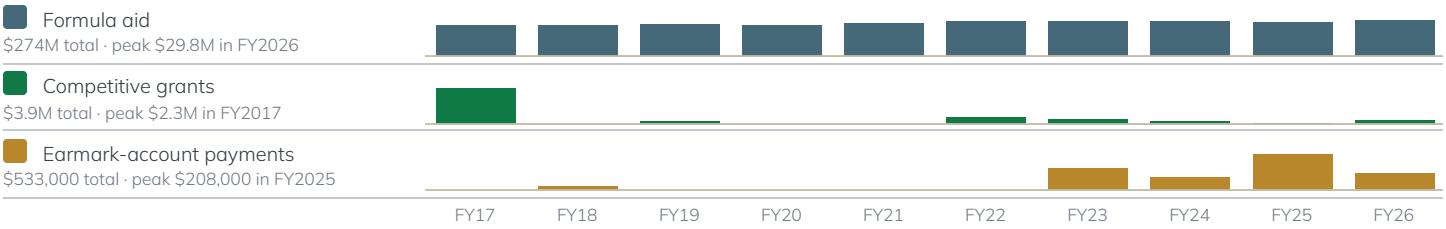
Mansfield received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 24 and 27 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Mansfield's town government and school districts received $274 million in formula aid and $3.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$274M** | **$3.9M** | **$533,000** |
| $11,457 per resident (138th of 351) · gross | $163 per resident (272nd of 351) | $22.28 per resident (189th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Mansfield peaked in FY2017 at $2.3 million, 58% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $20.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Mansfield received $529,000 in local earmarks to its government, $727,000 placed in the city or town and $727,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$529,000** | **$727,000** | **$727,000** | **No** |
| $22.11 per resident (201st of 351) | $30.37 per resident (236th of 351) · 27% to organizations | $30.37 per resident (240th of 351) · 27% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 22 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $529,000 went to Mansfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $198,000 went to organizations in Mansfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Mansfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (22 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $75,000 | "improvements to the Massachusetts Music & Arts Society in Mansfield" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the Mass Arts Center in the town of Mansfield to support its performing arts programming" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the town of Mansfield for planning and implementation of Mansfield's 250th anniversary celebration" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "a downtown beautification project in the town of Mansfield" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "a downtown beautification project in the town of Mansfield" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 22 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Mansfield received 28% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**114.8**<br>67th of 351 · 4.8 per 1,000 residents (243rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$20.7M**<br>scored exposure $6.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**170**<br>28th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**7**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.1 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**24,101**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.39**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.28; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,116**<br>FY2017–2025 · 179th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MANSFIELD

## Mansfield has 21 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 242 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**21 acres**<br>0.2% of Mansfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**242 acres**<br>1.9% of Mansfield's land · 14 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**332 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 21 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 4 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 108 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 122 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 12 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 34 |
| Conservation restriction | 23 | 332 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 4 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Interstate 95 Rest Area | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 21 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 127.4 miles of public road in Mansfield, the state maintains 11.2 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.2 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 115.0 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.2 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Mansfield $24.9 million and takes back $2.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $22.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$24.9 million** | **$2.4 million** | **$22.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $20.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $481,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $379,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $102,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $147,000 |
| Public Libraries | $65,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $455,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $91,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,233 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $34,000 |
| Regional Transit | $209,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $363,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.2M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MANSFIELD

## State programs also awarded $250,000 to organizations in Mansfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Mass Music & Arts Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $110,000 |
| FY2020 | Mass Music & Arts Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $98,000 |
| FY2025 | Southeast Regional Planning & Economic Development District regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $39,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 19.8% of Mansfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 20.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **20.1%** | **26.9%** | **19.8%** | **18.1%** |
| $16.3M of $81.5M · median town 14.1% | $22.5M of $84M · median town 12.2% | $23.1M of $116M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 26.9% · median town 10.0% |

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Gross state aid went from $16.3 million in FY2006 to $23.1 million in FY2025, +41.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.3 million of Mansfield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+55.7%** | **+55.3%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $8.5M to $13.2M · all towns +54.0% | $14.1M to $21.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Mansfield's health insurance would have been $10.6 million in FY2025; it was $13.2 million, $2.61 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $17.6 million in FY2025; it was $21.9 million, $4.28 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2025 (+41%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Mansfield's government came to $419,000, 8.9% of the $4.71 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $419,000 | 8.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $559,000 | 11.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $559,000 | 11.9% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Mansfield's required school contribution is 3.4% of median household income, 24th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$20.7M** | **$38.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.4%** | **–2%** |
| 24th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

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## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $4.9 million for schools serving Mansfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Mansfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.9M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $206 per resident (223rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Mansfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Harold L. Qualters Middle School | Mansfield | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $2.1M | $2.1M |
| FY2022 | Mansfield High School | Mansfield | Accelerated Repair (Boilers) | $921,000 | $921,000 |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$3,636 (2%) |
| FY2018 | Mansfield High School | Mansfield | Accelerated Repair (Partial Windows/Doors) | $902,000 | $902,000 |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $1M (2%) |


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**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Mansfield's share of the final cost was $3.7 million against its share of the approved budget of $3.8 million (under by $151,000); the local share moved from $1.9 million to $2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Mansfield has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and seven high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$10.7M**<br>$1.8M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 0.5 years of its yearly money · 288th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**19**<br>three rated poor; likely about $5.6M of work on those ($4.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**7**<br>of eight town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Mansfield came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Mansfield owns seven high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $740,000 | $0 | $792,000 | $204,000 |
| FY2018 | $743,000 | $0 | $631,000 | $391,000 |
| FY2019 | $745,000 | $149,000 | $716,000 | $570,000 |
| FY2020 | $740,000 | $74,000 | $1.1M | $273,000 |
| FY2021 | $739,000 | $0 | $910,000 | $102,000 |
| FY2022 | $737,000 | $384,000 | $832,000 | $391,000 |
| FY2023 | $729,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $64,000 |
| FY2024 | $725,000 | $409,000 | $841,000 | $356,000 |
| FY2025 | $730,000 | $200,000 | $525,000 | $762,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $604,000 | $1.1M | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $318,000 | $2.2M |

The full list of the 40 bridges in Mansfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Mansfield received $4.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 53% of the $8.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Mansfield ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $727,000 in earmarks placed in Mansfield, $198,000 (27%) went to organizations rather than to Mansfield's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mansfield** this town | **46** | **$11,457** | **$163** | **$30.37** | **0.28** | **3.4%** |
| Franklin peer | 49 | $12,355 | $201 | $72.43† | 0.69 | 3.1% |
| Pembroke peer | 45 | $10,627 | $65.81 | $40.00 | 0.27 | 2.6% |
| Uxbridge peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $11,199 | $436 | $15.55 | 1.22 | 2.8% |
| Holden peer | 50 | $13,276 | $103 | $15.70 | 0.39 | 2.6% |
| Kingston peer | 44 | $10,470 | $762 | $41.35 | 2.68 | 3.0% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Marblehead

Town · Essex County · 20,413 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
8th Essex · Jennifer Balinsky Armini

**STATE SENATE**
Third Essex · Brendan P. Crighton

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Marblehead Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea and eight others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Marblehead scores 29 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 34 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**29** / 100

316th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 41 | 25 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 299th to 334th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Marblehead received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 29 stays between 26 and 32 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**34** / 100

251st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 46 | 36 | 29 |

Rank under other weightings: 240th to 261st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

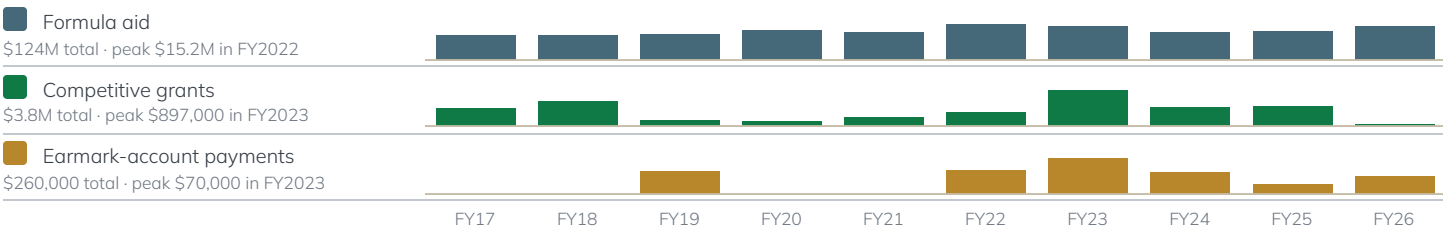
Marblehead received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 31 and 38 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Marblehead's town government and school districts received $124 million in formula aid and $3.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$124M** | **$3.8M** | **$260,000** |
| $6,094 per resident (332nd of 351) · gross | $187 per resident (260th of 351) | $12.73 per resident (241st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Marblehead peaked in FY2023 at $897,000, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Marblehead received $400,000 in local earmarks to its government, $442,000 placed in the city or town and $442,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$400,000** | **$442,000** | **$442,000** | **No** |
| $19.60 per resident (215th of 351) | $21.64 per resident (272nd of 351) · 9% to organizations | $21.64 per resident (273rd of 351) · 9% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 12 clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $400,000 went to Marblehead's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $42,000 went to organizations in Marblehead or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Marblehead, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (12 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "renovations needed for the Marblehead Council on Aging's kitchen in the town of Marblehead" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the town of Marblehead for repairs to the irrigation system and deteriorating structures at Marblehead cemeteries" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the town of Marblehead for facility updates and improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "renovations needed for the public restrooms and property surrounding the restrooms at the State street landing in the town of Marblehead" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $45,000 | "maintenance and repair of Goldthwait marsh in the town of Marblehead" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 12 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Marblehead received 50% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**69.0**<br>192nd of 351 · 3.4 per 1,000 residents (305th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.3M**<br>scored exposure $2.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**20**<br>327th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**4.4 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**21,408**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.94**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.50; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,867**<br>FY2017–2025 · 241st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MARBLEHEAD

## No state conservation land or coded chapter land is mapped in Marblehead.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 31 |
| Conservation restriction | 6 | 1 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 80.3 miles of public road in Marblehead, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 69.1 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 11.2 | 14% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Marblehead $9.9 million and takes back $3 million in assessments and charges, a net $6.9 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$9.9 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$3 million**<br>30% of what is sent | Net<br>**$6.9 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $7.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $777,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $52,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $153,000 |
| Public Libraries | $45,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $47,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $10,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $13,000 |
| MBTA | $525,000 |
| Special Education | $674 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $90,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.3M |

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| FY2022 | Marblehead Arts Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $60,000 |
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| FY2016 | Marblehead Little Theatre nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2025 | Marblehead Little Theatre nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $26,000 |
| FY2025 | Marblehead Arts Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |
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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

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|---|---|---|---|
| **9.5%** | **9.5%** | **8.4%** | **6.0%** |
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|---|---|---|---|
| **+33.5%** | **+46.3%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $9.7M to $13M · all towns +54.0% | $13.3M to $19.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

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| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$7.1M** | **$28.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.9%** | **+18%** |
| 320th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $14,000 (2%) |
| FY2019 | Elbridge Gerry Elementary School | Marblehead | Core | $14.3M | $14.3M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Marblehead's share of the final cost was $53.8 million against its share of the approved budget of $55.6 million (under by $1.8 million); the local share moved from $41.3 million to $39.9 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Marblehead has $2.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.5M** | **$3.7M** | **$2.1M** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.8 years of its yearly money · 35th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **1** | **0** | **$0** |
| one rated poor; about $2.2M of work on those, by planning estimates | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Marblehead came on average 20 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October


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2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Marblehead owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $448,000 | $0 | $747,000 | $3,642 |
| FY2018 | $456,000 | $0 | $565,000 | $3,653 |
| FY2019 | $458,000 | $92,000 | $373,000 | $441,000 |
| FY2020 | $457,000 | $46,000 | $816,000 | $127,000 |
| FY2021 | $455,000 | $0 | $177,000 | $405,000 |
| FY2022 | $452,000 | $229,000 | $390,000 | $696,000 |
| FY2023 | $445,000 | $0 | $301,000 | $840,000 |
| FY2024 | $448,000 | $253,000 | $532,000 | $1M |
| FY2025 | $448,000 | $127,000 | $79,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2026 | $677,000 | $364,000 | $438,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $679,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.8M |

The one bridge in Marblehead in MassDOT's inventory, with its condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Marblehead received $4.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 72% of the $6.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Marblehead ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $442,000 in earmarks placed in Marblehead, $42,000 (9%) went to organizations rather than to Marblehead's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Marblehead** this town | **29** | **$6,094** | **$187** | **$21.64** | **0.50** | **1.9%** |
| Scituate peer | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |
| Winchester peer | 28 | $6,820 | $40.16 | $49.13 | 0.45 | 2.5% |
| Hingham peer | 30 | $6,498 | $83.05 | $90.15† | 0.24 | 2.2% |
| Westwood peer | 27 | $6,423 | $120 | $45.96 | 0.30 | 2.5% |
| Sudbury peer | 38 | $9,414 | $150 | $47.32 | 0.49 | 2.7% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Marion

Town · Plymouth County · 5,310 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

10th Bristol · Mark D. Sylvia

STATE SENATE

Third Bristol and Plymouth · Kelly A. Dooner

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Marion Public Schools, the town's own district

Old Rochester Regional School District, shared with Mattapoisett and Rochester

Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bourne, Falmouth, Sandwich and Wareham

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Marion scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 66 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**30** / 100

302nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 36 | 27 | 29 |

Rank under other weightings: 291st to 310th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Marion received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 29 and 32 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**66** / 100

127th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 69 | 76 | 49 | 69 |

Rank under other weightings: 120th to 142nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

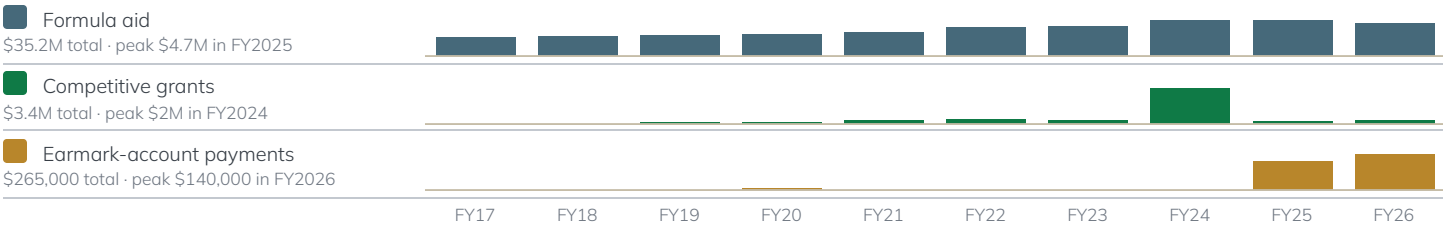
Marion received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 66 stays between 62 and 70 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Marion's town government and school districts received $35.2 million in formula aid and $3.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$35.2M** | **$3.4M** | **$265,000** |
| $6,631 per resident (310th of 351) · gross | $643 per resident (119th of 351) | $49.95 per resident (79th of 351) |

Competitive grants to Marion peaked in FY2024 at $2 million, 57% of the ten-year total.




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Marion received $65,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$65,000** | **$65,000** | **$65,000** | **No** |
| $12.24 per resident (257th of 351) | $12.24 per resident (302nd of 351) | $12.24 per resident (303rd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2023. All of it went to Marion's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Marion, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the renovation of and utility tie-ins at the council on aging Cushing Community Center in the town of Marion" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $20,000 | "enhance services at the Marion council on aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $10,000 | "enhance services at the Marion council on aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $10,000 | "enhance services at the Marion Council on Aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Marion received 43% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**28.7**<br>325th of 351 · 5.4 per 1,000 residents (215th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.1M**<br>scored exposure $604,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**47**<br>275th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.1 sq mi**<br>6% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**11%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,977**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.49**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.43; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**490 acres**<br>5.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$41,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$83.82**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$30,867**<br>FY2017–2025 · 101st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MARION

## Marion has 507 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,104 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**507 acres**<br>5.6% of Marion's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,104 acres**<br>12.2% of Marion's land · 42 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,087 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 8 | 507 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 13 | 498 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 25 | 659 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 14 | 438 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 7 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 10 | 503 |
| Conservation restriction | 64 | 1,087 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 12 | 488 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 10 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Haskell Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 507 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 41.2 miles of public road in Marion, the state maintains 9.8 (24%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.8 | 24% |
| Town-accepted | 28.6 | 70% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.7 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Marion $1.8 million and takes back $136,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.8 million** | **$136,000** | **$1.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.3M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $307,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $58,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $43,000 |
| State Owned Land | $42,000 |
| Public Libraries | $12,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $38,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $51,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,734 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,920 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $38,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MARION

## State programs also awarded $59,000 to organizations in Marion other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Marion. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Marion Art Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2024 | Marion Art Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $1,400 |

A further $20,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.1% of Marion's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 4.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.2%** | **4.8%** | **5.1%** | **4.8%** |
| $640,000 of $15.1M · median town 14.1% | $955,000 of $19.9M · median town 12.2% | $1.6M of $31.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.9% · median town 10.0% |

Marion's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Marion's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 62.1% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 44.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $640,000 in FY2006 to $1.6 million in FY2025, +151.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+26.6%** | **+60.0%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $843,000 to $1.1M · all towns +54.0% | $2.4M to $3.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Marion's health insurance would have been $1.05 million in FY2025; it was $1.07 million, $14,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.98 million in FY2025; it was $3.82 million, $838,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (–37%) and FY2024 (+72%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Marion's government came to $65,000, 29.0% of the $224,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $65,000 | 29.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $65,000 | 29.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $65,000 | 29.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Marion's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 152nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.5M** | **$8.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+48%** |
| 152nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Marion runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Old Rochester and Upper Cape Cod for others; Marion accounts for 32% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Marion, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Marion has $488,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
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| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
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| FY2017 | $171,000 | $0 | $40,000 | $171,000 |
| FY2018 | $170,000 | $0 | $24,000 | $330,000 |
| FY2019 | $171,000 | $34,000 | $5,187 | $533,000 |
| FY2020 | $171,000 | $17,000 | $23,000 | $698,000 |
| FY2021 | $171,000 | $0 | $30,000 | $869,000 |
| FY2022 | $171,000 | $96,000 | $43,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2023 | $171,000 | $0 | $281,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $168,000 | $202,000 | $948,000 | $942,000 |
| FY2025 | $167,000 | $150,000 | $895,000 | $363,000 |
| FY2026 | $262,000 | $147,000 | $284,000 | $488,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $262,000 | $0 | $0 | $750,000 |

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| Hadley peer | 38 | $6,882 | $989 | $42.59 | 2.48 | 2.0% |
| Wellfleet peer | 37 | $4,162 | $3,572 | $59.49 | 1.85 | 1.3% |
| Hamilton peer | 30 | $8,144 | $188 | $33.29 | 0.53 | 3.4% |
| Essex peer · best in class of 30 | 32 | $7,261 | $477 | $208 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Brewster peer | 35 | $6,965 | $860 | $28.79† | 2.03 | 2.6% |
| Hinsdale lowest in class of 30 | 44 | $9,786 | $1,790 | $0 | 2.54 | 3.6% |

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Marlborough

City · Middlesex County · 41,647 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

4th Middlesex · Danielle W. Gregoire
87% of residents

13th Middlesex · Carmine Lawrence Gentile
13% of residents

Marlborough is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Middlesex and Worcester · James B. Eldridge

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Marlborough Public Schools**, the city's own district

**Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berlin, Hudson, Maynard, Northborough, Southborough and Westborough

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Marlborough scores 53 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 76 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**53** / 100

100th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 49 | 51 | 57 |

Rank under other weightings: 89th to 119th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Marlborough received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 51 and 55 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**76** / 100

87th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 78 | 74 | 75 | 80 |

Rank under other weightings: 87th to 95th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

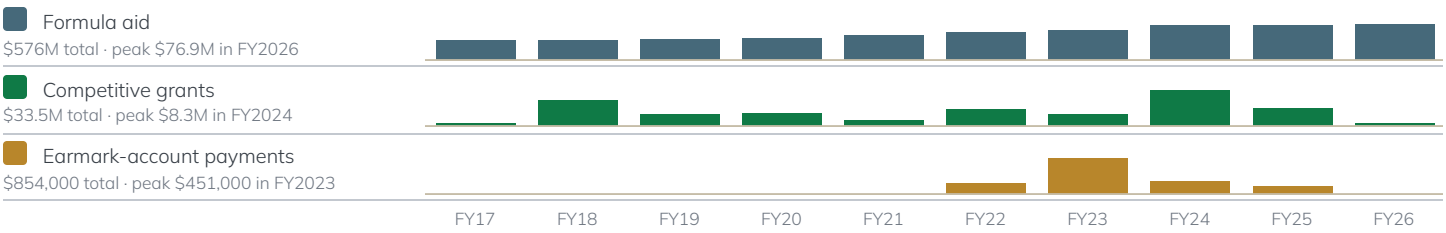
Marlborough received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 76 stays between 75 and 78 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Marlborough's town government and school districts received $576 million in formula aid and $33.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$576M** | **$33.5M** | **$854,000** |
| $13,835 per resident (98th of 351) · gross | $804 per resident (93rd of 351) | $20.51 per resident (200th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Marlborough peaked in FY2024 at $8.3 million, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $55.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Marlborough received $1.9 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.7 million placed in the city or town and $2.7 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.9M** | **$2.7M** | **$2.7M** | **No** |
| $46.76 per resident (88th of 351) | $65.97 per resident (123rd of 351) · 29% to organizations | $65.97 per resident (131st of 351) · 29% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 32 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.9 million went to Marlborough's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $800,000 went to organizations in Marlborough or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Marlborough, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (32 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $300,000 | "the Marlborough Public Library Foundation, Inc. to purchase equipment including, but not limited to, furniture, bookshelves, computers, printers and fixtures, for the benefit of the Marlborough Public Library" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "the Marlborough police station for the reconstruction of curbing and resurfacing of the parking lot" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "the Marlborough economic development council's commuter shuttle service" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $175,000 | "the Marlborough fire department to replace CAD software and provide technology upgrades, computers, wiring, cable and television screens at all 3 fire stations" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "rehabilitation of the women veterans park in the city of Marlborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 32 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Marlborough received 1.57 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**138.4**<br>43rd of 351 · 3.3 per 1,000 residents (308th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$11.6M**<br>scored exposure $1.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**128**<br>65th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.9 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**41,910**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.61**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.57; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**507 acres**<br>3.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$144,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$284**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$28,546**<br>FY2017–2025 · 115th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MARLBOROUGH

## Marlborough has 1,167 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 169 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,167 acres**<br>8.7% of Marlborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**169 acres**<br>1.3% of Marlborough's land · 17 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**11 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**59 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 30 | 1,167 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 30 | 1,327 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 8 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 8 | 63 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 98 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 11 |
| Conservation restriction | 7 | 59 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 6 | 822 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 24 | 504 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sudbury Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 541 | |
| Callahan State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 313 | |
| Marlborough-Sudbury State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 196 | |
| Flagg Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 56 | |
| Tyler Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 52 | |
| John J. Navin Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Barefoot Brook Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 166.3 miles of public road in Marlborough, the state maintains 14.7 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.7 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 134.6 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 16.9 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Marlborough $62.8 million and takes back $12.8 million in assessments and charges, a net $50.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$62.8 million** | **$12.8 million** | **$50.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 20% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $52.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $2.5M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $98,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $257,000 |
| State Owned Land | $144,000 |
| Public Libraries | $113,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $101,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $14,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $26,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $64,000 |
| Regional Transit | $414,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.4M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $10.7M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MARLBOROUGH

## State programs also awarded $12.1 million to organizations in Marlborough other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Marlborough. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $12.1 million in 7 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

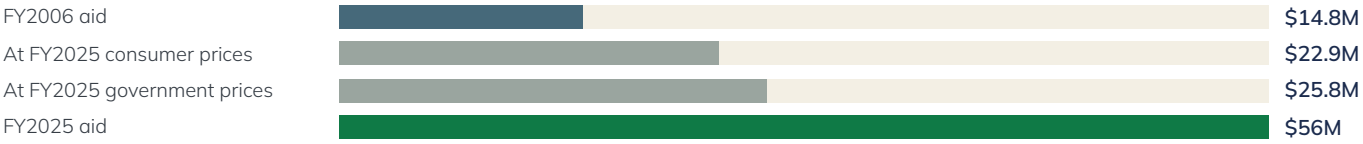
## State aid covered 27.3% of Marlborough's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 15.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.0%** | **21.9%** | **27.3%** | **22.4%** |
| $14.8M of $98.1M · median town 14.1% | $29.5M of $135M · median town 12.2% | $56M of $205M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.4% · median town 10.0% |

Marlborough's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $6.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Marlborough's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 144.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 117.5% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $14.8 million in FY2006 to $56 million in FY2025, +279.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.6 million of Marlborough's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+71.4%** | **+61.9%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $19.5M to $33.5M · all towns +54.0% | $29.3M to $47.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Marlborough's health insurance would have been $24.4 million in FY2025; it was $33.5 million, $9.10 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $36.6 million in FY2025; it was $47.5 million, $10.9 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Marlborough's government came to $1.8 million, 13.1% of the $14 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.8M | 13.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.6M | 18.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.6M | 18.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Marlborough's required school contribution is 3.4% of median household income, 21st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$59.8M** | **$52.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.4%** | **+49%** |
| 21st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Marlborough runs its own school district and also belongs to Assabet Valley; Marlborough accounts for 57% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $133 million for schools serving Marlborough, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Marlborough's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$133M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,194 per resident (45th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Marlborough's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Raymond C. Richer Elementary School | Marlborough | Core | $103M | $103M |
| FY2018 | Richer Elementary School | Marlborough | Core | $29.9M | $29.9M |


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**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $44.8 million against an approved budget of $56.4 million (under by $11.6 million); the local share moved from $26.5 million to $17.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Marlborough has $4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$16.1M**<br>$2.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$10.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$4M**<br>annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 89th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**10**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Marlborough came on average 34 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.1M | $203,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2019 | $1.1M | $228,000 | $1.6M | $1.6M |
| FY2020 | $1.1M | $115,000 | $1.9M | $2.3M |
| FY2021 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.1M | $2.4M |
| FY2022 | $1.2M | $447,000 | $1.7M | $2.3M |
| FY2023 | $1.2M | $0 | $721,000 | $2.7M |
| FY2024 | $1.2M | $567,000 | $1.3M | $3.2M |
| FY2025 | $1.2M | $320,000 | $2.3M | $2.4M |
| FY2026 | $1.6M | $788,000 | $805,000 | $4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.6M | $0 | $0 | $5.6M |

The full list of the 30 bridges in Marlborough in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Marlborough received $38.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 74% more than the $22.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Marlborough ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.7 million in earmarks placed in Marlborough, $800,000 (29%) went to organizations rather than to Marlborough's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Marlborough** this town | **53** | **$13,835** | **$804** | **$65.97** | **1.57** | **3.4%** |
| Revere peer | 64 | $19,109 | $328 | $25.99 | 2.70 | 2.8% |
| Malden peer | 51 | $13,164 | $195 | $58.55† | 1.64 | 2.4% |
| Haverhill peer | 58 | $16,056 | $523 | $98.18† | 2.11 | 2.7% |
| Milford peer | 54 | $15,901 | $146 | $36.10 | 0.26 | 3.1% |
| Agawam peer | 45 | $11,619 | $247 | $23.34 | 0.39 | 2.7% |
| Framingham best in class of 30 | 54 | $14,513 | $248 | $157† | 0.72 | 3.1% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Marshfield

Town · Plymouth County · 25,879 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

4th Plymouth · Patrick Joseph Kearney
84% of residents
6th Plymouth · Kenneth P. Sweezey
16% of residents
Marshfield is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

First Plymouth and Norfolk · Patrick M. O'Connor

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Marshfield Public Schools, the town's own district
South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Marshfield scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 49 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**38** / 100
239th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 44 | 35 | 35 |

Rank under other weightings: 227th to 247th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Marshfield received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 36 and 40 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**49** / 100
193rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 55 | 46 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 189th to 197th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

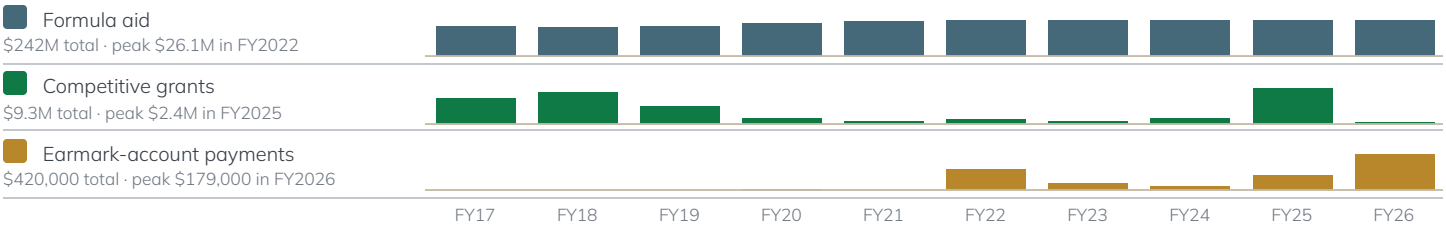
Marshfield received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 47 and 51 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Marshfield's town government and school districts received $242 million in formula aid and $9.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $242M | $9.3M | $420,000 |
| $9,344 per resident (202nd of 351) · gross | $361 per resident (184th of 351) | $16.22 per resident (227th of 351) |

Competitive grants to Marshfield peaked in FY2025 at $2.4 million, 26% of the ten-year total.




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $20.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Marshfield received $485,000 in local earmarks to its government, $4.2 million placed in the city or town and $4.2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $485,000 | $4.2M | $4.2M | No |
| $18.75 per resident (222nd of 351) | $162 per resident (15th of 351) · 88% to organizations | $162 per resident (25th of 351) · 88% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 35 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $485,000 went to Marshfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $3.7 million went to organizations in Marshfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Marshfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (35 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $350,000 | "the Talking Information Center, Incorporated to provide human voiced broadcasts of local news, articles and items of interest to visually-impaired and otherwise disabled listeners" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $350,000 | "the Talking Information Center, Incorporated to provide human voiced broadcasts of local news, articles and items of interest to visually-impaired and otherwise disabled listeners" | Enacted organization based here |
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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Marshfield received 1.35 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**132.0**<br>49th of 351 · 5.1 per 1,000 residents (226th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$32.5M**<br>scored exposure $5.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**71**<br>194th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**28.6 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**10%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**28,887**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.40**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.35; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**179 acres**<br>1.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$5,952**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$33.25**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,982**<br>FY2017–2025 · 183rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MARSHFIELD

## Marshfield has 416 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 265 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**416 acres**<br>2.3% of Marshfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**265 acres**<br>1.4% of Marshfield's land · 18 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**647 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 11 | 416 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 12 | 47 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 8 | 117 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 122 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 27 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 26 | 354 |
| Conservation restriction | 59 | 647 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 12 | 47 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| English Salt Marsh WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 416 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 167.3 miles of public road in Marshfield, the state maintains 10.6 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.6 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 132.0 | 79% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 24.7 | 15% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Marshfield $20.5 million and takes back $1.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $18.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$20.5 million** | **$1.6 million** | **$18.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $236,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $223,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $444,000 |
| State Owned Land | $6,097 |
| Public Libraries | $65,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $121,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $129,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $10,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $16,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $25,000 |
| Regional Transit | $237,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $147,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $906,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MARSHFIELD

## State programs also awarded $187,000 to organizations in Marshfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Marshfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Marshfield Recreation Trails Committee nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $75,000 |
| FY2024 | Hatch Mill Group nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $65,000 |
| FY2026 | North River Arts Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $4,700 |

A further $42,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 16.1% of Marshfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 25.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **25.5%** | **20.7%** | **16.1%** | **15.0%** |
| $16.4M of $64.4M · median town 14.1% | $17.6M of $85.2M · median town 12.2% | $18.9M of $117M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 24.7% · median town 10.0% |

Marshfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $12,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Marshfield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 25.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 34.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $16.4 million in FY2006 to $18.9 million in FY2025, +15.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.2 million of Marshfield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+35.1%** | **+48.6%** | **7 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $5.6M to $7.6M · all towns +54.0% | $12.3M to $18.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Marshfield's health insurance would have been $7.01 million in FY2025; it was $7.59 million, $573,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $15.4 million in FY2025; it was $18.3 million, $2.92 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Marshfield's government came to $475,000, 24.1% of the $1.97 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $475,000 | 24.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.5M | 177.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.5M | 177.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Marshfield's required school contribution is 3.2% of median household income, 33rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$16.3M** | **$42.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.2%** | **–4%** |
| 33rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Marshfield runs its own school district and also belongs to South Shore; Marshfield accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $12.9 million for schools serving Marshfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Marshfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$12.9M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $500 per resident (183rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Marshfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Martinson Elementary School | Marshfield | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3.6M | $3.6M |
| FY2025 | South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School | South Shore | Core | $112M | $6.3M (6%) |
| FY2017 | Furnace Brook Middle School | Marshfield | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3M | $3M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Marshfield's share of the final cost was $8 million against its share of the approved budget of $8.5 million (under by $521,000); the local share moved from $5.5 million to $5.7 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Marshfield has $974,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one


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## bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$11.1M**<br>$2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$974,000**<br>annual program: -0.0 years of its yearly money · 351st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**11**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1M of work on those ($483,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of nine town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$259,000**<br>bridges $259,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Marshfield came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Marshfield owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $758,000 | $0 | $1.3M | $79,000 |
| FY2018 | $758,000 | $0 | $855,000 | $96,000 |
| FY2019 | $753,000 | $151,000 | $726,000 | $273,000 |
| FY2020 | $751,000 | $75,000 | $956,000 | $144,000 |
| FY2021 | $749,000 | $0 | $560,000 | $332,000 |
| FY2022 | $749,000 | $440,000 | $569,000 | $952,000 |
| FY2023 | $742,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $635,000 |
| FY2024 | $741,000 | $445,000 | $1.2M | $612,000 |
| FY2025 | $741,000 | $207,000 | $1.1M | $447,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $672,000 | $1.2M | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $138,000 | $2.2M |

The full list of the 16 bridges in Marshfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Ocean Bluff Revetment Repair Design source | $412,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Brant Rock Seawall Repair Phase 2 source | $2.3M |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Brant Rock Seawall Phase 2 Repair Design source | $94,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Brant Rock Seawall Repair source | $1.9M |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Brant Rock Seawall Repair Design source | $140,000 |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Foster Avenue Seawall Repair Phase 2 source | $2.5M |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Marshfield received $13.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 8% more than the $12.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Marshfield ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $4.2 million in earmarks placed in Marshfield, $3.7 million (88%) went to organizations rather than to Marshfield's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Marshfield** this town | **38** | **$9,344** | **$361** | **$162**† | **1.35** | **3.2%** |
| Sandwich peer | 31 | $7,257 | $332 | $24.72 | 0.71 | 2.7% |
| Woburn peer | 31 | $6,812 | $255 | $85.34† | 0.44 | 3.5% |
| North Andover peer | 26 | $6,381 | $213 | $31.72 | 0.89 | 3.1% |
| Saugus peer | 29 | $7,158 | $98.00 | $42.11 | 0.36 | 3.3% |
| Bourne peer | 29 | $6,777 | $185 | $55.96† | 0.51 | 2.9% |
| Braintree best in class of 30 | 39 | $9,109 | $142 | $117 | 0.55 | 3.4% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Mashpee

Town · Barnstable County · 15,384 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

3rd Barnstable · David T. Vieira

STATE SENATE

Plymouth and Barnstable · Dylan A. Fernandes

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Mashpee Public Schools, the town's own district

Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Orleans, Provincetown and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Mashpee scores 26 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 23 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**26** / 100

342nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 29 | 30 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 331st to 343rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Mashpee received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 24 and 28 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**23** / 100

303rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 28 | 19 | 21 |

Rank under other weightings: 300th to 308th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

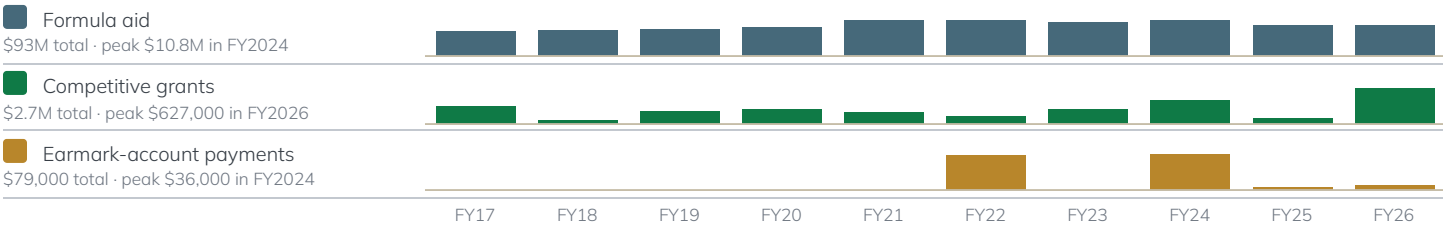
Mashpee received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 23 stays between 21 and 24 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Mashpee's town government and school districts received $93 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $93M | $2.7M | $79,000 |
| $6,045 per resident (334th of 351) · gross | $173 per resident (268th of 351) | $5.12 per resident (285th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Mashpee peaked in FY2026 at $627,000, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $17.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Mashpee received $28,000 in local earmarks to its government, $192,000 placed in the city or town and $192,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $28,000 | $192,000 | $192,000 | No |
| $1.79 per resident (299th of 351) | $12.51 per resident (301st of 351) · 86% to organizations | $12.51 per resident (302nd of 351) · 86% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $28,000 went to Mashpee's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $165,000 went to organizations in Mashpee or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Mashpee, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $35,000 (split two ways) | "Calmer Choice, Inc. for the development and support of anti-addiction and mental health programs in school districts including, but not limited to, the Monomoy regional school district, the Mashpee school district, the Barnstable school district, the Nauset regional school district and the..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $30,000 | "the Friends of the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge, Inc. for design and construction plans of a new visitor center on land provided by Mashpee for said purpose" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "Calmer Choice, Inc. for the development and support of anti-addiction and mental health programs in school districts including, but not limited to, the Monomoy regional school district, the Mashpee school district, the Barnstable school district, the Nauset regional school district and the..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "Calmer Choice, Inc. for the development and support of anti-addiction and mental health programs in school districts including, but not limited to, Monomoy regional school district, Mashpee school district, Barnstable school district, Nauset regional school district and Dennis-Yarmouth regional..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "Calmer Choice, Inc. for the development and support of anti-addiction programs in school districts including, but not limited to, Monomoy regional school district, Mashpee school district, Barnstable school district, Nauset regional school district and Dennis-Yarmouth regional school district" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Mashpee received 72% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**114.6**<br>68th of 351 · 7.4 per 1,000 residents (147th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.3M**<br>scored exposure $408,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**44**<br>284th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.4 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**30%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**22,243**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.41**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.72; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,139 acres**<br>7.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$1.1M**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$954**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$51,408**<br>FY2017–2025 · 35th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MASHPEE

## Mashpee has 1,227 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 92 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,227 acres**<br>8.2% of Mashpee's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**92 acres**<br>0.6% of Mashpee's land · 7 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**524 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 37 | 1,227 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 32 | 1,176 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 25 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 68 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 44 |
| Conservation restriction | 42 | 524 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | 826 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 21 | 350 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| South Cape Beach State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 463 | |
| Quashnet Woods State Reservation & WMA | DCR and Fish and Game | 396 | |
| Mashpee Pine Barrens WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 212 | |
| Mashpee River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 55 | |
| Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 35 | |
| Mashpee-Wakeby Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 32 | |
| Quashnet Woods State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 32 | |
| Popponesset Beach Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2 | |
| Johns Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 133.7 miles of public road in Mashpee, the state maintains 3.8 (3%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.8 | 3% |
| Town-accepted | 114.3 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 12.8 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Mashpee $8.5 million and takes back $3.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $5.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.5 million** | **$3.4 million** | **$5.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 40% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $5.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $447,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $663,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $530,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $52,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $213,000 |
| State Owned Land | $1.1M |
| Public Libraries | $38,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $541,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $227,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,478 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $16,000 |
| Regional Transit | $127,000 |
| Special Education | $1,265 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $741,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.7M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MASHPEE

## State programs also awarded $745,000 to organizations in Mashpee other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Save Popponesset Bay, Inc. nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $427,000 |
| FY2024 | Association to Preserve Cape Cod nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $254,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2018 | with Joint Base Cape Cod nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $35,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2019 | Mashpee Old Indian Meeting House Authority nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.1% of Mashpee's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 15.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.2%** | **12.0%** | **10.1%** | **6.2%** |
| $6.3M of $41.8M · median town 14.1% | $6.7M of $56.1M · median town 12.2% | $7.6M of $76M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 11.9% · median town 10.0% |

Mashpee's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $256,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Mashpee's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 22.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 30.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $6.3 million in FY2006 to $7.6 million in FY2025, +20.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $944,000 of Mashpee's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+43.7%** | **+51.3%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $5.9M to $8.5M · all towns +54.0% | $9.6M to $14.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Mashpee's health insurance would have been $7.37 million in FY2025; it was $8.48 million, $1.11 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $12 million in FY2025; it was $14.6 million, $2.54 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Mashpee's government came to $22,000, 0.9% of the $2.58 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $22,000 | 0.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $188,000 | 7.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $188,000 | 7.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Mashpee's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 124th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.5M** | **$19.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+2%** |
| 124th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Mashpee runs its own school district and also belongs to Cape Cod; Mashpee accounts for 8% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $7.8 million for schools serving


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## Mashpee, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Mashpee's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.8M**<br>$505 per resident (182nd of 351) | **2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Mashpee's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $442,000 (8%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $3.5M (8%) |
| FY2017 | Quashnet Elementary School | Mashpee | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Window/Door) | $3.8M | $3.8M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Mashpee; Mashpee's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $442,000. Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Mashpee's share of the final cost was $17.6 million against its share of the approved budget of $21.1 million (under by $3.5 million); the local share moved from $13.8 million to $11.2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Mashpee has $3.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$9M**<br>$1.7M of it one-time supplements | **$4.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$3.5M**<br>annual program: 2.8 years of its yearly money · 31st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
| **4**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of five town-owned dams | **$178,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $128,000 · culverts $50,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Mashpee came on average 47 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $606,000 | $0 | $64,000 | $606,000 |
| FY2018 | $603,000 | $0 | $491,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2019 | $601,000 | $120,000 | $518,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2020 | $599,000 | $60,000 | $1.2M | $2.5M |
| FY2021 | $597,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $1.8M |
| FY2022 | $594,000 | $381,000 | $700,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2023 | $596,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | $595,000 | $369,000 | $833,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2025 | $596,000 | $164,000 | $192,000 | $2M |
| FY2026 | $976,000 | $575,000 | $8,768 | $3.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $976,000 | $0 | $0 | $4.5M |

The full list of the five bridges in Mashpee in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Red Brook Dam Removal/Culvert Replacement Design and Permit source | $128,000 |
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Sampson's Mill Road (Old Kings Road) over Santuit River source | $50,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Mashpee received $3.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 35% of the $9.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Mashpee ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $192,000 in earmarks placed in Mashpee, $165,000 (86%) went to organizations rather than to Mashpee's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mashpee** this town | **26** | **$6,045** | **$173** | **$12.51†** | **0.72** | **2.8%** |
| Brewster peer | 35 | $6,965 | $860 | $28.79† | 2.03 | 2.6% |
| Dennis peer | 25 | $4,788 | $436 | $12.61† | 0.90 | 2.4% |
| Bourne peer | 29 | $6,777 | $185 | $55.96† | 0.51 | 2.9% |
| Harwich peer | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |
| North Andover peer | 26 | $6,381 | $213 | $31.72 | 0.89 | 3.1% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Tisbury lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Mattapoisett

Town · Plymouth County · 6,634 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
10th Bristol · Mark D. Sylvia

**STATE SENATE**
Second Bristol and Plymouth · Mark C. Montigny

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Mattapoisett Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Old Rochester Regional School District**, shared with Marion and Rochester
**Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville and Rochester

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Mattapoisett scores 33 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 88 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**33** / 100

281st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 44 | 33 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 271st to 293rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Mattapoisett received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 33 stays between 30 and 36 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**88** / 100

51st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 89 | 94 | 83 | 86 |

Rank under other weightings: 47th to 56th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

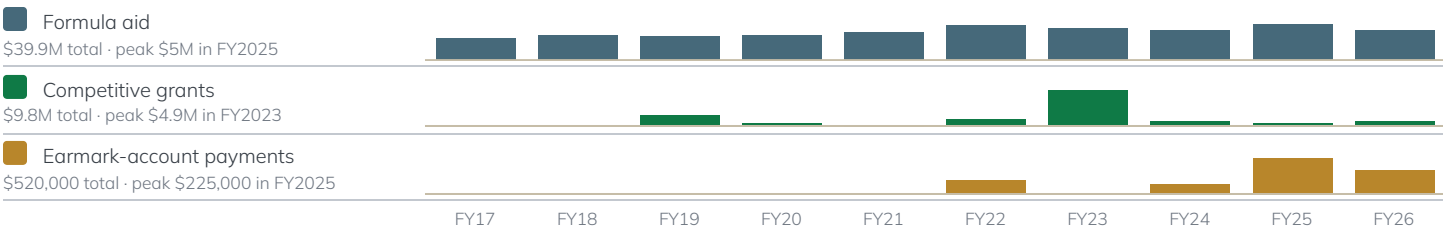
Mattapoisett received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 88 stays between 86 and 90 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Mattapoisett's town government and school districts received $39.9 million in formula aid and $9.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$39.9M** | **$9.8M** | **$520,000** |
| $6,007 per resident (336th of 351) · gross | $1,477 per resident (57th of 351) | $78.34 per resident (35th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Mattapoisett peaked in FY2023 at $4.9 million, 50% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Mattapoisett received $120,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$120,000** | **$120,000** | **$120,000** | **No** |
| $18.09 per resident (224th of 351) | $18.09 per resident (281st of 351) | $18.09 per resident (282nd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Mattapoisett's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Mattapoisett, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $70,000 | "preliminary design and engineering work for the replacement of the Pine Island brook culvert on Pine Island road in the town of Mattapoisett" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the installation of fire suppression systems at the Mattapoisett highway equipment facility" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Mattapoisett received 2.08 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**43.0**<br>277th of 351 · 6.5 per 1,000 residents (177th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2M**<br>scored exposure $528,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**55**<br>244th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.3 sq mi**<br>16% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**18%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,173**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.06**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.08; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,772 acres**<br>16.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$308,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$174**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$38,111**<br>FY2017–2025 · 65th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MATTAPOISETT

## Mattapoisett has 1,846 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,284 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,846 acres**<br>16.6% of Mattapoisett's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,284 acres**<br>11.6% of Mattapoisett's land · 136 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,504 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 45 | 1,846 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 30 | 1,811 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 11 | 235 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 13 | 91 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 112 | 958 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 4 |
| Conservation restriction | 109 | 1,504 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 18 | 1,404 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 12 | 407 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Haskell Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,414 | |
| Nasketucket Bay State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 426 | |
| Ram Island Sanctuary (South) | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 59.2 miles of public road in Mattapoisett, the state maintains 8.7 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.7 | 15% |
| Town-accepted | 43.0 | 73% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.5 | 13% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Mattapoisett $2.2 million and takes back $126,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.2 million** | **$126,000** | **$2.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.2M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $110,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $538,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $34,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $72,000 |
| State Owned Land | $311,000 |
| Public Libraries | $19,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $41,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $57,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,112 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,700 |
| Regional Transit | $12,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $7,046 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MATTAPOISETT

## State programs also awarded $61,000 to organizations in Mattapoisett other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Mattapoisett Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $20,000 |
| FY2022 | Mattapoisett Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $20,000 |
| FY2026 | Mattapoisett Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $18,000 |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.3% of Mattapoisett's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 6.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **6.1%** | **5.9%** | **6.3%** | **5.8%** |
| $1.1M of $17.6M · median town 14.1% | $1.4M of $23.6M · median town 12.2% | $2M of $32.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.5% · median town 10.0% |

Mattapoisett's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Mattapoisett's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 23.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 10.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.1 million in FY2006 to $2 million in FY2025, +91.9% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+5.7%** | **+37.5%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $1.9M to $2M · all towns +54.0% | $3.2M to $4.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Mattapoisett's health insurance would have been $2.32 million in FY2025; it was $1.96 million, $357,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.98 million in FY2025; it was $4.39 million, $402,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Mattapoisett's government came to $120,000, 113.8% of the $105,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $120,000 | 113.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $120,000 | 113.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $120,000 | 113.8% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Mattapoisett's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 292nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.2M** | **$8.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.2%** | **+27%** |
| 292nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Mattapoisett runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Old Rochester and Old Colony for others; Mattapoisett accounts for 34% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $7.2 million for schools serving Mattapoisett, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Mattapoisett's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.2M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,083 per resident (146th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Mattapoisett's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School | Old Colony | Core | $129M | $7.2M (6%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Mattapoisett has $908,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.6M** | **$2.4M** | **$908,000** |
| $840,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 177th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **4** | **1** | **$540,000** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $499,000 · dams $0 · culverts $42,000 |


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**Mattapoisett owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $227,000 | $0 | $50,000 | $177,000 |
| FY2018 | $229,000 | $0 | $444,000 | $1,148 |
| FY2019 | $229,000 | $46,000 | $205,000 | $71,000 |
| FY2020 | $230,000 | $23,000 | $0 | $325,000 |
| FY2021 | $230,000 | $0 | $0 | $555,000 |
| FY2022 | $228,000 | $143,000 | $460,000 | $466,000 |
| FY2023 | $228,000 | $0 | $143,000 | $551,000 |
| FY2024 | $229,000 | $244,000 | $162,000 | $863,000 |
| FY2025 | $230,000 | $167,000 | $941,000 | $318,000 |
| FY2026 | $373,000 | $217,000 | $0 | $908,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $371,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 11 bridges in Mattapoisett in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Pine Island Road over Pine Island Brook source | $42,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Mattapoisett received $10.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.5 times the $4.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Mattapoisett ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mattapoisett** this town | **33** | **$6,007** | **$1,477** | **$18.09** | **2.08** | **2.2%** |
| Harvard peer | 39 | $8,662 | $563 | $18.05 | 0.96 | 2.1% |
| Boxborough peer | 34 | $8,257 | $231 | $43.67 | 0.36 | 2.8% |
| Topsfield peer | 34 | $8,832 | $158 | $67.96 | 1.04 | 2.6% |
| Edgartown peer · lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |
| Lynnfield peer | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |


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**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Maynard

Town · Middlesex County · 10,712 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Middlesex · Kate Hogan

**STATE SENATE**
Middlesex and Worcester · James B. Eldridge

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Maynard Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berlin, Hudson, Marlborough, Northborough, Southborough and Westborough

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Maynard scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 70 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**40** / 100

208th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 42 | 43 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 193rd to 233rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Maynard received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 39 and 42 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**70** / 100

120th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 70 | 70 | 76 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 111th to 125th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

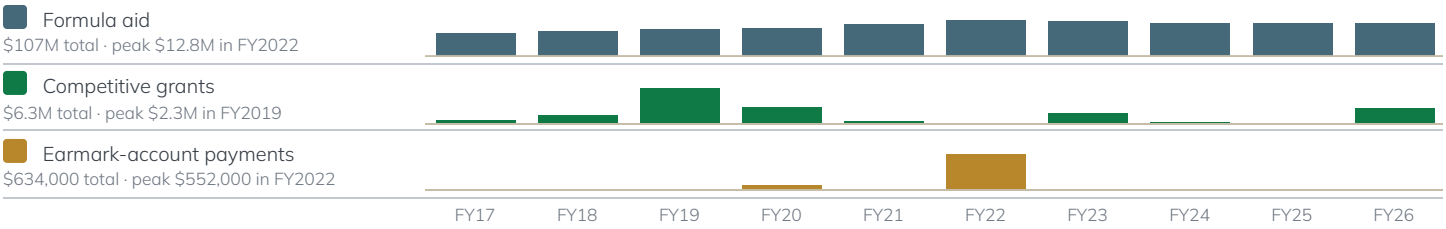
Maynard received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 70 stays between 68 and 72 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Maynard's town government and school districts received $107 million in formula aid and $6.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$107M** | **$6.3M** | **$634,000** |
| $10,015 per resident (176th of 351) · gross | $584 per resident (125th of 351) | $59.14 per resident (59th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Maynard peaked in FY2019 at $2.3 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $6.9 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Maynard received $940,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.1 million placed in the city or town and $1.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$940,000** | **$1.1M** | **$1.1M** | **No** |
| $87.75 per resident (31st of 351) | $105 per resident (60th of 351) · 16% to organizations | $105 per resident (70th of 351) · 16% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 16 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $940,000 went to Maynard's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $185,000 went to organizations in Maynard or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Maynard, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (16 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "the town of Maynard for the continuation of mitigating water resource issues" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $125,000 | "upgrades to the chlorination and dechlorination systems at the wastewater treatment plant in the town of Maynard" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "Cooperative Development Institute, Inc. for the Assabet Co-op Market in the town of Maynard for construction and support necessary to open and sustain the market" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2021 | $100,000 | "the town of Maynard for linking elderly and commuter services to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the town of Maynard for fire station improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 16 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Maynard received 2.79 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**41.1**<br>289th of 351 · 3.8 per 1,000 residents (286th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$22.2M**<br>scored exposure $4.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**35**<br>306th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**5.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**10,818**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.05**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.79; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,096**<br>FY2017–2025 · 200th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MAYNARD

## No state conservation land is mapped in Maynard; 10 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**10 acres**<br>0.3% of Maynard's land · 5 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 3 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 7 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 45 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 44.7 miles of public road in Maynard, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 40.9 | 92% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.7 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Maynard $8.5 million and takes back $1.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $6.8 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$8.5 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$1.7 million**<br>20% of what is sent | Net<br>**$6.8 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $92,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $81,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $40,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $48,000 |
| Public Libraries | $34,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,449 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $6,568 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $14,000 |
| Regional Transit | $96,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $110,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.5M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MAYNARD

## State programs also awarded $1.3 million to organizations in Maynard other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Maynard. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Artspace nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2020 | Artspace nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $1.1 million in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 15.3% of Maynard's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 17.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **17.6%** | **19.2%** | **15.3%** | **11.8%** |
| $5.8M of $33.1M · median town 14.1% | $7.3M of $38M · median town 12.2% | $8.1M of $53.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 18.3% · median town 10.0% |

Maynard's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $426,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Maynard's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 10.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 20.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5.8 million in FY2006 to $8.1 million in FY2025, +39.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $898,000 of Maynard's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+38.4%** | **+46.5%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $4.5M to $6.2M · all towns +54.0% | $7.1M to $10.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Maynard's health insurance would have been $5.59 million in FY2025; it was $6.20 million, $604,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.86 million in FY2025; it was $10.4 million, $1.54 million above the path.


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### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Maynard's government came to $740,000, 43.1% of the $1.72 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $740,000 | 43.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $925,000 | 53.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $925,000 | 53.8% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Maynard's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 240th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$6.4M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$14.7M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.5%**<br>240th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+3%**<br>after inflation |

Maynard runs its own school district and also belongs to Assabet Valley; Maynard accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $36.5 million for schools serving Maynard, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Maynard's share<br>**$36.5M**<br>$3,405 per resident (34th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Maynard's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Green Meadow Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Maynard | Core | $7M | $7M |
| FY2023 | Green Meadow Elementary School | Maynard | Core | $29.4M | $29.4M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $7 million to grants for one project serving Maynard, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.8M**<br>$656,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$635,000**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 202nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**7**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $251,000 | $0 | $265,000 | $72,000 |
| FY2018 | $260,000 | $0 | $259,000 | $73,000 |
| FY2019 | $265,000 | $53,000 | $265,000 | $126,000 |
| FY2020 | $267,000 | $27,000 | $0 | $419,000 |
| FY2021 | $266,000 | $0 | $235,000 | $617,000 |
| FY2022 | $265,000 | $137,000 | $259,000 | $787,000 |
| FY2023 | $266,000 | $0 | $705,000 | $347,000 |
| FY2024 | $265,000 | $149,000 | $150,000 | $611,000 |
| FY2025 | $265,000 | $74,000 | $848,000 | $102,000 |
| FY2026 | $402,000 | $216,000 | $85,000 | $635,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $401,000 | $0 | $0 | $1M |

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| West Boylston peer | 35 | $8,612 | $157 | $148 | 0.30 | 3.0% |
| Merrimac peer | 48 | $12,597 | $215 | $48.54 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| Amesbury peer | 39 | $9,706 | $676 | $64.69 | 2.17 | 2.8% |
| Winthrop peer | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Hudson peer | 42 | $10,896 | $229 | $66.49 | 0.91 | 3.1% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Deerfield lowest in class of 30 | 44 | $9,461 | $1,195 | $6.46 | 2.83 | 2.4% |


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Medfield

Town · Norfolk County · 13,068 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

13th Norfolk · Joshua Tarsky 51% of residents
9th Norfolk · Marcus S. Vaughn 49% of residents

Medfield is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex · Rebecca L. Rausch

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Medfield Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Franklin, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Plainville, Seekonk, Sherborn and two others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Medfield scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 62 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**38** / 100

243rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 58 | 25 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 197th to 264th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Medfield received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 33 and 43 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**62** / 100

142nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 77 | 59 | 56 |

Rank under other weightings: 127th to 154th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

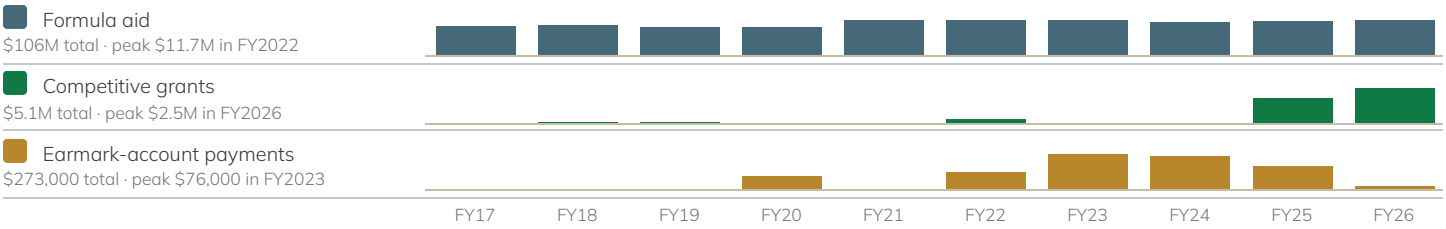
Medfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 62 stays between 58 and 66 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Medfield's town government and school districts received $106 million in formula aid and $5.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$106M** | **$5.1M** | **$273,000** |
| $8,137 per resident (246th of 351) · gross | $388 per resident (174th of 351) | $20.86 per resident (198th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Medfield peaked in FY2026 at $2.5 million, 50% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Medfield received $797,000 in local earmarks to its government, $957,000 placed in the city or town and $957,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$797,000** | **$957,000** | **$957,000** | **No** |
| $61 per resident (55th of 351) | $73.25 per resident (108th of 351) · 17% to organizations | $73.25 per resident (116th of 351) · 17% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 18 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $797,000 went to Medfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $160,000 went to organizations in Medfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Medfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (18 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $200,000 | "the creation of a roadway at the property formally known as the Medfield state hospital in the town of Medfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $150,000 | "the creation of a roadway at the former Medfield State Hospital property in the town of Medfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "improvements to Metacomet park in Medfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $70,000 | "a planning and design study for the intersection of route 27 and West street in Medfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the Bellforge Arts Center in the town of Medfield for a summer sounds concert series" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 18 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Medfield received 2.14 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**76.5**<br>170th of 351 · 5.9 per 1,000 residents (196th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.5M**<br>scored exposure $1.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**87**<br>148th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.4 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**13,201**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.34**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.14; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**236 acres**<br>2.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$78,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$329**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,066**<br>FY2017–2025 · 180th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MEDFIELD

## Medfield has 366 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 255 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**366 acres**<br>4.0% of Medfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**255 acres**<br>2.8% of Medfield's land · 13 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**440 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 16 | 366 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 11 | 248 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 86 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 2 | 29 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 7 | 140 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 5 | 82 |
| Conservation restriction | 29 | 440 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | 245 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 2 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Medfield Charles River State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 237 | |
| Medfield State Hospital | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 73 | |
| Medfield Charles River State Reservation | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 36 | |
| Unnamed state land | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 20 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 80.4 miles of public road in Medfield, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 76.5 | 95% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.3 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Medfield $9.7 million and takes back $656,000 in assessments and charges, a net $9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.7 million** | **$656,000** | **$9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 7% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $7.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $21,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $6,896 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $44,000 |
| State Owned Land | $78,000 |
| Public Libraries | $36,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $139,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $79,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,153 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $8,094 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,040 |
| MBTA | $340,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $27,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $52,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MEDFIELD

## State programs also awarded $1.2 million to organizations in Medfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Medfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Cultural Alliance of Medfield (CAM) DBA Bellforge Arts Center nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $600,000 |
| FY2022 | Cultural Alliance of Medfield nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Bellforge Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | Lowell Mason Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $99,000 |
| FY2023 | Lowell Mason Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2026 | Zullo Gallery Center For The Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2026 | Zullo Gallery Center For The Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |

A further $1,400 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.0% of Medfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 16.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **16.0%** | **13.2%** | **12.0%** | **11.0%** |
| $7.1M of $44.5M · median town 14.1% | $7.4M of $55.9M · median town 12.2% | $8.8M of $73.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 15.8% · median town 10.0% |

Medfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $44,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Medfield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 20.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 29.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.1 million in FY2006 to $8.8 million in FY2025, +23.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $654,000 of Medfield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+32.7%** | **+54.8%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $3.7M to $4.9M · all towns +54.0% | $6.4M to $10M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Medfield's health insurance would have been $4.58 million in FY2025; it was $4.86 million, $288,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.04 million in FY2025; it was $9.97 million, $1.93 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Medfield's government came to $782,000, 65.2% of the $1.20 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $782,000 | 65.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $892,000 | 74.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $892,000 | 74.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Medfield's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 271st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$7.3M** | **$25.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **–7%** |
| 271st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Medfield runs its own school district and also belongs to Norfolk County and Tri County; Medfield accounts for 2% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $854,000 for schools serving Medfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Medfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$854,000** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $65.36 per resident (249th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Medfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $161,000 (1%) |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $667,000 (1%) |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $26,000 (2%) |

Not counted: Dale Street Elementary School (Medfield), approved FY2022 for up to $19.6 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Medfield; Medfield's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $161,000, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Medfield has $1.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.1M** | **$3.7M** | **$1.7M** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 101st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **11** | **2** | **$78,000** |
| none rated poor | of four town-owned dams | bridges $78,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Medfield came on average 26 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Medfield owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $395,000 | $0 | $619,000 | $256,000 |
| FY2018 | $395,000 | $0 | $605,000 | $106,000 |
| FY2019 | $394,000 | $79,000 | $99,000 | $483,000 |
| FY2020 | $413,000 | $41,000 | $69,000 | $928,000 |
| FY2021 | $413,000 | $0 | $874,000 | $662,000 |
| FY2022 | $412,000 | $256,000 | $405,000 | $925,000 |
| FY2023 | $412,000 | $0 | $879,000 | $458,000 |
| FY2024 | $412,000 | $252,000 | $230,000 | $892,000 |
| FY2025 | $411,000 | $114,000 | $591,000 | $827,000 |
| FY2026 | $665,000 | $386,000 | $154,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $665,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.4M |

The full list of the 16 bridges in Medfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Medfield received $6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years,


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## 79% more than the $3.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Medfield ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $957,000 in earmarks placed in Medfield, $160,000 (17%) went to organizations rather than to Medfield's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Medfield** this town | **38** | **$8,137** | **$388** | **$73.25** | **2.14** | **2.3%** |
| Norwell peer | 35 | $7,878 | $687 | $57.61† | 1.24 | 3.4% |
| Middleton peer | 30 | $6,815 | $154 | $32.88 | 0.83 | 2.6% |
| Hopkinton peer | 31 | $7,048 | $297 | $94.08 | 0.33 | 3.1% |
| Boxford peer | 40 | $9,338 | $156 | $74.78 | 0.46 | 2.6% |
| Southborough peer | 36 | $8,275 | $159 | $31.45 | 0.58 | 2.5% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Carlisle lowest in class of 30 | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Medford

City · Middlesex County · 59,354 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

35th Middlesex · Paul J. Donato 45% of residents
34th Middlesex · Christine P. Barber 37% of residents
23rd Middlesex · Sean Garballey 18% of residents

Medford is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Second Middlesex · Patricia D. Jehlen

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Medford Public Schools, the city's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Medford scores 32 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 53 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**32** / 100

291st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 29 | 39 | 33 |

Rank under other weightings: 245th to 326th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Medford received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 29 and 34 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**53** / 100

180th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 51 | 58 | 56 |

Rank under other weightings: 164th to 191st.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

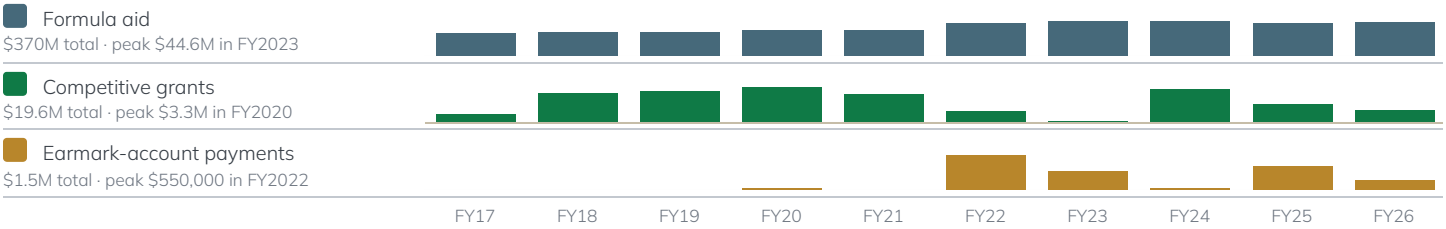
Medford received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 50 and 55 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Medford's town government and school districts received $370 million in formula aid and $19.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $370M | $19.6M | $1.5M |
| $6,237 per resident (328th of 351) · gross | $331 per resident (197th of 351) | $25.16 per resident (174th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Medford were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $47.8 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Medford received $1.1 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.6 million placed in the city or town and $3.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.1M | $2.6M | $3.1M | No |
| $17.69 per resident (226th of 351) | $44.47 per resident (182nd of 351) · 60% to organizations | $52.47 per resident (168th of 351) · 51% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 45 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.1 million went to Medford's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.6 million went to organizations in Medford or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Medford but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $475,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $475,000 in seven clauses for state facilities located in Medford (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Medford, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (52 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $175,000 | "the operation of the Portal to Hope Corp" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "pedestrian safety improvements and the installation of 3 enhanced crossings for users of all abilities at the following intersections in the city of Medford: (i) Elm street and Aquavia road; (ii) Elm and Sturges streets; and (iii) South Border road and Governors avenue" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $150,000 | "the Chevalier Theater rehabilitation project in the city of Medford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $150,000 | "the Portal to Hope" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2021 | $135,000 | "a rehabilitation project for the Chevalier theater in Medford" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 52 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Medford received 2.03 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**93.6**<br>112th of 351 · 1.6 per 1,000 residents (341st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2M**<br>scored exposure $590,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**64**<br>218th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**8.1 sq mi**<br>23% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**59,396**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.06**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.03; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**298 acres**<br>5.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$98,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$330**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$25,468**<br>FY2017–2025 · 135th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MEDFORD

## Medford has 1,256 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,256 acres**<br>24.2% of Medford's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**92 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 33 | 1,256 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 298 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 92 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 298 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Middlesex Fells Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 957 | |
| Mystic River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 217 | |
| Mystic Lakes | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 57 | |
| John W. Flynn Memorial Ice Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | |
| Elm Street | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Dugger Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Veterans Memorial Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Middlesex Fells Reservation | State: Massachusetts Highway Department | 2 | |
| Anthony A. LoConte Memorial Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Middlesex Fells Reservation | DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | |
| Mystic River Reservation | State: Department of Transportation | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 137.2 miles of public road in Medford, the state maintains 18.0 (13%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.6 | 6% |
| DCR | 9.4 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 92.3 | 67% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 26.9 | 20% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $75,000 | “maintenance and improvements for Torbert Macdonald state park in the city of Medford” |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | “necessary maintenance and improvements to LoConte Memorial ice rink in the city of Medford” |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | “develop a vegetation succession and management plan for Torbert Macdonald state park in the city of Medford with a particular focus on tree…” |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | “the replacement of the entrance along route 28 to the Torbert Macdonald park in the city of Medford to meet current bicycle and pedestrian design…” |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | “renovation and accessibility improvements at LoConte Ice Rink in the city of Medford” |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | “MacDonald memorial park in the city of Medford” |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | “the Congressman Torbert H. MacDonald Memorial park in the city of Medford” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Medford $37.2 million and takes back $14.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $22.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$37.2 million** | **$14.7 million** | **$22.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 40% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $19.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.9M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $15.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $63,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $243,000 |
| State Owned Land | $98,000 |
| Public Libraries | $154,000 |


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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $22,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $36,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $121,000 |
| MBTA | $4.6M |
| Special Education | $67,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $235,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $9.6M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MEDFORD

## State programs also awarded $379,000 to organizations in Medford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Medford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Arts Collaborative Medford regional body | Cultural Facilities Fund | $94,000 |
| FY2023 | Mystic River Watershed Association nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $88,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2024 | Royall House and Slave Quarters nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $57,000 |
| FY2026 | Friends of the Fells nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2019 | Royall House and Slave Quarters nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $45,000 |
| FY2019 | The Coalition for Arts, Culture, and a Healthy Economy in Medford nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $25,000 |
| FY2025 | Mystic River Watershed Association nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $17,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2023 | Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,880 (shared five ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 16.5% of Medford's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 23.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **23.0%** | **18.7%** | **16.5%** | **10.2%** |
| $29.4M of $128M · median town 14.1% | $26.7M of $143M · median town 12.2% | $34M of $205M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.2% · median town 10.0% |

**Medford's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 25.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 33.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $29.4 million in FY2006 to $34 million in FY2025, +15.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $3.4 million of Medford's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+39.9%** | **+46.2%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $19M to $26.6M · all towns +54.0% | $31.3M to $45.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Medford's health insurance would have been $23.7 million in FY2025; it was $26.6 million, $2.86 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $39.1 million in FY2025; it was $45.8 million, $6.66 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Medford's government came to $805,000, 10.6% of the $7.58 million rise in its health insurance.


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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $805,000 | 10.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.3M | 30.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.8M | 36.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Medford's required school contribution is 1.9% of median household income, 315th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$18.6M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$60.8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.9%**<br>315th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+25%**<br>after inflation |

Medford runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Medford, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Medford has $4.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$13M**<br>$1.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$4.9M**<br>annual program: 3.2 years of its yearly money · 23rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Medford came on average 31 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Medford owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $951,000 | $0 | $318,000 | $654,000 |
| FY2018 | $944,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $654,000 |
| FY2019 | $944,000 | $189,000 | $1.2M | $1.6M |
| FY2020 | $968,000 | $97,000 | $1.8M | $922,000 |
| FY2021 | $966,000 | $0 | $416,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2022 | $959,000 | $306,000 | $377,000 | $2.4M |
| FY2023 | $951,000 | $0 | $363,000 | $2.9M |
| FY2024 | $949,000 | $449,000 | $1.9M | $2.5M |
| FY2025 | $948,000 | $271,000 | $318,000 | $3.4M |
| FY2026 | $1.3M | $563,000 | $296,000 | $4.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.3M | $0 | $0 | $6.2M |

The full list of the 37 bridges in Medford in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Medford received $22.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 68% more than the $13.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Medford ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.6 million in earmarks placed in Medford, $1.6 million (60%) went to organizations rather than to Medford's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Medford** this town | **32** | **$6,237** | **$331** | **$44.47**† | **2.03** | **1.9%** |
| Plymouth peer | 28 | $7,006 | $268 | $52.98† | 0.73 | 3.0% |
| Waltham peer | 28 | $6,149 | $102 | $54.73† | 0.45 | 2.8% |
| Somerville peer | 40 | $7,819 | $474 | $26.26† | 2.18 | 1.7% |
| Woburn peer | 31 | $6,812 | $255 | $85.34† | 0.44 | 3.5% |
| North Andover peer | 26 | $6,381 | $213 | $31.72 | 0.89 | 3.1% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Medway

Town · Norfolk County · 13,436 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

10th Norfolk · Jeffrey N. Roy 77% of residents
8th Worcester · Michael J. Soter 23% of residents

Medway is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Middlesex and Norfolk · Karen E. Spilka

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Medway Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Franklin, Medfield, Millis, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Plainville, Seekonk, Sherborn and two others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Medway scores 49 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 57 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**49** / 100

131st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 64 | 39 | 48 |

Rank under other weightings: 103rd to 157th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Medway received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 45 and 53 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**57** / 100

161st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 51 | 68 | 58 | 51 |

Rank under other weightings: 149th to 175th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

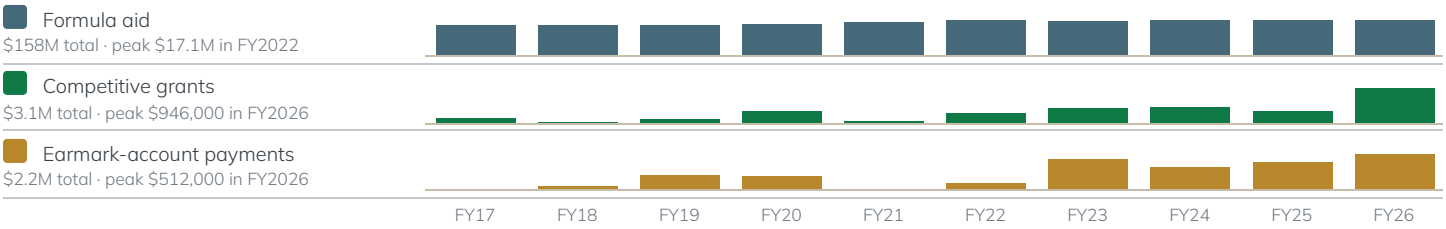
Medway received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 57 stays between 53 and 60 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Medway's town government and school districts received $158 million in formula aid and $3.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$158M** | **$3.1M** | **$2.2M** |
| $11,769 per resident (134th of 351) · gross | $234 per resident (233rd of 351) | $166 per resident (9th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Medway peaked in FY2026 at $946,000, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.1 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Medway received $2.2 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.4 million placed in the city or town and $2.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$2.2M** | **$2.4M** | **$2.4M** | **No** |
| $162 per resident (4th of 351) | $182 per resident (12th of 351) · 11% to organizations | $182 per resident (22nd of 351) · 11% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 34 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $2.2 million went to Medway's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $270,000 went to organizations in Medway or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Medway, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (34 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "Medway public schools for mental health programs" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "Medway public schools for mental health programs" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $200,000 | "Medway public schools for mental health programs" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $200,000 | "Medway public schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $170,000 | "the town of Medway for the purchase of public safety equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 34 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Medway received 1.08 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**81.1**<br>152nd of 351 · 6.0 per 1,000 residents (187th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.4M**<br>scored exposure $2.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**63**<br>219th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**11.5 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**13,436**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.06**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.08; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$46,720**<br>FY2017–2025 · 42nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MEDWAY

## No state conservation land is mapped in Medway; 320 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**320 acres**<br>4.3% of Medway's land · 30 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**69 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61A farm land | 23 | 272 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 7 | 48 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 9 | 163 |
| Conservation restriction | 5 | 69 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 73.9 miles of public road in Medway, the state maintains 0.3 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.3 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 69.4 | 94% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.2 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Medway $14.2 million and takes back $1.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $12.7 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$14.2 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$1.4 million**<br>10% of what is sent | Net<br>**$12.7 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $240,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $405,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $69,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $137,000 |
| Public Libraries | $37,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $123,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $68,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,935 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $8,399 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| Regional Transit | $111,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $428,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $689,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MEDWAY

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A further $62,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 19.5% of Medway's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 24.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **24.1%** | **25.6%** | **19.5%** | **18.0%** |
| $8.4M of $34.7M · median town 14.1% | $11.8M of $46.2M · median town 12.2% | $13.3M of $68.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 27.1% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+36.1%** | **+55.2%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $4.3M to $5.8M · all towns +54.0% | $7M to $10.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Medway's health insurance would have been $5.37 million in FY2025; it was $5.85 million, $483,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.72 million in FY2025; it was $10.8 million, $2.12 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Medway's government came to $1.9 million, 119.6% of the $1.55 million rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $1.9M | 119.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.1M | 132.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.1M | 132.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Medway's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 126th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$12M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$23.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.8%**<br>126th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–13%**<br>after inflation |

Medway runs its own school district and also belongs to Tri County and Norfolk County; Medway accounts for 9% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $9 million for schools serving Medway, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Medway's share<br>**$9M**<br>$673 per resident (169th of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Medway's share |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $1.8M (9%) |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $7.2M (9%) |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $39,000 (2%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Medway; Medway's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.8 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Medway has $1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 226th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**11**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.1M**<br>bridges $900,000 · dams $250,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Medway came on average 18 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $401,000 | $0 | $365,000 | $202,000 |
| FY2018 | $397,000 | $0 | $393,000 | $241,000 |
| FY2019 | $396,000 | $79,000 | $395,000 | $345,000 |
| FY2020 | $395,000 | $40,000 | $262,000 | $546,000 |
| FY2021 | $396,000 | $0 | $761,000 | $180,000 |
| FY2022 | $396,000 | $232,000 | $348,000 | $461,000 |
| FY2023 | $393,000 | $0 | $503,000 | $351,000 |
| FY2024 | $395,000 | $235,000 | $577,000 | $405,000 |
| FY2025 | $395,000 | $110,000 | $296,000 | $614,000 |
| FY2026 | $627,000 | $386,000 | $627,000 | $1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $711,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.7M |

The full list of the 11 bridges in Medway in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Sanford Mill Pond Dam Alternatives Assessment source | $250,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Medway received $5.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 24% more than the $4.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Medway ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.4 million in earmarks placed in Medway, $270,000 (11%) went to organizations rather than to Medway's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Medway** this town | **49** | **$11,769** | **$234** | **$182** | **1.08** | **2.8%** |
| Charlton peer | 56 | $14,031 | $197 | $23.82 | 0.74 | 3.0% |
| Rehoboth peer | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |
| Lakeville peer | 44 | $10,579 | $119 | $49.61 | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Longmeadow peer | 28 | $7,493 | $122 | $37.08† | 0.57 | 3.4% |
| Holliston peer | 41 | $9,911 | $189 | $129 | 0.85 | 3.1% |
| Millis best in class of 30 | 39 | $9,221 | $150 | $151 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Melrose

City · Middlesex County · 29,650 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

32nd Middlesex · Kate Lipper-Garabedian

STATE SENATE

Fifth Middlesex · Jason M. Lewis

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Melrose Public Schools**, the city's own district

**Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Malden, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Wakefield and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Melrose scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 65 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**35** / 100

260th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 45 | 31 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 252nd to 269th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Melrose received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 33 and 38 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**65** / 100

128th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 71 | 71 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 121st to 140th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

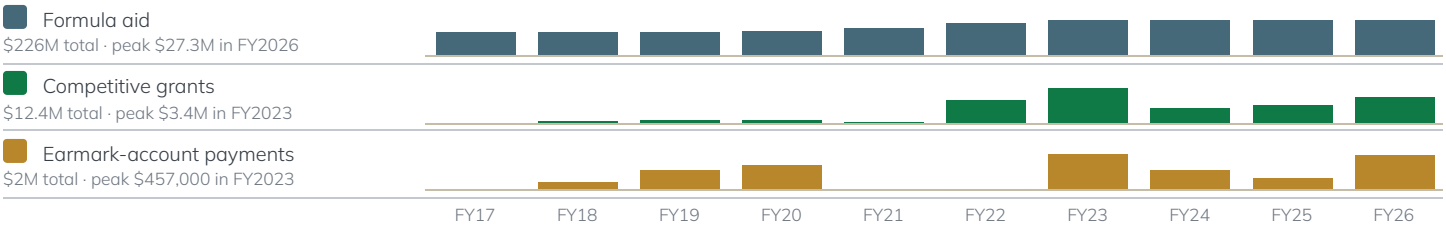
Melrose received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 65 stays between 62 and 68 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Melrose's town government and school districts received $226 million in formula aid and $12.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$226M** | **$12.4M** | **$2M** |
| $7,621 per resident (271st of 351) · gross | $417 per resident (163rd of 351) | $65.97 per resident (44th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Melrose peaked in FY2023 at $3.4 million, 27% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $18 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Melrose received $1.7 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.9 million placed in the city or town and $1.9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.7M** | **$1.9M** | **$1.9M** | **No** |
| $58.62 per resident (61st of 351) | $63.68 per resident (132nd of 351) · 8% to organizations | $63.68 per resident (138th of 351) · 8% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 27 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.7 million went to Melrose's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $150,000 went to organizations in Melrose or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Melrose, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (27 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $200,000 | "the Melrose center for the performing arts" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $150,000 | "the repair of the stone wall of the West Wyoming Municipal and Veterans' Cemetery in the city of Melrose" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "Melrose public schools for capital improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "facility accessibility improvements for Follow Your Art Community Studios, Inc. in Melrose" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the restoration of Memorial Hall in the city of Melrose" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 27 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Melrose received 2.22 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**71.8**<br>182nd of 351 · 2.4 per 1,000 residents (331st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**14**<br>333rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**4.7 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**29,719**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.86**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.22; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5 acres**<br>0.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$2,173**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$435**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,092**<br>FY2017–2025 · 224th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MELROSE

## Melrose has 204 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 49 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**204 acres**<br>6.8% of Melrose's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**49 acres**<br>1.6% of Melrose's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 17 | 204 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 4 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 49 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 0 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 4 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Middlesex Fells Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 190 | |
| Spot Pond Brook | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | |
| Lynn Fells Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Middlesex Fells Reservation | DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | |
| Lloyd Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Vaughn Square | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 82.2 miles of public road in Melrose, the state maintains 3.4 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.4 | 0% |
| DCR | 3.0 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 71.7 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.0 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Melrose $22.3 million and takes back $6.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $15.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$22.3 million** | **$6.5 million** | **$15.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 29% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $13.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.4M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $6.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $151,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $151,000 |
| State Owned Land | $2,173 |
| Public Libraries | $75,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $18,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $38,000 |
| MBTA | $764,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $154,000 |
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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Follow Your Art Community Studios nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Follow Your Art Community Studios nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2019 | Cities of Malden and Melrose nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $77,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Bike to the Sea nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,880 (shared five ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

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|---|---|---|---|
| **23.6%** | **17.5%** | **17.6%** | **13.1%** |
| $12.9M of $54.6M · median town 14.1% | $13.8M of $78.6M · median town 12.2% | $20.4M of $116M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 15.3% · median town 10.0% |

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### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+35.2%** | **+39.3%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $10.5M to $14.2M · all towns +54.0% | $17.3M to $24M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Melrose's health insurance would have been $13.1 million in FY2025; it was $14.2 million, $1.09 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $21.6 million in FY2025; it was $24 million, $2.49 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Melrose's government came to $1.5 million, 40.2% of the $3.70 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
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## SCHOOLS

## Melrose's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 158th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$13.7M** | **$44.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+14%** |
| 158th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Melrose runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Melrose accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $11.1 million for schools serving Melrose, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Melrose's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.1M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $373 per resident (195th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Melrose's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $1.3M (6%) |
| FY2023 | Horace Mann Elementary School | Melrose | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $649,000 | $649,000 |
| FY2023 | Herbert Clark Hoover Elementary School | Melrose | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.1M | $1.1M |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $8.1M (6%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Melrose; Melrose's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.3 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Melrose's share of the final cost was $2.5 million against its share of the approved budget of $3.8 million (under by $1.2 million); the local share moved from $2 million to $1.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Melrose has $762,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.5M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$762,000**<br>annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 301st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $530,000 | $0 | $1.3M | $30,000 |
| FY2018 | $530,000 | $0 | $640,000 | $30,000 |
| FY2019 | $529,000 | $106,000 | $558,000 | $133,000 |
| FY2020 | $527,000 | $53,000 | $635,000 | $78,000 |
| FY2021 | $524,000 | $0 | $570,000 | $31,000 |
| FY2022 | $521,000 | $239,000 | $521,000 | $270,000 |
| FY2023 | $524,000 | $0 | $773,000 | $21,000 |
| FY2024 | $524,000 | $283,000 | $774,000 | $54,000 |
| FY2025 | $523,000 | $151,000 | $553,000 | $175,000 |
| FY2026 | $761,000 | $390,000 | $564,000 | $762,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $764,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

The full list of the two bridges in Melrose in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Melrose received $14.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 72% more than the $8.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Melrose ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.9 million in earmarks placed in Melrose, $150,000 (8%) went to organizations rather than to Melrose's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Melrose** this town | **35** | **$7,621** | **$417** | **$63.68** | **2.22** | **2.7%** |
| Chelmsford peer | 31 | $7,630 | $194 | $41.84 | 0.37 | 3.1% |
| Wilmington peer | 42 | $9,651 | $202 | $31.68 | 0.32 | 2.7% |
| Ashland peer | 36 | $7,807 | $843 | $98.35 | 1.10 | 3.0% |
| Arlington peer | 32 | $7,131 | $184 | $64.10 | 0.96 | 2.2% |
| Danvers peer | 30 | $6,947 | $129 | $53.36 | 0.20 | 2.9% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |


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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Mendon

Town · Worcester County · 6,325 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
10th Worcester · Brian W. Murray

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Mendon-Upton Regional School District, shared with Upton
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Milford, Millbury, Millville and four others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Mendon scores 50 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 61 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**50** / 100

121st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 58 | 50 | 40 |

Rank under other weightings: 98th to 141st.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Mendon received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 50 stays between 47 and 54 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**61** / 100

147th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 62 | 67 | 65 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 135th to 157th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

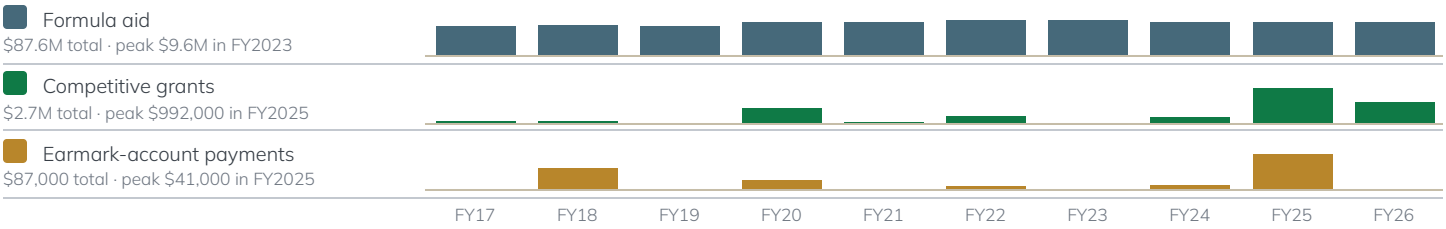
Mendon received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 61 stays between 58 and 64 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Mendon's town government and school districts received $87.6 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $87.6M | $2.7M | $87,000 |
| $13,851 per resident (97th of 351) · gross | $425 per resident (159th of 351) | $13.82 per resident (235th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Mendon peaked in FY2025 at $992,000, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Mendon received $718,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $718,000 | $718,000 | $718,000 | No |
| $113 per resident (18th of 351) | $113 per resident (52nd of 351) | $113 per resident (60th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 15 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Mendon's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Mendon, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (15 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $125,000 | "the town of Mendon for a single point entry keycard security system for elementary and middle school buildings and for the Mendon-Upton Regional school district high school building" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "Mendon for engineering and planning services related to road improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "improvements to the town hall and police station campus in the town of Mendon" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "improvements to the town hall and police station campus in Mendon" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "a feasibility study for the town of Mendon to determine ways to expand and improve its public water supply and for capital improvements to the town's water supply infrastructure" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 15 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Mendon received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**56.0**<br>226th of 351 · 8.8 per 1,000 residents (122nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.4M**<br>scored exposure $1.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**63**<br>219th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.8 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,536**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.50**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.05; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**171 acres**<br>1.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$7,971**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$46.52**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$27,078**<br>FY2017–2025 · 125th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MENDON

## Mendon has 202 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 995 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**202 acres**<br>1.8% of Mendon's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**995 acres**<br>8.7% of Mendon's land · 51 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**770 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 202 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 207 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 12 | 259 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 31 | 616 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 120 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 34 | 1,055 |
| Conservation restriction | 14 | 770 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 7 | 207 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quisset WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 201 | |
| E. Kent Swift WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 61.7 miles of public road in Mendon, the state maintains 4.4 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.4 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 56.0 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.3 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Mendon $693,000 and takes back $7,354 in assessments and charges, a net $686,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$693,000** | **$7,354** | **$686,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $38,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $541,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $11,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $78,000 |
| State Owned Land | $8,025 |
| Public Libraries | $17,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,214 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,140 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MENDON

## State programs also awarded $51,000 to organizations in Mendon other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Mendon. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) regional body | MassTrails Grants | $33,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Central MA Regional Planning Commission - Grafton regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $18,000 (shared six ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 2.6% of Mendon's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 4.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.3%** | **2.6%** | **2.6%** | **2.5%** |
| $464,000 of $10.8M · median town 14.1% | $450,000 of $17.6M · median town 12.2% | $625,000 of $24.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.3% · median town 10.0% |

Mendon's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $5.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Mendon's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 13.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $464,000 in FY2006 to $625,000 in FY2025, +34.6% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+50.6%** | **+121.8%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $609,000 to $917,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.1M to $2.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Mendon's health insurance would have been $761,000 in FY2025; it was $917,000, $157,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.42 million in FY2025; it was $2.52 million, $1.10 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Mendon's government came to $592,000, 192.1% of the $308,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $592,000 | 192.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $592,000 | 192.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $592,000 | 192.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Mendon's required school contribution is 3.6% of median household income, 12th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.8M** | **$10.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.6%** | **–11%** |
| 12th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Mendon has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Mendon, Mendon-Upton and Blackstone Valley; Mendon accounts for 100%, 42% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2 million for schools serving Mendon, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Mendon's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $322 per resident (209th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Mendon's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Nipmuc Regional High School | Mendon Upton | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $4.3M | $1.8M (42%) |
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $172,000 (6%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $47,000 (6%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Mendon has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.4M**<br>$1M of it one-time supplements | **$2.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.4M**<br>annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 96th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **14**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.4M of work on those ($688,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$116,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $116,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $274,000 | $0 | $203,000 | $274,000 |
| FY2018 | $272,000 | $0 | $732,000 | $10 |
| FY2019 | $273,000 | $55,000 | $166,000 | $161,000 |
| FY2020 | $277,000 | $28,000 | $391,000 | $91,000 |
| FY2021 | $276,000 | $0 | $272,000 | $95,000 |
| FY2022 | $275,000 | $187,000 | $44,000 | $513,000 |
| FY2023 | $275,000 | $0 | $187,000 | $601,000 |
| FY2024 | $275,000 | $279,000 | $453,000 | $703,000 |
| FY2025 | $275,000 | $179,000 | $382,000 | $774,000 |
| FY2026 | $459,000 | $277,000 | $150,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $459,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.8M |

The full list of the 14 bridges in Mendon in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Providence St over Spring Brook source | $116,000 |
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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| Boylston peer | 32 | $7,545 | $121 | $68.71 | 0.67 | 2.6% |
| Hull peer | 42 | $8,515 | $509 | $61.46† | 1.65 | 1.6% |
| Sterling peer | 34 | $8,083 | $141 | $35.44 | 0.62 | 2.6% |
| Hadley peer | 38 | $6,882 | $989 | $42.59 | 2.48 | 2.0% |
| Hamilton peer | 30 | $8,144 | $188 | $33.29 | 0.53 | 3.4% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Marion lowest in class of 30 | 30 | $6,631 | $643 | $12.24 | 0.43 | 2.7% |

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ESSEX COUNTY

# Merrimac

Town · Essex County · 6,748 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Essex · Dawne Shand

STATE SENATE

Second Essex and Middlesex · Barry R. Finegold

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Pentucket Regional School District**, shared with Groveland and West Newbury

**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Amesbury, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Merrimac scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 36 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**48** / 100

145th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 50 | 49 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 128th to 156th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Merrimac received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 46 and 49 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**36** / 100

244th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 36 | 44 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 231st to 255th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

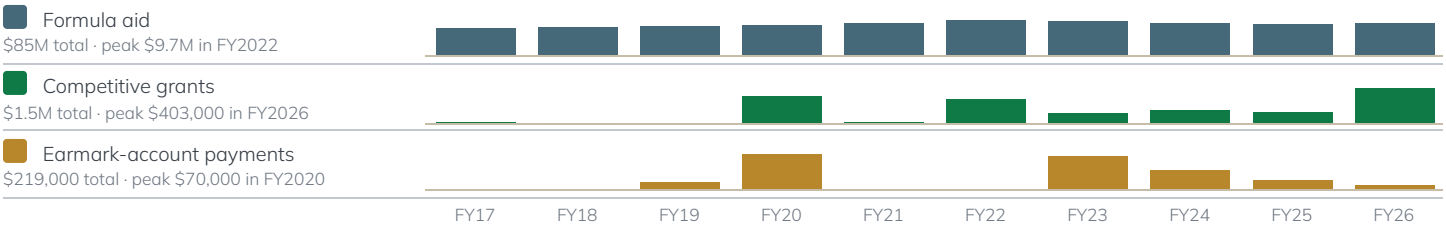
Merrimac received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 34 and 38 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Merrimac's town government and school districts received $85 million in formula aid and $1.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$85M** | **$1.5M** | **$219,000** |
| $12,597 per resident (119th of 351) · gross | $215 per resident (244th of 351) | $32.45 per resident (138th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Merrimac peaked in FY2026 at $403,000, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Merrimac received $314,000 in local earmarks to its government, $328,000 placed in the city or town and $328,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$314,000** | **$328,000** | **$328,000** | **No** |
| $46.57 per resident (89th of 351) | $48.54 per resident (175th of 351) · 4% to organizations | $48.54 per resident (181st of 351) · 4% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $314,000 went to Merrimac's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $13,000 went to organizations in Merrimac or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Merrimac, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (14 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "the installation of a new generator at the police station in the town of Merrimac" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $45,000 | "Americans with Disabilities Act-compliance improvements at the Helen R. Donaghue school and Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir school in the town of Merrimac" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $45,000 | "ADA-compliant curb cuts between the Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir School and Helen R. Donaghue School in the town of Merrimac" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $30,000 | "the purchase and implementation of an emergency communications system in elementary schools in the town of Merrimac" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $30,000 | "the purchase and installation of a fire alarm system at the Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir elementary school in the town of Merrimac" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 14 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Merrimac received 1.78 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**38.0**<br>301st of 351 · 5.6 per 1,000 residents (208th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$943,000**<br>scored exposure $480,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**56**<br>240th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**8.5 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,748**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.08**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.78; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**6 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$5,640**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$887**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,624**<br>FY2017–2025 · 232nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MERRIMAC

## Merrimac has 10 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 80 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**10 acres**<br>0.2% of Merrimac's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**80 acres**<br>1.5% of Merrimac's land · 5 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**298 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**151 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 10 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 3 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 39 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 41 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 11 | 294 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 4 | 298 |
| Conservation restriction | 7 | 151 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 3 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lake Attitash Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 10 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 48.7 miles of public road in Merrimac, the state maintains 5.5 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.5 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 38.0 | 78% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.2 | 11% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Merrimac $1.3 million and takes back $131,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.3 million** | **$131,000** | **$1.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $36,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $93,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $34,000 |
| State Owned Land | $5,775 |
| Public Libraries | $19,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $38,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,190 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,780 |
| Regional Transit | $85,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MERRIMAC

## State programs also awarded $4,167 to organizations in Merrimac other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Merrimac. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission<br>regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.3% of Merrimac's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 10.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.3%** | **6.6%** | **5.3%** | **4.7%** |
| $1.3M of $12.2M · median town 14.1% | $893,000 of $13.6M · median town 12.2% | $1.2M of $22.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.7% · median town 10.0% |

Merrimac's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $5.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Merrimac's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 38.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 45.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.3 million in FY2006 to $1.2 million in FY2025, −4.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $450,000 of Merrimac's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+72.9%** | **+98.9%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $231,000 to $400,000 · all towns +54.0% | $790,000 to $1.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Merrimac's health insurance would have been $289,000 in FY2025; it was $400,000, $111,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $986,000 in FY2025; it was $1.57 million, $585,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Merrimac's government came to $300,000, 177.9% of the $169,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $300,000 | 177.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $313,000 | 185.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $313,000 | 185.8% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Merrimac's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 224th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.7M** | **$8.6M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **−17%** |
| 224th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Merrimac has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Merrimac, Pentucket and Whittier; Merrimac accounts for 100%, 36% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $19.6 million for schools serving Merrimac, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Merrimac's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$19.6M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,909 per resident (57th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Merrimac's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Pentucket Regional High School | Pentucket | Core | $54.1M | $19.6M (36%) |

Not counted: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Merrimac has $264,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3M** | **$2.4M** | **$264,000** |
| $555,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.4 years of its yearly money · 290th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **3**<br>one rated poor; about $285,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | **0**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$141,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $141,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Merrimac came on average 15 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $198,000 | $0 | $194,000 | $3,581 |
| FY2018 | $197,000 | $0 | $360,000 | $3,591 |
| FY2019 | $198,000 | $40,000 | $326,000 | $37,000 |
| FY2020 | $197,000 | $20,000 | $234,000 | $20,000 |
| FY2021 | $197,000 | $0 | $137,000 | $81,000 |
| FY2022 | $197,000 | $126,000 | $9,000 | $395,000 |
| FY2023 | $198,000 | $0 | $450,000 | $142,000 |
| FY2024 | $198,000 | $124,000 | $405,000 | $59,000 |
| FY2025 | $197,000 | $55,000 | $235,000 | $77,000 |
| FY2026 | $323,000 | $190,000 | $326,000 | $264,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $323,000 | $0 | $0 | $587,000 |

The full list of the eight bridges in Merrimac in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Church Street over Cobblers Brook source | $30,000 |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Mill Street over Cobbler Brook source | $26,000 |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Mill Street over Cobbler Brook source | $85,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Merrimac received $1.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 42% of the $4.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Merrimac ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $328,000 in earmarks placed in Merrimac, $13,000 (4%) went to organizations rather than to Merrimac's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Merrimac** this town | **48** | **$12,597** | **$215** | **$48.54** | **1.78** | **2.5%** |
| West Boylston peer | 35 | $8,612 | $157 | $148 | 0.30 | 3.0% |
| Deerfield peer | 44 | $9,461 | $1,195 | $6.46 | 2.83 | 2.4% |
| Maynard peer | 40 | $10,015 | $584 | $105 | 2.79 | 2.5% |
| Ashburnham peer | 54 | $16,359 | $402 | $26.50† | 0.70 | 2.5% |
| Plainville peer | 39 | $9,512 | $160 | $41.02 | 0.68 | 3.3% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Lanesborough lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |

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ESSEX COUNTY

# Methuen

City · Essex County · 53,475 residents (ACS 2020–24)

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STATE HOUSE

15th Essex · Ryan M. Hamilton 44% of residents
4th Essex · Estela A. Reyes 39% of residents
16th Essex · Francisco E. Paulino 17% of residents

Methuen is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

First Essex · Pavel M. Payano

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Methuen Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Andover, Lawrence and North Andover

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Methuen scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 33 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**56** / 100

76th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 53 | 55 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 69th to 88th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Methuen received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 55 and 57 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**33** / 100

258th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 29 | 40 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 243rd to 267th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

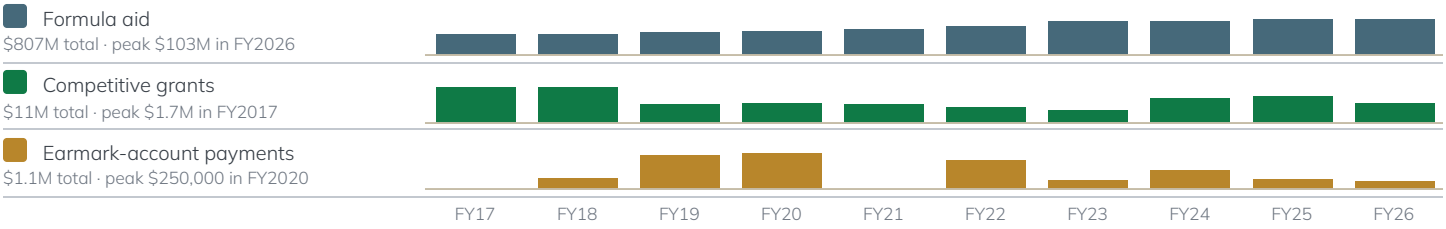
Methuen received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 33 stays between 31 and 35 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Methuen's town government and school districts received $807 million in formula aid and $11 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $807M | $11M | $1.1M |
| $15,084 per resident (71st of 351) · gross | $205 per resident (248th of 351) | $20.22 per resident (202nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Methuen were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $60.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Methuen received $1.5 million in local earmarks to its government, $3.2 million placed in the city or town and $3.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.5M | $3.2M | $3.4M | No |
| $28.22 per resident (173rd of 351) | $59.13 per resident (142nd of 351) · 52% to organizations | $63.06 per resident (140th of 351) · 49% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 71 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.5 million went to Methuen's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.7 million went to organizations in Methuen or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Methuen but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $210,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $210,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Methuen (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Methuen, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (73 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "upgrades at Greycourt state park in the city of Methuen including, but not limited to, critical safety and preservation repairs to the historic ruins of the Tenney Estate and evaluating the feasibility of expanding accessibility to the park" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2021 | $200,000 | "Inspirational Ones, Inc. for rehabilitating the physical facility in which the Methuen Youth and Community Center in the city of Methuen will be located, which may include implementing social distancing and safety protocols necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic and creating an environment to..." | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $200,000 | "the city of Methuen for resurfacing the outdoor track at Methuen High School" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc. to increase and enhance entrepreneurial opportunities, neighborhood investment, revitalization activities and the self-sufficiency of low-income and moderate-income residents of the Methuen Arlington section of the city of Methuen" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $130,000 | "Inspirational Ones, Inc. for expanding the staffing and programming at the Methuen Youth and Community Center, for rehabilitating the physical facility in which the center will be located and to implement a feasibility and engineering study for the future center" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 73 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Methuen received 39% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**180.7**<br>23rd of 351 · 3.4 per 1,000 residents (306th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3.7M**<br>scored exposure $2.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**167**<br>31st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**53,693**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.35**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.39; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,344**<br>FY2017–2025 · 287th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN METHUEN

## Methuen has 50 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 283 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**50 acres**<br>0.4% of Methuen's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**283 acres**<br>2.0% of Methuen's land · 22 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**141 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**18 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 50 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 18 | 154 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 130 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 9 | 322 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 16 | 141 |
| Conservation restriction | 2 | 18 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lawrence Heritage State Park | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 26 | |
| Methuen Rail Trail | State: Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority | 24 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 213.6 miles of public road in Methuen, the state maintains 20.8 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 20.8 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 174.7 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 18.0 | 8% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $200,000 | “upgrades at Greycourt state park in the city of Methuen including, but not limited to, critical safety and preservation repairs to the historic ruins…” |
| FY2020 | $10,000 | “improvements at Greycourt state park in the city of Methuen” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Methuen $81.7 million and takes back $5.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $76.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$81.7 million** | **$5.2 million** | **$76.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $72.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.2M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $7.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $226,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $372,000 |
| Public Libraries | $155,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $117,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $16,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $89,000 |
| Regional Transit | $980,000 |
| Special Education | $7,844 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $591,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $3.4M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN METHUEN

## State programs also awarded $613,000 to organizations in Methuen other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Methuen. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town’s share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Methuen Memorial Music Hall nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $162,000 |
| FY2025 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $120,000 |
| FY2025 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $40,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2022 | Methuen Rail Trail Alliance nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 |
| FY2024 | Methuen Rail Trail Alliance nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $5,152 |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |


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A further $271,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

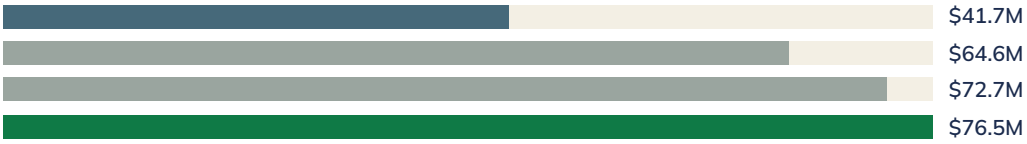
## State aid covered 35.1% of Methuen's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 36.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **36.2%** | **35.1%** | **35.1%** | **33.0%** |
| $41.7M of $115M · median town 14.1% | $51.7M of $147M · median town 12.2% | $76.5M of $218M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 37.3% · median town 10.0% |

Methuen's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $6.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Methuen's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 18.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 5.2% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $41.7 million in FY2006 to $76.5 million in FY2025, +83.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $4.9 million of Methuen's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+64.3%** | **+67.3%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $18.9M to $31.1M · all towns +54.0% | $25.3M to $42.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Methuen's health insurance would have been $23.6 million in FY2025; it was $31.1 million, $7.46 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $31.7 million in FY2025; it was $42.4 million, $10.7 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Methuen's government came to $1.4 million, 11.6% of the $12.2 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.4M | 11.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.9M | 23.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.1M | 25.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Methuen's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 199th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$78.4M** | **$54.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+33%** |
| 199th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Methuen runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater Lawrence; Methuen accounts for 25% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Methuen, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Methuen has $5.8 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$17.1M** | **$9.6M** | **$5.8M** |
| $2.9M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.5 years of its yearly money · 47th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **4**<br>one rated poor; about $4.1M of work on those, by planning estimates | **1**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$171,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $171,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Methuen came on average 28 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Methuen owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.2M | $0 | $2.2M | $262,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.4M | $262,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.2M | $237,000 | $1.9M | $1.2M |
| FY2020 | $1.2M | $118,000 | $1.2M | $1.4M |
| FY2021 | $1.2M | $0 | $226,000 | $2.3M |
| FY2022 | $1.2M | $583,000 | $561,000 | $3.5M |
| FY2023 | $1.2M | $0 | $2.1M | $2.6M |
| FY2024 | $1.2M | $655,000 | $2.1M | $2.3M |
| FY2025 | $1.2M | $335,000 | $806,000 | $3M |
| FY2026 | $1.8M | $955,000 | $5,175 | $5.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.8M | $0 | $0 | $7.6M |

The full list of the 36 bridges in Methuen in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Searles Pond Dam Modifications Design source | $171,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Methuen received $14.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $14.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Methuen ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3.2 million in earmarks placed in Methuen, $1.7 million (52%) went to organizations rather than to Methuen's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Methuen** this town | **56** | **$15,084** | **$205** | **$59.13**† | **0.39** | **2.6%** |
| Dracut peer | 46 | $11,847 | $125 | $51.31 | 0.50 | 2.5% |
| Randolph peer | 46 | $11,148 | $123 | $35.83 | 0.23 | 2.3% |
| Framingham peer | 54 | $14,513 | $248 | $157† | 0.72 | 3.1% |
| Middleborough peer · lowest in class of 30 | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |
| Attleboro peer | 48 | $13,064 | $110 | $32.30† | 0.33 | 2.7% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Middleborough

Town · Plymouth County · 24,505 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**12th Bristol** · Norman J. Orrall 52% of residents
**2nd Plymouth** · John R. Gaskey 32% of residents
**12th Plymouth** · Kathleen R. LaNatra 16% of residents

Middleborough is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Third Bristol and Plymouth** · Kelly A. Dooner

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Middleborough Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berkley, Bridgewater, Dighton, Freetown, Raynham, Rehoboth and Taunton

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Middleborough scores 45 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 13 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**45** / 100

160th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 45 | 46 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 148th to 174th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Middleborough received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 45 and 46 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**13** / 100

338th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 13 | 11 | 12 |

Rank under other weightings: 334th to 342nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

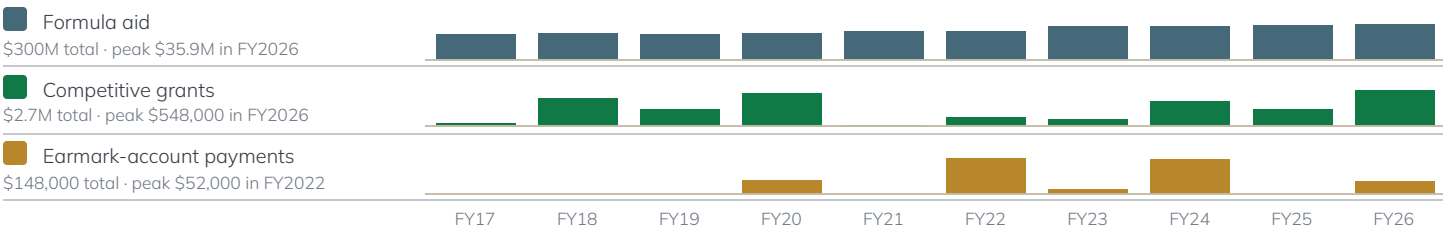
Middleborough received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 13 stays between 12 and 13 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Middleborough's town government and school districts received $300 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$300M** | **$2.7M** | **$148,000** |
| $12,235 per resident (125th of 351) · gross | $110 per resident (319th of 351) | $6.02 per resident (280th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Middleborough peaked in FY2026 at $548,000, 20% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $20.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Middleborough received $310,000 in local earmarks to its government, $310,000 placed in the city or town and $330,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$310,000** | **$310,000** | **$330,000** | **No** |
| $12.65 per resident (255th of 351) | $12.65 per resident (298th of 351) | $13.47 per resident (298th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: ten clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Middleborough's government, its schools or municipal projects.

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Every local earmark in Middleborough, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | $62,000 (split two ways) | "equally to the school systems of the towns of Middleborough and Wareham to provide necessary technology for distance learning for underserved students made necessary by the COVID-19 pandemic" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the Middleborough parks department for the reconstruction of the Pierce playground" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $40,000 | "enhance services at the Middleborough council on aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "the Middleborough mental health opioid task force to fund programming to assist those facing substance use disorders within the town" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the town of Middleborough for the police department to implement measures intended to build positive relationships with the community, including the purchasing of body cameras for officers" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 11 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Middleborough received 78% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**161.3**<br>28th of 351 · 6.6 per 1,000 residents (173rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$17.6M**<br>scored exposure $6.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**224**<br>7th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**69.0 sq mi**<br>11% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**24,505**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.81**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.78; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,450 acres**<br>10.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$338,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$75.92**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,185**<br>FY2017–2025 · 170th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MIDDLEBOROUGH

## Middleborough has 5,098 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 10,263 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5,098 acres**<br>11.5% of Middleborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**10,263 acres**<br>23.2% of Middleborough's land · 364 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**133 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,750 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 72 | 5,098 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 30 | 3,213 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 31 | 915 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 285 | 8,326 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 48 | 1,022 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 133 |
| Conservation restriction | 100 | 2,750 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 27 | 3,165 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 40 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 7 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rocky Gutter WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3,594 | |
| Black Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 425 | |
| Sippican Headwaters WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 366 | |
| Taunton River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 358 | |
| Meetinghouse Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 190 | |
| Purchade Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 90 | |
| Massasoit State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 36 | |
| Former Taunton State Hospital - Middleborough | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 34 | |
| Tispaquin Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 4 | |
| Nemasket River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 211.0 miles of public road in Middleborough, the state maintains 38.2 (18%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 38.2 | 18% |
| Town-accepted | 160.2 | 76% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 12.6 | 6% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $20,000 | “a flood management study of the Assawompset pond complex that is a part of the Taunton river watershed in the towns of Freetown, Lakeville…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Middleborough $28.5 million and takes back $3.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $25.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$28.5 million** | **$3.1 million** | **$25.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $23.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $569,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $116,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $292,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $363,000 |
| State Owned Land | $338,000 |
| Public Libraries | $74,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $64,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $170,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $7,460 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $24,000 |
| Regional Transit | $207,000 |
| Special Education | $417 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $739,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.9M |


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STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MIDDLEBOROUGH

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $348,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 25.2% of Middleborough's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 36.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **36.6%** | **31.2%** | **25.2%** | **23.2%** |
| $19.7M of $54M · median town 14.1% | $22M of $70.6M · median town 12.2% | $26.9M of $107M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 32.4% · median town 10.0% |

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**Middleborough's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 12.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $19.7 million in FY2006 to $26.9 million in FY2025, +36.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.5 million of Middleborough's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+34.9%** | **+51.2%** | **4 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $8.7M to $11.7M · all towns +54.0% | $15.3M to $23.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Middleborough's health insurance would have been $10.8 million in FY2025; it was $11.7 million, $869,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $19.2 million in FY2025; it was $23.2 million, $4.04 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Middleborough's government came to $310,000, 10.2% of the $3.03 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $310,000 | 10.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $310,000 | 10.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $330,000 | 10.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Middleborough's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 117th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$24.8M** | **$27.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+3%** |
| 117th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Middleborough runs its own school district and also belongs to Bristol Plymouth; Middleborough accounts for 13% of that district's foundation


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budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $62.6 million for schools serving Middleborough, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Middleborough's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$62.6M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,554 per resident (71st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Middleborough's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $20.2M | $2.7M (13%) |
| FY2022 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $126M | $16.6M (13%) |
| FY2018 | Middleborough High School | Middleborough | Core | $43.3M | $43.3M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Middleborough; Middleborough's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $2.7 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Middleborough's share of the final cost was $97.1 million against its share of the approved budget of $103 million (under by $6.4 million); the local share moved from $60.2 million to $55.5 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Middleborough has $1.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$13M** | **$9.7M** | **$1.9M** |
| $2.4M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 271st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **8** | **2** | **$1.1M** |
| none rated poor | of six town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $1.1M · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Middleborough came on average 18 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $872,000 | $0 | $811,000 | $307,000 |
| FY2018 | $874,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $263,000 |
| FY2019 | $873,000 | $175,000 | $702,000 | $609,000 |
| FY2020 | $874,000 | $87,000 | $1M | $563,000 |
| FY2021 | $868,000 | $0 | $881,000 | $551,000 |
| FY2022 | $866,000 | $524,000 | $358,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | $864,000 | $0 | $1.8M | $598,000 |
| FY2024 | $874,000 | $529,000 | $1.3M | $729,000 |
| FY2025 | $875,000 | $241,000 | $955,000 | $889,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.4M | $815,000 | $1.2M | $1.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.4M | $0 | $0 | $3.3M |

The full list of the 38 bridges in Middleborough in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

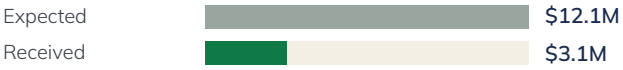
| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Stony Brook Pond Dam Improvements source | $1M |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | FY23 Stony Brook Pond Dam Repair Design source | $109,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Middleborough received $3.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 25% of the $12.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Middleborough ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Middleborough** this town | **45** | **$12,235** | **$110** | **$12.65** | **0.78** | **2.8%** |
| Dracut peer | 46 | $11,847 | $125 | $51.31 | 0.50 | 2.5% |
| Northbridge peer | 56 | $14,554 | $230 | $124† | 0.74 | 2.4% |
| Randolph peer | 46 | $11,148 | $123 | $35.83 | 0.23 | 2.3% |
| Whitman peer | 56 | $16,230 | $202 | $15.36 | 0.52 | 2.5% |
| Stoughton peer | 43 | $10,942 | $402 | $41.94 | 0.88 | 3.0% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Middlefield

Town · Hampshire County · 352 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Hampden · Nicholas A. Boldyga | Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark | Gateway Regional School District, shared with Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Montgomery and Russell | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Middlefield scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 87 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**48** / 100

144th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 54 | 35 | 47 |

Rank under other weightings: 121st to 167th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Middlefield received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 44 and 52 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**87** / 100

55th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | 92 | 75 | 90 |

Rank under other weightings: 48th to 62nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

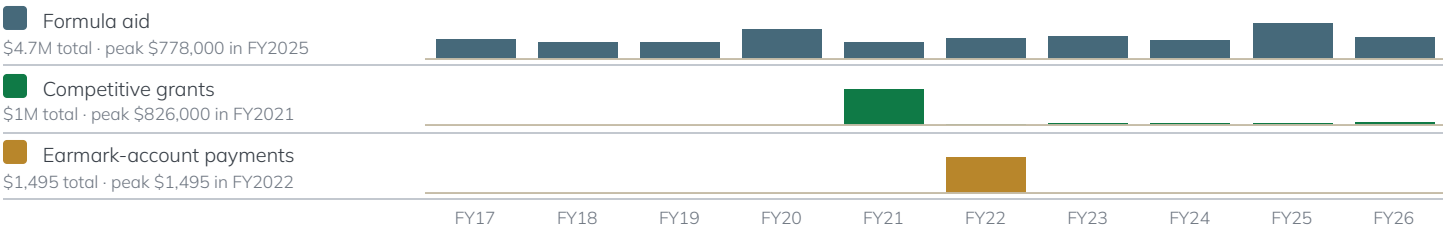
Middlefield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 87 stays between 84 and 90 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Middlefield's town government and school districts received $4.7 million in formula aid and $1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $4.7M | $1M | $1,495 |
| $13,430 per resident (105th of 351) · gross | $2,926 per resident (32nd of 351) | $4.25 per resident (297th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Middlefield peaked in FY2021 at $826,000, 80% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 352 residents, a single payment moves Middlefield's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $512,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Middlefield in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $1,495 in payments to Middlefield's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Middlefield.

Middlefield is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Middlefield's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Middlefield's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hawley | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Leyden | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $157 |
| Florida | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Goshen | $75,000 | $75,000 | $75,000 | $81.97 |
| New Ashford | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Middlefield received 24% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**38.3**<br>299th of 351 · 108.8 per 1,000 residents (3rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.7M**<br>scored exposure $3.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**34**<br>307th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**24.1 sq mi**<br>36% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**14%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**419**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.39**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.24; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,890 acres**<br>31.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$81,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$16.52**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,658**<br>FY2017–2025 · 218th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MIDDLEFIELD

## Middlefield has 5,587 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,971 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5,587 acres**<br>36.2% of Middlefield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,971 acres**<br>12.8% of Middlefield's land · 62 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**359 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**283 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 71 | 5,587 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 61 | 5,394 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 17 | 1,039 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 11 | 132 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 34 | 800 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 79 | 3,052 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 359 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 283 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 22 | 3,101 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 39 | 2,292 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Middlefield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,427 | |
| Fox Den WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,760 | |
| Walnut Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 891 | |
| Peru State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 508 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 38.3 | 100% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $13,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $68,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $6,436 |
| State Owned Land | $81,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,509 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $128 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $220 |
| Regional Transit | $843 |
| Multi-Year Repayment Program | $27,000 |

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| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.9% of Middlefield's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 8.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.4%** | **9.6%** | **9.9%** | **8.3%** |
| $82,000 of $975,000 · median town 14.1% | $121,000 of $1.3M · median town 12.2% | $166,000 of $1.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.5% · median town 10.0% |

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Gross state aid went from $82,000 in FY2006 to $166,000 in FY2025, +102.3% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–8.6%** | **+53.9%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $32,000 to $29,000 · all towns +54.0% | $106,000 to $163,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Middlefield's health insurance would have been $39,000 in FY2025; it was $29,000, $11,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $132,000 in FY2025; it was $163,000, $31,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (–31%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Middlefield's reported health insurance fell from $32,000 in FY2016 to $29,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Middlefield's required school contribution is 1.9% of median household income, 319th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$90,000** | **$302,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.9%** | **+17%** |
| 319th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Middlefield has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Middlefield and Gateway; Middlefield accounts for 100% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide. Middlefield had 23 resident pupils in FY2026, so per-pupil changes swing from year to year.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Middlefield, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Middlefield has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.6M** | **$1.3M** | **$1.1M** |
| $712,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.1 years of its yearly money · 75th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **13** | **0** | **$70,000** |
| three rated poor; about $5.7M of work on those, by planning estimates | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $70,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Middlefield came on average 35 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Middlefield owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $156,000 | $0 | $168,000 | $39,000 |
| FY2018 | $155,000 | $0 | $122,000 | $72,000 |
| FY2019 | $154,000 | $31,000 | $90,000 | $235,000 |
| FY2020 | $154,000 | $15,000 | $346,000 | $216,000 |
| FY2021 | $153,000 | $0 | $64,000 | $305,000 |
| FY2022 | $153,000 | $128,000 | $64,000 | $522,000 |
| FY2023 | $152,000 | $0 | $128,000 | $546,000 |
| FY2024 | $152,000 | $212,000 | $102,000 | $807,000 |
| FY2025 | $151,000 | $144,000 | $380,000 | $722,000 |
| FY2026 | $278,000 | $182,000 | $128,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $277,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 13 bridges in Middlefield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Root over Glendale Brook source | $70,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Middlefield received $1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 49% of the $2.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Middlefield is one of five municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Middlefield** this town | **48** | **$13,430** | **$2,926** | **$0** | **0.24** | **1.9%** |
| Hawley peer · lowest in class of 30 | 59 | $18,811 | $11,175 | $0 | 3.05 | 2.9% |
| Leyden peer | 52 | $13,247 | $3,201 | $157 | 2.17 | 2.2% |
| Florida peer | 64 | $19,543 | $1,744 | $0 | 0.14 | 3.2% |
| Goshen peer | 58 | $15,373 | $3,510 | $81.97 | 1.88 | 2.3% |
| New Ashford peer | 53 | $13,073 | $2,924 | $0 | 0.02 | 0.9% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Middleton

Town · Essex County · 9,816 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**20th Middlesex** · Bradley H. Jones, Jr.
68% of residents

**13th Essex** · Sally P. Kerans 32% of residents

Middleton is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**First Essex and Middlesex** · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Middleton Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Masconomet Regional School District**, shared with Boxford and Topsfield

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Middleton scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 27 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**30** / 100

301st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 46 | 28 | 21 |

Rank under other weightings: 284th to 322nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Middleton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 27 and 34 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**27** / 100

281st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 41 | 24 | 18 |

Rank under other weightings: 272nd to 298th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

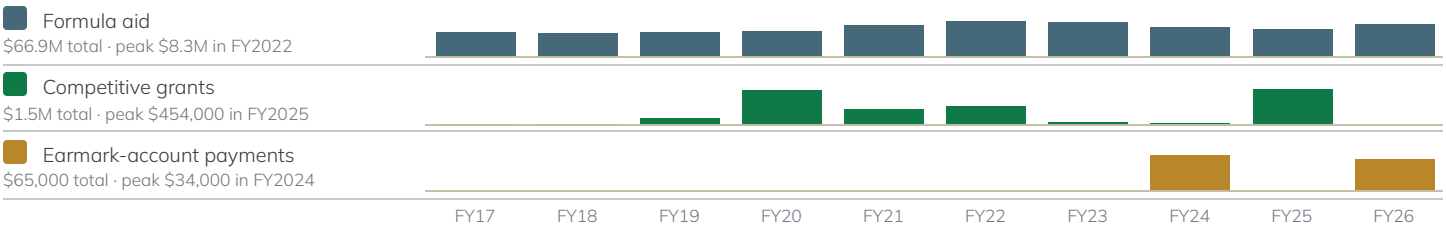
Middleton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 23 and 30 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Middleton's town government and school districts received $66.9 million in formula aid and $1.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$66.9M** | **$1.5M** | **$65,000** |
| $6,815 per resident (300th of 351) · gross | $154 per resident (288th of 351) | $6.66 per resident (276th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Middleton peaked in FY2025 at $454,000, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Middleton received $298,000 in local earmarks to its government, $323,000 placed in the city or town and $323,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$298,000** | **$323,000** | **$323,000** | **No** |
| $30.33 per resident (162nd of 351) | $32.88 per resident (224th of 351) · 8% to organizations | $32.88 per resident (228th of 351) · 8% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $298,000 went to Middleton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Middleton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Middleton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "infrastructure design of the middle square in Middleton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the Middleton council on aging for the new community center in the town of Middleton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the town of Middleton for the relocation of a sidewalk along Route 114, also known as South Main street, in the town of Middleton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the construction of a fiber optic network in the town of Middleton to connect the fire, police and other municipal buildings and enable to the town to join a regional IT collaborative" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $40,000 | "costs associated with the public safety building in the town of Middleton" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Middleton received 83% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**49.4**<br>256th of 351 · 5.0 per 1,000 residents (228th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.4M**<br>scored exposure $2.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**57**<br>236th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.4 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,935**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.53**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.83; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**180 acres**<br>2.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$43,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$240**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$37,663**<br>FY2017–2025 · 69th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MIDDLETON

## Middleton has 180 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,009 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**180 acres**<br>2.1% of Middleton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,009 acres**<br>11.7% of Middleton's land · 26 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**17 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**285 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 19 | 180 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 109 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 8 | 94 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 14 | 859 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 55 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 16 | 776 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 17 |
| Conservation restriction | 17 | 285 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 109 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boxford State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 83 | |
| Harold Parker State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 28 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 1 | Agricultural Resources | 19 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 2 | Agricultural Resources | 15 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 6 | Agricultural Resources | 9 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 9 | Agricultural Resources | 6 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 3 | Agricultural Resources | 5 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 4 | Agricultural Resources | 4 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 8 | Agricultural Resources | 4 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve CG 1 | Agricultural Resources | 3 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 18 | Agricultural Resources | 2 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 5 | Agricultural Resources | 1 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 15 | Agricultural Resources | 1 | |
| Danvers Agricultural Reserve Field 7 | Agricultural Resources | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 59.7 miles of public road in Middleton, the state maintains 4.9 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.9 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 48.8 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.1 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Middleton $3 million and takes back $393,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$3 million** | **$393,000** | **$2.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 13% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $17,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $731,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $28,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $151,000 |
| State Owned Land | $44,000 |
| Public Libraries | $25,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $65,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,079 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $5,516 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $6,660 |
| MBTA | $254,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $5,397 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $52,000 |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.7% of Middleton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 10.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.0%** | **6.8%** | **5.7%** | **5.0%** |
| $2M of $19.7M · median town 14.1% | $2.2M of $32M · median town 12.2% | $2.7M of $46.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.4% · median town 10.0% |

Middleton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Middleton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 12.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2 million in FY2006 to $2.7 million in FY2025, +35.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $364,000 of Middleton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+57.2%** | **+81.4%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $637,000 to $1M · all towns +54.0% | $1.9M to $3.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Middleton's health insurance would have been $796,000 in FY2025; it was $1.00 million, $206,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.41 million in FY2025; it was $3.51 million, $1.09 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Middleton's government came to $263,000, 72.1% of the $364,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $263,000 | 72.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $288,000 | 79.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $288,000 | 79.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Middleton's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 187th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.9M** | **$13.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+1%** |
| 187th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Middleton runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Masconomet and Essex North Shore for others; Middleton accounts for 31% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $783,000 for schools serving Middleton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Middleton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$783,000** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $79.75 per resident (244th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Middleton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Fuller Meadow School | Middleton | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $756,000 | $756,000 |
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $27,000 (4%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Middleton's share of the final cost was $41,000 against its share of the approved budget of $63,000 (under by $22,000); the local share moved from $36,000 to $24,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Middleton has $339,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.5M**<br>$770,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$339,000**<br>annual program: 0.1 years of its yearly money · 327th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**10**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$500,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $300,000 | $0 | $494,000 | $3,760 |
| FY2018 | $299,000 | $0 | $265,000 | $38,000 |
| FY2019 | $298,000 | $60,000 | $219,000 | $213,000 |
| FY2020 | $308,000 | $31,000 | $269,000 | $282,000 |
| FY2021 | $310,000 | $0 | $560,000 | $32,000 |
| FY2022 | $309,000 | $162,000 | $197,000 | $307,000 |
| FY2023 | $310,000 | $0 | $549,000 | $69,000 |
| FY2024 | $310,000 | $174,000 | $380,000 | $173,000 |
| FY2025 | $311,000 | $85,000 | $100,000 | $470,000 |
| FY2026 | $477,000 | $259,000 | $867,000 | $339,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $478,000 | $0 | $0 | $817,000 |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Middleton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

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PEERS

## Middleton ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $323,000 in earmarks placed in Middleton, $25,000 (8%) went to organizations rather than to Middleton's government.


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Middleton** this town | **30** | **$6,815** | **$154** | **$32.88** | **0.83** | **2.6%** |
| Boxford peer | 40 | $9,338 | $156 | $74.78 | 0.46 | 2.6% |
| Cohasset peer | 32 | $7,092 | $383 | $129† | 0.76 | 2.5% |
| Southborough peer | 36 | $8,275 | $159 | $31.45 | 0.58 | 2.5% |
| Bolton peer | 35 | $8,127 | $737 | $62.75 | 1.64 | 2.8% |
| Medfield peer | 38 | $8,137 | $388 | $73.25 | 2.14 | 2.3% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Carlisle lowest in class of 30 | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Milford

Town · Worcester County · 30,431 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

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**STATE SENATE**
Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex · Rebecca L. Rausch

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**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Milford scores 54 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 22 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**54** / 100

93rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 54 | 50 | 53 |

Rank under other weightings: 86th to 99th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Milford received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 53 and 55 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**22** / 100

307th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 20 | 24 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 303rd to 311th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

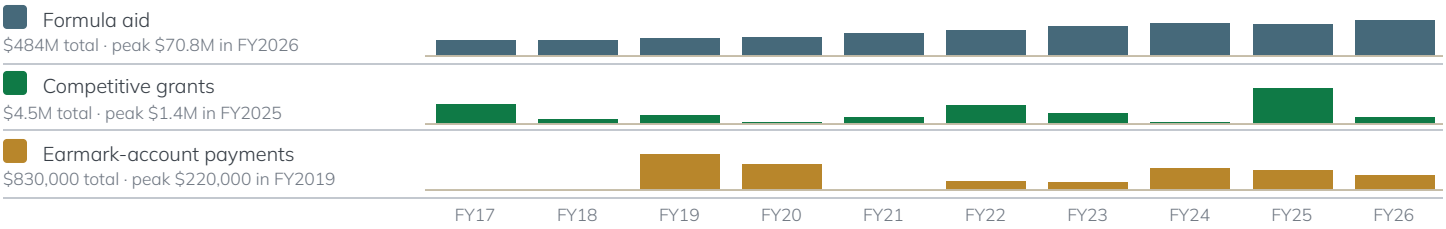
Milford received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 22 stays between 21 and 23 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Milford's town government and school districts received $484 million in formula aid and $4.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$484M** | **$4.5M** | **$830,000** |
| $15,901 per resident (62nd of 351) · gross | $146 per resident (294th of 351) | $27.26 per resident (160th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Milford peaked in FY2025 at $1.4 million, 31% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $23.9 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Milford received $999,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.1 million placed in the city or town and $1.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$999,000** | **$1.1M** | **$1.1M** | **No** |
| $32.81 per resident (148th of 351) | $36.10 per resident (216th of 351) · 9% to organizations | $36.10 per resident (222nd of 351) · 9% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 23 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $999,000 went to Milford's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $100,000 went to organizations in Milford or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Milford, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (23 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $150,000 | "economic development projects to revitalize the downtown area in the town of Milford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $84,000 | "the Milford police department and the Juvenile Advocacy Group to maintain a regional substance abuse outreach and intervention program in the greater Milford area" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $70,000 | "downtown revitalization and economic development projects in the town of Milford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "upgrades to a pedestrian crossing at the Milford youth center and other renovations or improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "Sweet Inspirations LLC in Milford for equipment, materials and services" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 23 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Milford received 26% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**108.7**<br>75th of 351 · 3.6 per 1,000 residents (296th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.3M**<br>scored exposure $4.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**146**<br>48th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.8 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**30,549**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.12**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.26; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,451**<br>FY2017–2025 · 233rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MILFORD

## Milford has 3 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 50 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3 acres**<br>0.0% of Milford's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**50 acres**<br>0.5% of Milford's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**238 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 3 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 50 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 108 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 238 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Casey Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 123.5 miles of public road in Milford, the state maintains 10.1 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.1 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 109.0 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.3 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Milford $60.7 million and takes back $5.4 million in assessments and


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## charges, a net $55.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$60.7 million** | **$5.4 million** | **$55.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $55.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $425,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $582,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $226,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $113,000 |
| Public Libraries | $87,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $67,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,329 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $19,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $50,000 |
| Regional Transit | $101,000 |
| Special Education | $16,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.8M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $3.3M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MILFORD

## State programs also awarded $66,000 to organizations in Milford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Milford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Charles River Watershed Association nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $66,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

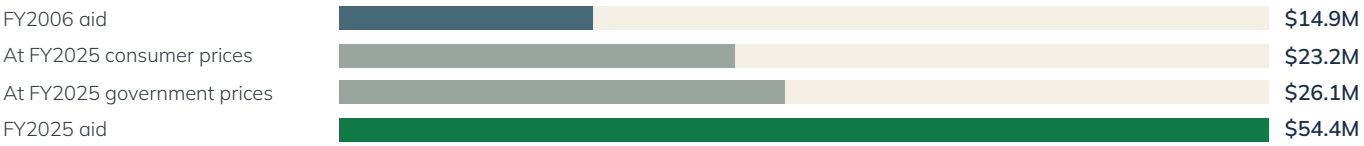
## State aid covered 36.6% of Milford's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 21.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **21.5%** | **28.2%** | **36.6%** | **33.3%** |
| $14.9M of $69.6M · median town 14.1% | $24.4M of $86.6M · median town 12.2% | $54.4M of $149M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 23.6% · median town 10.0% |

Milford's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Milford's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 134.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 108.8% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $14.9 million in FY2006 to $54.4 million in FY2025, +264.4% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+64.0%** | **+71.5%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $14.3M to $23.5M · all towns +54.0% | $14.6M to $25M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Milford's health insurance would have been $17.9 million in FY2025; it was $23.5 million, $5.60 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $18.2 million in FY2025; it was $25 million, $6.79 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Milford's government came to $924,000, 10.1% of the $9.16 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $924,000 | 10.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $974,000 | 10.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $974,000 | 10.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Milford's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 53rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$57.1M** | **$33.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **+57%** |
| 53rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Milford runs its own school district and also belongs to Blackstone Valley; Milford accounts for 16% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $574,000 for schools serving Milford, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Milford's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$574,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $18.85 per resident (270th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Milford's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $451,000 (16%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $123,000 (16%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Milford has $784,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.6M** | **$9.6M** | **$784,000** |
| $1.9M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 317th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **21** | **3** | **$222,000** |
| three rated poor; about $408,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | of seven town-owned dams | bridges $222,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Milford came on average 12 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Milford owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $824,000 | $0 | $982,000 | $156,000 |
| FY2018 | $823,000 | $0 | $669,000 | $384,000 |
| FY2019 | $822,000 | $164,000 | $913,000 | $460,000 |
| FY2020 | $820,000 | $82,000 | $661,000 | $757,000 |
| FY2021 | $817,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $336,000 |
| FY2022 | $820,000 | $364,000 | $933,000 | $587,000 |
| FY2023 | $824,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $20,000 |
| FY2024 | $817,000 | $426,000 | $1.1M | $153,000 |
| FY2025 | $816,000 | $223,000 | $765,000 | $427,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $595,000 | $1.4M | $784,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the 32 bridges in Milford in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Milford received $5.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 41% of the $13.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




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| Agawam peer | 45 | $11,619 | $247 | $23.34 | 0.39 | 2.7% |
| Ludlow peer | 42 | $10,596 | $407 | $132† | 1.85 | 2.8% |
| Randolph peer | 46 | $11,148 | $123 | $35.83 | 0.23 | 2.3% |
| South Hadley peer | 40 | $9,190 | $458 | $31.82 | 1.61 | 2.5% |
| Attleboro peer | 48 | $13,064 | $110 | $32.30† | 0.33 | 2.7% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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7th Worcester · Paul K. Frost

STATE SENATE

Second Worcester · Michael O. Moore

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Millbury Public Schools, the town's own district

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millville and four others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Millbury scores 44 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 74 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**44** / 100

171st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 45 | 44 | 45 |

Rank under other weightings: 163rd to 188th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Millbury received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 43 and 45 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**74** / 100

100th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 75 | 74 | 74 |

Rank under other weightings: 95th to 107th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

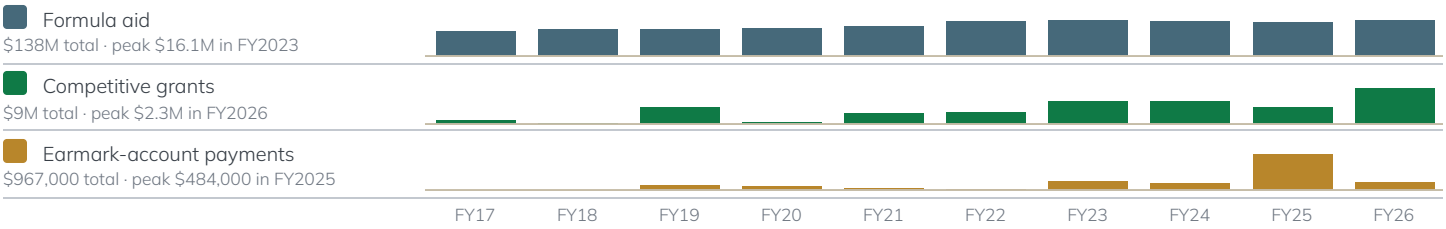
Millbury received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 74 stays between 73 and 74 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Millbury's town government and school districts received $138 million in formula aid and $9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $138M | $9M | $967,000 |
| $9,909 per resident (182nd of 351) · gross | $648 per resident (118th of 351) | $69.23 per resident (39th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Millbury peaked in FY2026 at $2.3 million, 25% of the ten-year total.**




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Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $8.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Millbury received $744,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $744,000 | $744,000 | $744,000 | No |
| $53.29 per resident (74th of 351) | $53.29 per resident (160th of 351) | $53.29 per resident (165th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 23 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Millbury's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Millbury, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (23 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $120,000 | "improvements in the town of Millbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $65,000 | "the Millbury public schools for the purchase of a multi-purpose activity bus" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $65,000 | "the town of Millbury for public safety improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $57,000 | "the town of Millbury for repairs and improvements to the Millbury senior center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $54,000 | "public safety improvements for the Millbury public school district" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 23 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Millbury received 1.09 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**71.3**<br>185th of 351 · 5.1 per 1,000 residents (225th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$24.4M**<br>scored exposure $6.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**125**<br>71st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.7 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,188**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.09; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**240 acres**<br>2.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$24,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$102**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$27,269**<br>FY2017–2025 · 122nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MILLBURY

## Millbury has 252 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 566 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**252 acres**<br>2.5% of Millbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**566 acres**<br>5.6% of Millbury's land · 23 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**265 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 252 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 180 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 29 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 20 | 451 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 86 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 10 | 265 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 1 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 4 | 179 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 1 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Martha Deering WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 207 | |
| Merrill Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 45 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 85.1 miles of public road in Millbury, the state maintains 10.0 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.0 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 71.3 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.9 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Millbury $12.3 million and takes back $949,000 in assessments and charges, a net $11.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$12.3 million** | **$949,000** | **$11.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $9.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $29,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $253,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $64,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $139,000 |
| State Owned Land | $25,000 |
| Public Libraries | $41,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $60,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,415 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $14,000 |
| Regional Transit | $127,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $505,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $238,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MILLBURY

## State programs also awarded $18,000 to organizations in Millbury other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Millbury. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Central MA Regional Planning Commission - Grafton regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $18,000 (shared six ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 21.0% of Millbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 27.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **27.5%** | **23.4%** | **21.0%** | **19.6%** |
| $7.9M of $28.7M · median town 14.1% | $8.8M of $37.4M · median town 12.2% | $11.8M of $56M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 24.7% · median town 10.0% |

Millbury's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $699,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Millbury's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 4.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 14.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.9 million in FY2006 to $11.8 million in FY2025, +48.8% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+34.8%** | **+56.6%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $4.4M to $6M · all towns +54.0% | $6.4M to $10M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Millbury's health insurance would have been $5.53 million in FY2025; it was $5.97 million, $438,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.01 million in FY2025; it was $10 million, $2.03 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Millbury's government came to $637,000, 41.3% of the $1.54 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $637,000 | 41.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $637,000 | 41.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $637,000 | 41.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Millbury's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 232nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$9.9M** | **$16.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+4%** |
| 232nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Millbury runs its own school district and also belongs to Blackstone Valley; Millbury accounts for 7% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $25 million for schools serving Millbury, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Millbury's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$25M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,791 per resident (101st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Millbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $213,000 (7%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $58,000 (7%) |
| FY2020 | Raymond E. Shaw Elementary School | Millbury | Core | $24.7M | $24.7M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Millbury's share of the final cost was $58.5 million against its share of the approved budget of $60.9 million (under by $2.4 million); the local share moved from $36.2 million to $34.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Millbury has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four


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## bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.2M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | **$4.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.2M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 107th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **35**<br>four rated poor; likely about $2.9M of work on those ($1.6M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **3**<br>of four town-owned dams | **$500,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Millbury came on average 30 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Millbury owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $430,000 | $0 | $65,000 | $410,000 |
| FY2018 | $427,000 | $0 | $837,000 | $22 |
| FY2019 | $425,000 | $85,000 | $273,000 | $237,000 |
| FY2020 | $424,000 | $42,000 | $189,000 | $530,000 |
| FY2021 | $424,000 | $0 | $0 | $954,000 |
| FY2022 | $420,000 | $237,000 | $0 | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | $418,000 | $0 | $765,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | $419,000 | $245,000 | $1.1M | $788,000 |
| FY2025 | $420,000 | $116,000 | $85,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $655,000 | $367,000 | $1M | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $654,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.9M |

The full list of the 75 bridges in Millbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Millbury received $9.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.5 times the $4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Millbury ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Millbury** this town | **44** | **$9,909** | **$648** | **$53.29** | **1.09** | **2.5%** |
| Wilbraham peer | 44 | $12,134 | $123 | $109† | 0.42 | 3.1% |
| Tyngsborough peer | 42 | $10,115 | $758 | $44.22 | 2.20 | 3.2% |
| Bellingham peer | 39 | $9,082 | $546 | $23.24 | 1.24 | 3.0% |
| Grafton peer | 36 | $9,020 | $459 | $36.42 | 1.97 | 2.9% |
| Lunenburg peer | 41 | $10,667 | $157 | $54.36 | 0.42 | 2.7% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Millis

Town · Norfolk County · 8,888 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

8th Middlesex · James C. Arena-DeRosa 67% of residents

9th Norfolk · Marcus S. Vaughn 33% of residents

Millis is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex · Rebecca L. Rausch

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Millis Public Schools, the town's own district

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Plainville, Seekonk, Sherborn and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Millis scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 42 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**39** / 100

230th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 49 | 38 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 215th to 239th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Millis received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 36 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**42** / 100

221st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 52 | 43 | 33 |

Rank under other weightings: 208th to 227th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

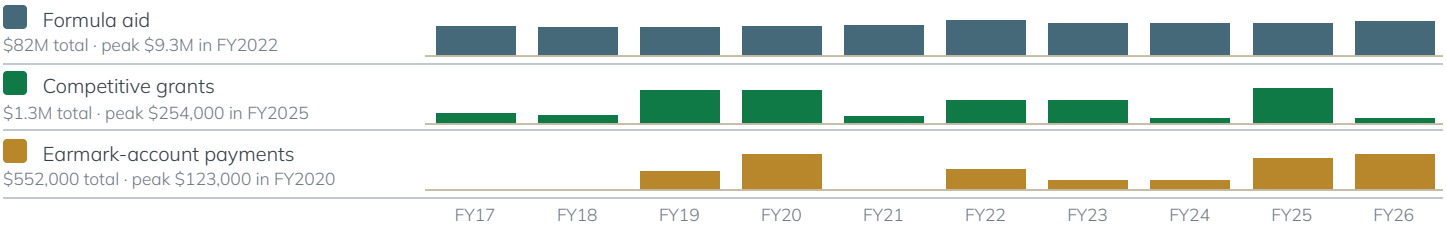
Millis received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 39 and 46 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Millis's town government and school districts received $82 million in formula aid and $1.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $82M | $1.3M | $552,000 |
| $9,221 per resident (208th of 351) · gross | $150 per resident (289th of 351) | $62.05 per resident (51st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Millis were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Millis received $1.3 million in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.3M | $1.3M | $1.3M | No |
| $151 per resident (6th of 351) | $151 per resident (22nd of 351) | $151 per resident (31st of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 27 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Millis's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Millis, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (27 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $150,000 | "mitigation costs in the Millis public school district" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $150,000 | "mitigation costs in the Millis public school district" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the town of Millis to conduct a study of the town's building and facilities" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the town of Millis for the repair and reconstruction of the Dover Road West Street Bridge" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | "the town of Millis for improvements to the wiring and communications abilities of the police and fire departments of the town" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 27 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Millis received 75% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**50.8**<br>248th of 351 · 5.7 per 1,000 residents (205th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.9M**<br>scored exposure $1.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**55**<br>244th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.0 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,915**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.16**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.75; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$52,335**<br>FY2017–2025 · 33rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MILLIS

## No state conservation land is mapped in Millis; 1,393 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,393 acres**<br>18.1% of Millis's land · 78 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**67 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**405 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61 forest land | 33 | 561 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 35 | 713 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 119 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 67 |
| Conservation restriction | 11 | 405 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 52.0 miles of public road in Millis, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 50.8 | 98% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.2 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Millis $7.2 million and takes back $417,000 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $6.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.2 million** | **$417,000** | **$6.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $5.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $5,349 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $287,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $7,592 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $95,000 |
| Public Libraries | $29,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $75,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $51,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,181 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $5,668 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $6,780 |
| MBTA | $58,000 |
| Special Education | $2,303 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $184,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $30,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MILLIS

## State programs also awarded $299,000 to organizations in Millis other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Millis. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $299,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 15.1% of Millis's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 20.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **20.9%** | **22.9%** | **15.1%** | **14.2%** |
| $3.9M of $18.9M · median town 14.1% | $6.1M of $26.7M · median town 12.2% | $6.9M of $45.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 23.3% · median town 10.0% |

Millis's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $186,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Millis's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 12.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 0.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $3.9 million in FY2006 to $6.9 million in FY2025, +74.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $752,000 of Millis's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+65.8%** | **+73.8%** | **3 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $2.4M to $4M · all towns +54.0% | $4.2M to $7.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Millis's health insurance would have been $2.98 million in FY2025; it was $3.95 million, $976,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $5.22 million in FY2025; it was $7.27 million, $2.05 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Millis's government came to $1.2 million, 78.7% of the $1.57 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.2M | 78.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.2M | 78.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.2M | 78.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Millis's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 202nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.5M** | **$13.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **–10%** |
| 202nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Millis runs its own school district and also belongs to Tri County and Norfolk County; Millis accounts for 5% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $94.4 million for schools serving Millis, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Millis's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$94.4M** | **4** | **$8.66B** |
| $10,621 per resident (1st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Millis's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Millis Middle/High School | Millis | Core | $68.3M | $68.3M |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $908,000 (5%) |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $3.7M (5%) |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $65,000 (4%) |
| FY2017 | Clyde F. Brown Elementary School | Millis | Core | $21.4M | $21.4M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Millis; Millis's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $908,000, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Millis's share of the final cost was $48.2 million against its share of the approved budget of $52.8 million (under by $4.5 million); the local share moved from $31.3 million to $27.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Millis has $761,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.1M** | **$2.9M** | **$761,000** |
| $750,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 97th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **9**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $275,000 | $0 | $379,000 | $41,000 |
| FY2018 | $274,000 | $0 | $304,000 | $13,000 |
| FY2019 | $274,000 | $55,000 | $269,000 | $154,000 |
| FY2020 | $273,000 | $27,000 | $286,000 | $198,000 |
| FY2021 | $273,000 | $0 | $212,000 | $259,000 |
| FY2022 | $273,000 | $170,000 | $364,000 | $337,000 |
| FY2023 | $272,000 | $0 | $531,000 | $78,000 |
| FY2024 | $272,000 | $167,000 | $417,000 | $99,000 |
| FY2025 | $271,000 | $75,000 | $0 | $446,000 |
| FY2026 | $438,000 | $256,000 | $244,000 | $895,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $438,000 | $0 | $134,000 | $1.2M |

The full list of the 11 bridges in Millis in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Millis received $3.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $3.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Millis ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Millis** this town | **39** | **$9,221** | **$150** | **$151** | **0.75** | **2.6%** |
| Georgetown peer | 46 | $10,873 | $155 | $26.52 | 0.60 | 2.7% |
| Westminster peer · best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Sutton peer | 44 | $10,223 | $840 | $107 | 1.91 | 3.1% |
| Dighton peer | 56 | $15,030 | $168 | $76.89 | 0.53 | 2.4% |
| Hanson peer | 51 | $12,622 | $231 | $52.67 | 0.66 | 2.6% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Millville

Town · Worcester County · 3,160 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
8th Worcester · Michael J. Soter

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Blackstone-Millville Regional School District, shared with Blackstone
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury and four others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Millville scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 72 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**56** / 100

65th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 58 | 54 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 63rd to 77th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Millville received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 57 stays between 55 and 58 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**72** / 100

107th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 69 | 71 | 78 | 72 |

Rank under other weightings: 99th to 119th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

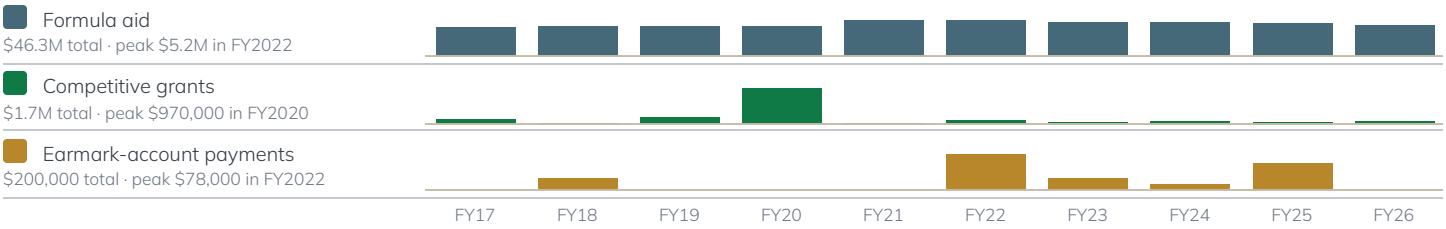
Millville received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 72 stays between 71 and 74 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Millville's town government and school districts received $46.3 million in formula aid and $1.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $46.3M | $1.7M | $200,000 |
| $14,661 per resident (78th of 351) · gross | $545 per resident (132nd of 351) | $63.21 per resident (48th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Millville peaked in FY2020 at $970,000, 56% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.2 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Millville received $360,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $360,000 | $360,000 | $360,000 | No |
| $114 per resident (17th of 351) | $114 per resident (51st of 351) | $114 per resident (59th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Millville's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Millville, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (six clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | $250,000 | "the town of Millville for the purchase of a new ambulance" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $30,000 | "the town of Millville to conduct an internal audit of town finances" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the town of Millville for the outfit of a rural police command center response vehicle" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $25,000 | "the emergency relocation of the Millville town hall" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $15,000 | "upgrades and improvements to public works equipment such as purchasing and repairing equipment including, but not limited to, a front-end loader or backhoe in Millville" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 6 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Millville received 1.93 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**22.4**<br>335th of 351 · 7.1 per 1,000 residents (157th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$12.5M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**36**<br>304th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**4.9 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,197**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.52**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.93; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**58 acres**<br>1.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$4,553**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$78.07**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$7,138**<br>FY2017–2025 · 345th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MILLVILLE

## Millville has 51 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 184 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**51 acres**<br>1.6% of Millville's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**184 acres**<br>5.9% of Millville's land · 6 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**6 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 51 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 67 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 3 | 95 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 89 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 109 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 6 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 67 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 51 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 24.8 miles of public road in Millville, the state maintains 1.9 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.9 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 22.1 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Millville $637,000 and takes back $22,000 in assessments and charges, a net $614,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$637,000** | **$22,000** | **$614,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $74,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $525,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $6,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $18,000 |
| State Owned Land | $4,553 |
| Public Libraries | $9,620 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $17,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $897 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,380 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.2%** | **8.3%** | **7.7%** | **7.4%** |
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| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+68.9%** | **+37.4%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
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Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+43%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$3.4M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$3.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.0%**<br>305th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–3%**<br>after inflation |

Millville has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Millville, Blackstone-Millville and Blackstone Valley; Millville accounts for 100%, 25% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| FY2027 | Blackstone-Millville Regional High School | Blackstone Millville | Core | $78.3M | $19.4M (25%) |
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $46,000 (2%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $12,000 (2%) |
| FY2019 | Millville Elementary School | Blackstone Millville | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $925,000 | $229,000 (25%) |
| FY2018 | John F. Kennedy Elementary School | Blackstone Millville | Accelerated Repair (Partial Windows/Doors; Boiler) | $2.6M | $656,000 (25%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Millville's share of the final cost was $1.1 million against its share of the approved budget of $1.6 million (under by $485,000); the local share moved from $705,000 to $504,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

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| Town-owned bridges<br>**5**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $103,000 | $0 | $0 | $103,000 |
| FY2018 | $102,000 | $0 | $256,000 | $103,000 |
| FY2019 | $111,000 | $22,000 | $111,000 | $125,000 |
| FY2020 | $110,000 | $11,000 | $0 | $246,000 |
| FY2021 | $109,000 | $0 | $489,000 | $118,000 |
| FY2022 | $109,000 | $74,000 | $148,000 | $153,000 |
| FY2023 | $108,000 | $0 | $74,000 | $187,000 |
| FY2024 | $107,000 | $70,000 | $64,000 | $301,000 |
| FY2025 | $109,000 | $31,000 | $72,000 | $369,000 |
| FY2026 | $183,000 | $111,000 | $0 | $662,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $183,000 | $0 | $0 | $845,000 |

The full list of the seven bridges in Millville in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Millville received $2.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 16% more than the $1.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Millville ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Millville** this town | **56** | **$14,661** | **$545** | **$114** | **1.93** | **2.0%** |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| Shutesbury peer · lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $14,882 | $4,462 | $0 | 0.50 | 2.0% |
| Brimfield peer | 50 | $12,874 | $303 | $64.78 | 0.46 | 2.7% |
| Williamsburg peer | 41 | $9,541 | $578 | $3.71 | 1.40 | 2.2% |
| Hubbardston peer | 59 | $16,583 | $264 | $66.58 | 0.33 | 2.3% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |


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**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Milton

Town · Norfolk County · 28,587 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**7th Norfolk** · Richard G. Wells, Jr. 76% of residents
**12th Suffolk** · Brandy Fluker-Reid
24% of residents

Milton is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol** · William J. Driscoll, Jr.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Milton Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Avon, Braintree, Canton, Dedham, Holbrook, Norwood, Randolph and Westwood

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Milton scores 31 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 16 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**31** / 100

298th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 46 | 25 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 281st to 319th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Milton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 27 and 35 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**16** / 100

326th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 23 | 19 | 11 |

Rank under other weightings: 319th to 333rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

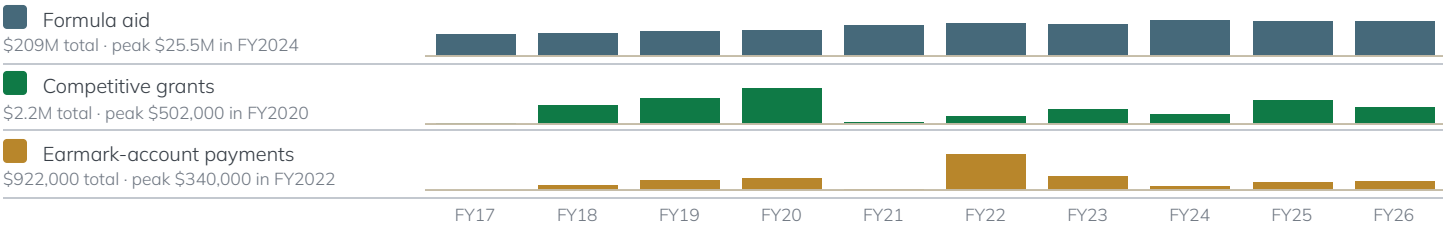
Milton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 16 stays between 14 and 19 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Milton's town government and school districts received $209 million in formula aid and $2.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $209M | $2.2M | $922,000 |
| $7,307 per resident (277th of 351) · gross | $76.91 per resident (338th of 351) | $32.26 per resident (140th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Milton peaked in FY2020 at $502,000, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $8.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Milton received $1 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.1 million placed in the city or town and $7.7 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1M | $2.1M | $7.7M | No |
| $36.63 per resident (129th of 351) | $74.41 per resident (105th of 351) · 51% to organizations | $270 per resident (10th of 351) · 14% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 46 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1 million went to Milton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.1 million went to organizations in Milton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Milton but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $3.9 million, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $5.6 million in 13 clauses for state facilities located in Milton (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Milton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (59 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $1M | "the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2023 | $1M | "the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2025 | $500,000 | "the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2020 | $500,000 | "improvements to the Max Ulin skating rink in the town of Milton, $125,000 of which shall be spent on the construction of a dedicated women's locker room that shall include a bathroom and showers" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2020 | $500,000 | "the Blue Hills trailside museum" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |

Printed: the 5 largest of 59 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Milton received 50% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**97.6**<br>101st of 351 · 3.4 per 1,000 residents (303rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.1M**<br>scored exposure $4.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**80**<br>166th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.0 sq mi**<br>24% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**28,736**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.15**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.50; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,662 acres**<br>20.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$1.6M**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$950**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,823**<br>FY2017–2025 · 163rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MILTON

## Milton has 2,077 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 98 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,077 acres**<br>24.9% of Milton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**98 acres**<br>1.2% of Milton's land · 8 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**400 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 57 | 2,077 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 1,702 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 87 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 11 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 165 |
| Conservation restriction | 33 | 400 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 1,702 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blue Hills Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,720 | |
| Neponset River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 325 | |
| Neponset Valley Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | |
| Blue Hills Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 12 | |
| Brush Hill Road | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 122.1 miles of public road in Milton, the state maintains 18.4 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.8 | 7% |
| DCR | 9.7 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 97.7 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.9 | 5% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $200,000 | “the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton” |
| FY2025 | $500,000 | “the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton” |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | “the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton” |
| FY2024 | $1M | “the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton” |
| FY2023 | $1M | “the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton” |
| FY2022 | $250,000 | “the Blue Hills Trailside Museum” |
| FY2021 | $250,000 | “the Blue Hills Trailside Museum” |
| FY2020 | $500,000 | “improvements to the Max Ulin skating rink in the town of Milton, $125,000 of which shall be spent on the construction of a dedicated women’s locker…” |
| FY2020 | $500,000 | “the Blue Hills trailside museum” |
| FY2019 | $300,000 | “the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in the town of Milton” |
| FY2018 | $250,000 | “the Blue Hills Trailside Museum” |
| FY2017 | $500,000 | “the Blue Hills Trailside Museum” |
| FY2017 | $250,000 | “the establishment of the Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland park on Truman parkway which shall be situated on or near the Neponset river in the town…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Milton $19.5 million and takes back $5.3 million in assessments and charges, a net $14.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$19.5 million** | **$5.3 million** | **$14.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 27% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $13.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $117,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $7,256 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $55,000 |
| State Owned Land | $1.6M |
| Public Libraries | $73,000 |


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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $315,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $2M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $114,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $17,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $28,000 |
| MBTA | $2.2M |
| Special Education | $22,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $92,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $509,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MILTON

## State programs also awarded $152,000 to organizations in Milton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Milton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Captain Robert Bennet Forbes House nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $68,000 |
| FY2023 | Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $60,000 |
| FY2021 | Captain Robert Bennet Forbes House Muesum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $12,000 |

A further $12,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.3% of Milton's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 11.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.5%** | **10.6%** | **13.3%** | **9.8%** |
| $7.5M of $64.8M · median town 14.1% | $9.9M of $93.5M · median town 12.2% | $17.9M of $135M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.2% · median town 10.0% |

Milton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $191,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Milton's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 54.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 37.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.5 million in FY2006 to $17.9 million in FY2025, +140.1% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+61.5%** | **+17.6%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $13.4M to $21.6M · all towns +54.0% | $20.2M to $23.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Milton's health insurance would have been $16.7 million in FY2025; it was $21.6 million, $4.89 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $25.2 million in FY2025; it was $23.7 million, $1.48 million below the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (+41%) and FY2025 (+35%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Milton's government came to $987,000, 12.0% of the $8.22 million rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $987,000 | 12.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.8M | 22.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $7.2M | 88.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Milton's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 132nd highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$13M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$47.7M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.8%**<br>132nd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+33%**<br>after inflation |

Milton runs its own school district and also belongs to Blue Hills and Norfolk County; Milton accounts for 4% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2 million for schools serving Milton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Milton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2M**<br>$68.61 per resident (247th of 351) | **2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Milton's share |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $59,000 (3%) |
| FY2018 | Blue Hills Regional Technical High School | Blue Hills | Core | $44.4M | $1.9M (4%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Milton's share of the final cost was $3.8 million against its share of the approved budget of $3.6 million (over by $164,000); the local share moved from $1.7 million to $2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Milton has $1.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9.1M**<br>$1.6M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.7M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 203rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>one rated poor; likely about $2.3M of work on those ($1.1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Milton owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $623,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $211,000 |
| FY2018 | $627,000 | $0 | $623,000 | $215,000 |
| FY2019 | $629,000 | $126,000 | $627,000 | $343,000 |
| FY2020 | $630,000 | $63,000 | $491,000 | $779,000 |
| FY2021 | $631,000 | $0 | $779,000 | $631,000 |
| FY2022 | $629,000 | $324,000 | $629,000 | $955,000 |
| FY2023 | $625,000 | $0 | $949,000 | $631,000 |
| FY2024 | $626,000 | $356,000 | $946,000 | $667,000 |
| FY2025 | $622,000 | $176,000 | $763,000 | $702,000 |
| FY2026 | $947,000 | $512,000 | $437,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $950,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.7M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Milton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Wakefield peer | 28 | $6,465 | $157 | $45.34 | 0.56 | 2.6% |
| Natick peer | 28 | $6,624 | $86.76 | $78.89 | 0.56 | 2.7% |
| Newburyport peer | 33 | $6,797 | $442 | $77.12 | 0.78 | 2.0% |
| Walpole peer | 30 | $6,864 | $139 | $32.09 | 0.61 | 2.6% |
| Burlington peer | 35 | $7,194 | $367 | $102† | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Scituate lowest in class of 30 | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Monroe

Town · Franklin County · 122 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Lanesborough, North Adams, Savoy and Williamstown

Monroe operates no schools of its own and belongs to no regional academic district in DESE's FY2026 files.

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Monroe scores 63 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 98 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

63 / 100

31st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 67 | 67 | 45 | 73 |

Rank under other weightings: 20th to 53rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Monroe received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 63 stays between 59 and 67 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

98 / 100

5th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 99 | 98 | 95 | 99 |

Rank under other weightings: 4th to 8th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

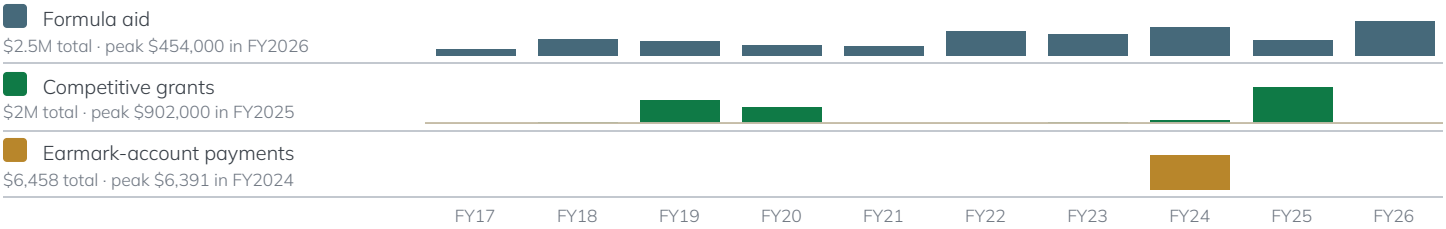
Monroe received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 98 stays between 97 and 98 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Monroe's town government and school districts received $2.5 million in formula aid and $2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $2.5M | $2M | $6,458 |
| $20,140 per resident (26th of 351) · gross | $16,477 per resident (2nd of 351) | $52.93 per resident (74th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Monroe peaked in FY2025 at $902,000, 45% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 122 residents, a single payment moves Monroe's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Monroe received $12,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $12,000 | $12,000 | $12,000 | No |
| $98.36 per resident (25th of 351) | $98.36 per resident (70th of 351) | $98.36 per resident (81st of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2024. All of it went to Monroe's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Monroe, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $12,000 | "public safety communication services in the town of Monroe" | Enacted to the city or town government |


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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Monroe received 4.23 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**16.4**<br>344th of 351 · 134.3 per 1,000 residents (2nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.3M**<br>scored exposure $844,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**15**<br>332nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.7 sq mi**<br>38% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**22%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**160**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**12.53**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 4.23; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,620 acres**<br>38.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$14,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$5.17**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,010**<br>FY2017–2025 · 323rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MONROE

## Monroe has 2,627 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 239 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,627 acres**<br>38.4% of Monroe's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**239 acres**<br>3.5% of Monroe's land · 6 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**401 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 22 | 2,627 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 2,626 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 3 | 224 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 15 |
| Conservation restriction | 5 | 401 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 3 | 2,626 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monroe State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,627 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 18.1 miles of public road in Monroe, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 16.4 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.0 | 0% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Monroe $212,000 and takes back $179,000 in assessments and charges, a net $33,000.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$212,000**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$179,000**<br>84% of what is sent | Net<br>**$33,000**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $170,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $24,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $224 |
| State Owned Land | $14,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,207 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $44 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $200 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $178,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MONROE

## State programs also awarded $20,000 to organizations in Monroe other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Monroe. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Florida Mountaineers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,333 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2026 | Florida Mountaineers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $4,700 (shared three ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 15.7% of Monroe's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 24.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **24.0%** | **11.3%** | **15.7%** | **12.1%** |
| $112,000 of $464,000 · median town 14.1% | $76,000 of $677,000 · median town 12.2% | $181,000 of $1.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.2% · median town 10.0% |

Monroe's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $24,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Monroe's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 4.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 6.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $112,000 in FY2006 to $181,000 in FY2025, +62.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+29.7%** | **+28.5%** | **3 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $40,000 to $53,000 · all towns +54.0% | $97,000 to $124,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Monroe's health insurance would have been $51,000 in FY2025; it was $53,000, $1,958 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $121,000 in FY2025; it was $124,000, $3,441 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+117%) and FY2020 (–47%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+98%), FY2022 (–51%) and FY2025 (+40%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Monroe's government came to $12,000, 99.7% of the $12,000 rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $12,000 | 99.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $12,000 | 99.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $12,000 | 99.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Monroe's required school contribution is $121,000 in FY2026; the Census reports no median household income for Monroe, so its share of income is not available.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$184,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$121,000**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>not available<br>no Census median income | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+18%**<br>after inflation |

Monroe has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Monroe and Northern Berkshire; Monroe accounts for 100% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide. Monroe had 23 resident pupils in FY2026, so per-pupil changes swing from year to year.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $65,000 for schools serving Monroe, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Monroe's share<br>**$65,000**<br>$537 per resident (179th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Monroe's share |
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $571,000 | $3,592 (1%) |
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $9.8M | $62,000 (1%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Monroe; Monroe's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $4,000.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Monroe has $337,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$1.2M**<br>$423,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$791,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$337,000**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 204th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$120,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $120,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Monroe came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $66,000 | $0 | $0 | $66,000 |
| FY2018 | $66,000 | $0 | $111,000 | $57,000 |
| FY2019 | $66,000 | $13,000 | $107,000 | $29,000 |
| FY2020 | $65,000 | $6,528 | $48,000 | $52,000 |
| FY2021 | $65,000 | $0 | $0 | $117,000 |
| FY2022 | $65,000 | $55,000 | $168,000 | $69,000 |
| FY2023 | $65,000 | $0 | $55,000 | $79,000 |
| FY2024 | $64,000 | $150,000 | $114,000 | $179,000 |
| FY2025 | $64,000 | $121,000 | $0 | $364,000 |
| FY2026 | $119,000 | $78,000 | $224,000 | $337,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $118,000 | $0 | $0 | $455,000 |

The full list of the four bridges in Monroe in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Main Road over Phelps Brook / Kingsley Hill Road over Phelps Brook / River Road over Phelps Brook source | $120,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Monroe received $2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $2.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Monroe ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Monroe** this town | **63** | **$20,140** | **$16,477** | **$98.36** | **4.23** | **not available** |
| Hawley peer · lowest in class of 30 | 59 | $18,811 | $11,175 | $0 | 3.05 | 2.9% |
| Middlefield peer | 48 | $13,430 | $2,926 | $0 | 0.24 | 1.9% |
| New Ashford peer | 53 | $13,073 | $2,924 | $0 | 0.02 | 0.9% |
| Leyden peer | 52 | $13,247 | $3,201 | $157 | 2.17 | 2.2% |
| Florida peer | 64 | $19,543 | $1,744 | $0 | 0.14 | 3.2% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Monson

Town · Hampden County · 8,136 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**2nd Hampden** · Brian M. Ashe 68% of residents
**12th Hampden** · Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. 32% of residents

Monson is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Worcester and Hampden** · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Monson Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, New Braintree, Oakham, Palmer, Ware and Warren

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Monson scores 55 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 44 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**55** / 100

81st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 51 | 60 | 54 |

Rank under other weightings: 60th to 99th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Monson received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 54 and 57 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**44** / 100

212th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 40 | 47 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 202nd to 222nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

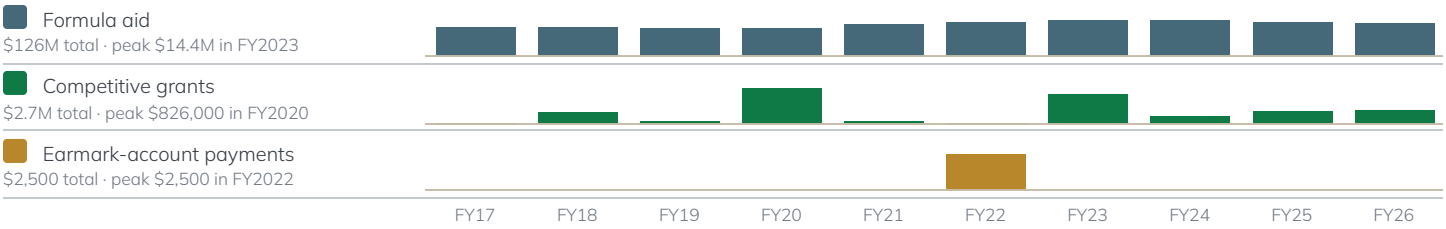
Monson received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 43 and 46 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Monson's town government and school districts received $126 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $126M | $2.7M | $2,500 |
| $15,493 per resident (68th of 351) · gross | $338 per resident (191st of 351) | $0.31 per resident (334th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Monson peaked in FY2020 at $826,000, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Monson received $121,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $121,000 | $121,000 | $121,000 | No |
| $14.84 per resident (242nd of 351) | $14.84 per resident (292nd of 351) | $14.84 per resident (293rd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Monson's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $61,000 | "the town of Monson for soil testing on town lot 293 for future town use" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $60,000 | "the Monson Senior Center for an ADA compliant van to transport seniors to medical appointments, adult day care facilities and events as well as a small cargo van to deliver meals on wheels to home bound seniors" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Monson received 2.33 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**100.4**<br>94th of 351 · 12.3 per 1,000 residents (84th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$28.2M**<br>scored exposure $13.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**147**<br>46th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**44.2 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,136**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.90**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.33; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,028 acres**<br>3.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$141,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$137**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,826**<br>FY2017–2025 · 281st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MONSON

## Monson has 821 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,854 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**821 acres**<br>2.9% of Monson's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,854 acres**<br>10.1% of Monson's land · 110 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**408 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,234 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 15 | 821 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 13 | 1,032 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 69 | 1,844 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 18 | 599 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 23 | 412 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 369 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 9 | 408 |
| Conservation restriction | 29 | 1,234 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 541 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 9 | 487 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 2 | 4 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Monson State Hospital Land | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Development Services | 406 | |
| Brimfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 323 | |
| Flynt Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 65 | |
| Chicopee Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 27 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 110.0 miles of public road in Monson, the state maintains 7.1 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.1 | 6% |
| DCR | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 100.4 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.9 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Monson $10.5 million and takes back $814,000 in assessments and charges, a net $9.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.5 million** | **$814,000** | **$9.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $42,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $493,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $41,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $112,000 |
| State Owned Land | $141,000 |
| Public Libraries | $26,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,262 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| Special Education | $5,942 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $276,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $517,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MONSON

## State programs also awarded $833,000 to organizations in Monson other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Monson. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Trustees of Reservations nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $225,000 |
| FY2027 | Pulpit Rock Pond Preservation Trust, Inc. nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $89,000 |

A further $519,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 34.2% of Monson's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 49.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **49.6%** | **41.0%** | **34.2%** | **30.8%** |
| $10.9M of $22M · median town 14.1% | $9.7M of $23.6M · median town 12.2% | $10.2M of $29.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 45.4% · median town 10.0% |

Monson's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $897,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Monson's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 39.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 46.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $10.9 million in FY2006 to $10.2 million in FY2025, –6.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.6 million of Monson's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+38.6%** | **+56.6%** | **6 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $2M to $2.8M · all towns +54.0% | $3.9M to $6.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Monson's health insurance would have been $2.55 million in FY2025; it was $2.83 million, $279,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.83 million in FY2025; it was $6.06 million, $1.23 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Monson's government came to $121,000, 15.3% of the $788,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $121,000 | 15.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $121,000 | 15.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $121,000 | 15.3% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Monson's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 196th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.8M** | **$8.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+5%** |
| 196th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Monson runs its own school district and also belongs to Pathfinder; Monson accounts for 15% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.1 million for schools serving Monson, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Monson's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.1M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $378 per resident (193rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Monson's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Quarry Hill Community School | Monson | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3.1M | $3.1M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $2.8 million against an approved budget of $5.1 million (under by $2.3 million); the local share moved from $2.1 million to $1.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Monson has $910,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.3M** | **$5.6M** | **$910,000** |
| $1.6M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 264th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **87**<br>four rated poor; likely about $14M of work on those ($13.7M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$606,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $106,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Monson came on average 14 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $467,000 | $0 | $586,000 | $214,000 |
| FY2018 | $465,000 | $0 | $611,000 | $69,000 |
| FY2019 | $465,000 | $93,000 | $480,000 | $147,000 |
| FY2020 | $465,000 | $46,000 | $204,000 | $454,000 |
| FY2021 | $465,000 | $0 | $824,000 | $95,000 |
| FY2022 | $465,000 | $335,000 | $15,000 | $879,000 |
| FY2023 | $458,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $140,000 |
| FY2024 | $456,000 | $407,000 | $928,000 | $75,000 |
| FY2025 | $455,000 | $228,000 | $602,000 | $156,000 |
| FY2026 | $787,000 | $490,000 | $523,000 | $910,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $786,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.7M |

The full list of the 110 bridges in Monson in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Nieske Road over Twelvemile Brook / Reimers Road over unnamed tributary to Twelvemile Brook source | $106,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Monson received $2.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 77% of the $3.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Monson ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Monson** this town | **55** | **$15,493** | **$338** | **$14.84** | **2.33** | **2.6%** |
| Barre peer | 63 | $20,237 | $183 | $22.43 | 0.33 | 2.1% |
| Dudley peer | 60 | $17,447 | $442 | $36.88 | 1.55 | 2.5% |
| Williamstown peer | 21 | $5,059 | $141 | $20.49† | 1.38 | 2.4% |
| Blackstone peer | 51 | $14,382 | $190 | $90.57 | 0.82 | 2.6% |
| Dalton peer | 58 | $17,590 | $490 | $27.97† | 1.32 | 2.7% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| North Brookfield lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Montague

Town · Franklin County · 8,482 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

**STATE SENATE**
Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Gill-Montague Regional School District, shared with Gill
Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield and ten others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Montague scores 55 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 85 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**55** / 100

89th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 46 | 60 | 56 |

Rank under other weightings: 62nd to 111th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Montague received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 53 and 57 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**85** / 100

61st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 87 | 81 | 87 | 86 |

Rank under other weightings: 52nd to 65th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

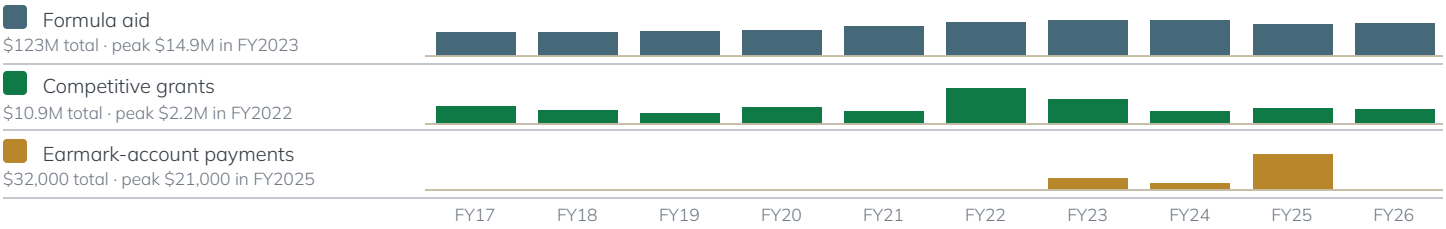
Montague received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 85 stays between 84 and 86 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Montague's town government and school districts received $123 million in formula aid and $10.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $123M | $10.9M | $32,000 |
| $14,528 per resident (83rd of 351) · gross | $1,282 per resident (64th of 351) | $3.82 per resident (302nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Montague peaked in FY2022 at $2.2 million, 20% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $15 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Montague received $225,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $225,000 | $225,000 | $225,000 | No |
| $26.53 per resident (182nd of 351) | $26.53 per resident (251st of 351) | $26.53 per resident (255th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Montague's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Montague, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the town of Montague for upgrades to the water pollution control facility" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Montague for infrastructure improvements at the Gill Montague council on aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Montague for municipal building roof improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $25,000 | "the Unity Park Fieldhouse roof improvement project in Montague" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Montague received 2.38 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**103.1**<br>85th of 351 · 12.2 per 1,000 residents (86th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$27.9M**<br>scored exposure $9.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**102**<br>114th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**30.1 sq mi**<br>24% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,559**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.52**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.38; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,758 acres**<br>24.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$375,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$78.92**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,556**<br>FY2017–2025 · 194th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MONTAGUE

## Montague has 4,890 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,228 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,890 acres**<br>25.3% of Montague's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,228 acres**<br>11.5% of Montague's land · 123 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,053 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**641 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 90 | 4,890 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 32 | 4,717 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 50 | 1,084 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 62 | 1,011 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 11 | 133 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 54 | 1,565 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 54 | 1,053 |
| Conservation restriction | 30 | 641 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 28 | 2,743 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 1,974 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Montague Plains WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2,021 | |
| Montague WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,949 | |
| Montague State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 676 | |
| Bitzer Fish Hatchery | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 73 | |
| Connecticut River Access - Montague | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 71 | |
| Sawmill River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 52 | |
| Wendell State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 23 | |
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 18 | |
| Mount Toby State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 113.0 miles of public road in Montague, the state maintains 5.6 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.6 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 103.1 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.7 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Montague $2.4 million and takes back $123,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.4 million** | **$123,000** | **$2.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $55,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $73,000 |
| State Owned Land | $375,000 |
| Public Libraries | $28,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,386 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| Regional Transit | $108,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MONTAGUE

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Friends of the Montague Common Hall nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $112,000 |
| FY2025 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2019 | Shea Theater Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | Shea Theater Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $88,000 |
| FY2022 | Shea Theater Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $43,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2024 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $40,000 |
| FY2018 | Gill-Montague RSD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $37,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2026 | Turners Falls Fire District regional body | DFS Firefighter Safety Equipment / Fire grants | $12,000 |
| FY2019 | Kestrel Land Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2024 | Turners Falls Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $4,700 |
| FY2025 | Turners Falls Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $4,700 |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $1.6 million in 7 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 8.7% of Montague's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 10.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.1%** | **9.2%** | **8.7%** | **8.3%** |
| $1.4M of $13.6M · median town 14.1% | $1.6M of $17.7M · median town 12.2% | $2.2M of $25.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.5% · median town 10.0% |

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**Montague's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 5.1% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 6.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.4 million in FY2006 to $2.2 million in FY2025, +62.9% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+54.9%** | **+44.8%** | **3 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $838,000 to $1.3M · all towns +54.0% | $1.9M to $2.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Montague's health insurance would have been $1.05 million in FY2025; it was $1.30 million, $252,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.34 million in FY2025; it was $2.71 million, $373,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Montague's government came to $225,000, 48.9% of the $460,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $225,000 | 48.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $225,000 | 48.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $225,000 | 48.9% | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## Montague's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 144th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$8.2M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$7.3M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.7%**<br>144th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+11%**<br>after inflation |

Montague has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Montague, Gill-Montague and Franklin County; Montague accounts for 100%, 88% and 12% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $16.3 million for schools serving Montague, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Montague's share<br>**$16.3M**<br>$1,917 per resident (92nd of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Montague's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $14.1M (12%) |
| FY2026 | Gill Elementary School | Gill Montague | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.5M | $2.2M (88%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Montague has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.7M**<br>$1.7M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.2M**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 280th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**15**<br>two rated poor; about $7.5M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$475,000**<br>bridges $450,000 · dams $0 · culverts $25,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Montague came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $497,000 | $0 | $691,000 | $274,000 |
| FY2018 | $494,000 | $0 | $555,000 | $213,000 |
| FY2019 | $492,000 | $98,000 | $664,000 | $140,000 |
| FY2020 | $489,000 | $49,000 | $562,000 | $115,000 |
| FY2021 | $487,000 | $0 | $522,000 | $81,000 |
| FY2022 | $487,000 | $344,000 | $362,000 | $550,000 |
| FY2023 | $485,000 | $0 | $934,000 | $101,000 |
| FY2024 | $483,000 | $419,000 | $877,000 | $127,000 |
| FY2025 | $482,000 | $235,000 | $397,000 | $447,000 |
| FY2026 | $822,000 | $506,000 | $572,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $821,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |


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The full list of the 25 bridges in Montague in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | South Ferry Road over UNT to Sawmill River source | $25,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Montague received $11.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $10.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Montague ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Montague** this town | **55** | **$14,528** | **$1,282** | **$26.53** | **2.38** | **2.7%** |
| Spencer peer | 59 | $16,090 | $675 | $55.46 | 0.85 | 2.5% |
| Templeton peer | 61 | $18,577 | $420 | $27.27 | 0.60 | 2.0% |
| North Brookfield peer · lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |
| Palmer peer | 58 | $16,159 | $720 | $29.88† | 0.54 | 2.2% |
| Warren peer | 67 | $20,879 | $1,969 | $10.98 | 1.67 | 2.5% |
| Greenfield best in class of 30 | 53 | $14,180 | $1,705 | $134† | 4.81 | 2.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

FAIRNESS INDEX CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

STATE MONEY CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

EARMARKS General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

SCHOOLS DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

SCHOOL BUILDINGS Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Monterey

Town · Berkshire County · 954 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Southern Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Alford, Egremont, New Marlborough and Sheffield

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Monterey scores 67 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 98 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

67 / 100

18th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 62 | 76 | 53 | 76 |

Rank under other weightings: 8th to 38th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Monterey received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 67 stays between 61 and 72 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

98 / 100

3rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 99 | 99 | 97 | 99 |

Rank under other weightings: 2nd to 3rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

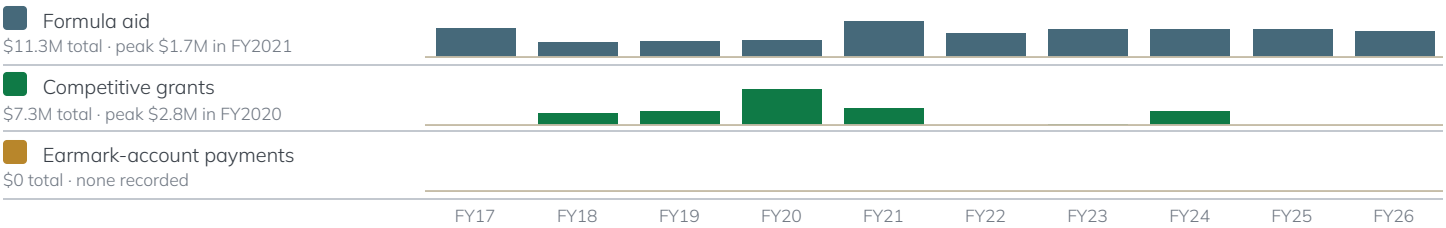
Monterey received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 98 stays between 98 and 99 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Monterey's town government and school districts received $11.3 million in formula aid and $7.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $11.3M | $7.3M | $0 |
| $11,798 per resident (133rd of 351) · gross | $7,628 per resident (6th of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Monterey peaked in FY2020 at $2.8 million, 38% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 954 residents, a single payment moves Monterey's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.9 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in Monterey in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

Monterey is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Monterey's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Monterey's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Marlborough | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Chilmark | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Alford | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Aquinnah | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $150 |
| Tyringham | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Monterey received 3.68 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**48.1**<br>262nd of 351 · 50.5 per 1,000 residents (27th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.8M**<br>scored exposure $3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**54**<br>246th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.4 sq mi**<br>28% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**57%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,194**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 3.68; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,694 acres**<br>27.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$359,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$76.40**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$69,033**<br>FY2017–2025 · 18th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MONTEREY

## Monterey has 4,840 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,500 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,840 acres**<br>28.6% of Monterey's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,500 acres**<br>8.9% of Monterey's land · 62 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**440 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,538 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 33 | 4,840 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 6 | 4,727 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 9 | 267 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 31 | 705 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 22 | 529 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 35 | 1,466 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 8 | 440 |
| Conservation restriction | 39 | 2,538 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 4,727 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beartown State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3,958 | |
| Arthur Wharton Swann State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 819 | |
| Appalachian Trail Corridor | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 52 | |
| Lake Buel Boat Ramp | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 9 | |
| Sandisfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 58.0 miles of public road in Monterey, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 48.1 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.5 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Monterey $441,000 and takes back $1,964 in assessments and charges, a net $439,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$441,000** | **$1,964** | **$439,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 0% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $63,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $1,753 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $3,806 |
| State Owned Land | $367,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,955 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $676 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,100 |
| Regional Transit | $188 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MONTEREY

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| FY2017 | The Bidwell House nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2019 | Department of Conservation & Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $26,000 |
| FY2020 | Greenagers nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $21,000 |
| FY2024 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $16,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2022 | Knox Trail Riders Association nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $16,000 |
| FY2025 | Knox Trail Riders Association nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,100 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2019 | Knox Trail Riders Association nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $6,547 |
| FY2022 | Knox Trail Sno-Riders nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $6,297 (shared six ways) |
| FY2026 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $1,500 (shared ten ways) |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

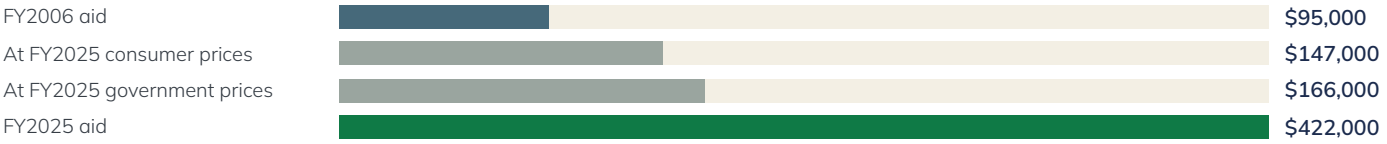
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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **3.6%** | **7.4%** | **7.6%** | **7.6%** |
| $95,000 of $2.6M · median town 14.1% | $290,000 of $3.9M · median town 12.2% | $422,000 of $5.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.9% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–1.1%** | **+40.3%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $156,000 to $154,000 · all towns +54.0% | $324,000 to $454,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Monterey's health insurance would have been $194,000 in FY2025; it was $154,000, $40,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $404,000 in FY2025; it was $454,000, $50,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Monterey's reported health insurance fell from $156,000 in FY2016 to $154,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

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| Placed in the city or town | $0 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Monterey's required school contribution is 1.8% of median household income, 321st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$299,000** | **$1M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.8%** | **–17%** |
| 321st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Monterey has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Southern Berkshire; Monterey accounts for 13% of that district's foundation budget. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Monterey, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Monterey has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.3M** | **$1.7M** | **$1.3M** |
| $847,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.0 years of its yearly money · 76th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **12** | **1** | **$58,000** |
| two rated poor; about $5.2M of work on those, by planning estimates | of two town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $58,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Monterey came on average 31 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Monterey owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

**Monterey owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $199,000 | $0 | $571,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $198,000 | $0 | $24,000 | $174,000 |
| FY2019 | $198,000 | $40,000 | $8,978 | $405,000 |
| FY2020 | $197,000 | $20,000 | $0 | $621,000 |
| FY2021 | $196,000 | $0 | $609,000 | $280,000 |
| FY2022 | $196,000 | $161,000 | $0 | $637,000 |
| FY2023 | $196,000 | $0 | $262,000 | $571,000 |
| FY2024 | $195,000 | $241,000 | $366,000 | $642,000 |
| FY2025 | $195,000 | $156,000 | $248,000 | $745,000 |
| FY2026 | $354,000 | $230,000 | $79,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $353,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Monterey in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Enhancing Flood Resiliency through Culvert Improvements along the Konkapot River in Monterey Town Center source | $58,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Monterey received $7.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.4 times the $3.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Monterey is one of six municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Monterey** this town | **67** | **$11,798** | **$7,628** | **$0** | **3.68** | **1.8%** |
| New Marlborough peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $8,719 | $3,098 | $0 | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Chilmark peer | 33 | $5,153 | $334 | $0 | 0.74 | 1.4% |
| Alford peer | 43 | $5,565 | $1,817 | $0 | 0.13 | 0.9% |
| Aquinnah peer | 38 | $6,830 | $786 | $150 | 2.09 | 1.9% |
| Tyringham peer | 34 | $4,388 | $85.59 | $0 | 0.28 | 1.0% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Montgomery

Town · Hampden County · 796 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Hampden · Nicholas A. Boldyga | Hampden and Hampshire · John C. Velis | Gateway Regional School District, shared with Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield and Russell | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Montgomery scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 44 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**42** / 100

188th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 41 | 47 | 40 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 184th to 201st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Montgomery received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 41 and 44 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**44** / 100

216th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 52 | 32 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 209th to 223rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

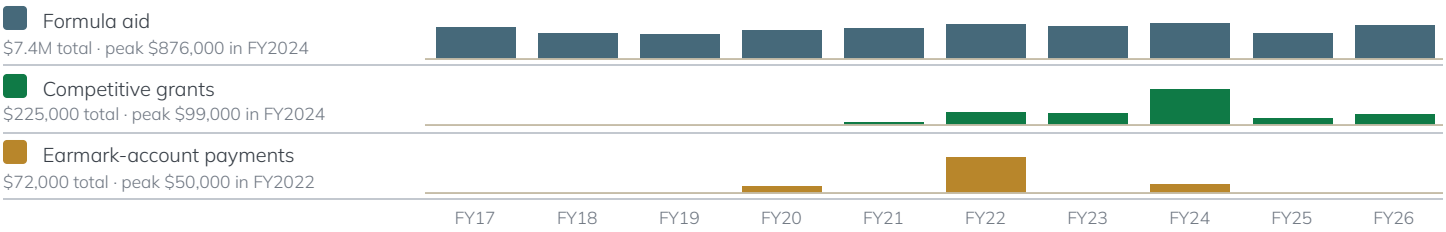
Montgomery received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 40 and 47 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Montgomery's town government and school districts received $7.4 million in formula aid and $225,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $7.4M | $225,000 | $72,000 |
| $9,334 per resident (204th of 351) · gross | $283 per resident (216th of 351) | $89.87 per resident (29th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Montgomery peaked in FY2024 at $99,000, 44% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 796 residents, a single payment moves Montgomery's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $553,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Montgomery received $36,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $36,000 | $36,000 | $36,000 | No |
| $45.37 per resident (91st of 351) | $45.37 per resident (180th of 351) | $45.37 per resident (185th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2024. All of it went to Montgomery's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Montgomery, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $20,000 | "public safety improvements in the town of Montgomery" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $10,000 (split four ways) | "equally between the municipalities of Russell, Southampton, Montgomery and Westfield for the maintenance and repair of war memorials" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $6,111 (split nine ways) | "equally between the councils on aging located in the municipalities of Agawam, Chicopee, Easthampton, Holyoke. Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Southwick, Tolland and Westfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Montgomery received 27% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**30.4**<br>324th of 351 · 38.2 per 1,000 residents (33rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7M**<br>scored exposure $2.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**42**<br>288th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.0 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**801**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.27; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**690 acres**<br>7.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$9,360**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$13.56**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,033**<br>FY2017–2025 · 202nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MONTGOMERY

## Montgomery has 783 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,271 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**783 acres**<br>8.2% of Montgomery's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,271 acres**<br>13.3% of Montgomery's land · 34 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**6 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,451 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 8 | 783 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 650 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 7 | 401 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 99 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 22 | 770 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 35 | 1,700 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 6 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 2,451 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 4 | 632 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 17 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tekoa Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 627 | |
| Bungy Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 91 | |
| Grace A. Robson Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 49 | |
| Huntington State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 17 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 31.2 miles of public road in Montgomery, the state maintains 0.1 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.1 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 30.4 | 98% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.7 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Montgomery $166,000 and takes back $7,127 in assessments and charges, a net $158,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$166,000** | **$7,127** | **$158,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $32,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $113,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $5,048 |
| State Owned Land | $11,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,052 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $258 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,680 |
| Regional Transit | $189 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $5,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MONTGOMERY

## State programs also awarded $3,958 to organizations in Montgomery other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Montgomery. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.2% of Montgomery's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.2%** | **6.4%** | **7.2%** | **6.7%** |
| $105,000 of $1.3M · median town 14.1% | $111,000 of $1.7M · median town 12.2% | $155,000 of $2.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.1% · median town 10.0% |

Montgomery's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $227,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Montgomery's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 5.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 15.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $105,000 in FY2006 to $155,000 in FY2025, +47.4% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–2.0%** | **+35.1%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $51,000 to $50,000 · all towns +54.0% | $112,000 to $152,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Montgomery's health insurance would have been $63,000 in FY2025; it was $50,000, $14,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $140,000 in FY2025; it was $152,000, $11,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2025 (–34%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Montgomery's reported health insurance fell from $51,000 in FY2016 to $50,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $36,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $36,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $36,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Montgomery's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 282nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$360,000** | **$899,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| Share of household income | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26 |
| **2.3%** | **–8%** |
| 282nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Montgomery has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Montgomery and Gateway; Montgomery accounts for 100% and 9% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Montgomery, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Montgomery has $886,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.2M** | **$1.1M** | **$886,000** |
| $612,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.5 years of its yearly money · 45th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
| **8** | **0** | **$0** |
| three rated poor; likely about $1.6M of work on those ($898,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Montgomery owns two poor bridges of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $126,000 | $0 | $240,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $126,000 | $0 | $130,000 | $10 |
| FY2019 | $125,000 | $25,000 | $137,000 | $65,000 |
| FY2020 | $125,000 | $12,000 | $175,000 | $26,000 |
| FY2021 | $125,000 | $0 | $135,000 | $16,000 |
| FY2022 | $124,000 | $101,000 | $89,000 | $152,000 |
| FY2023 | $124,000 | $0 | $101,000 | $175,000 |
| FY2024 | $123,000 | $191,000 | $154,000 | $335,000 |
| FY2025 | $123,000 | $137,000 | $0 | $595,000 |
| FY2026 | $224,000 | $145,000 | $77,000 | $886,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $223,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |

The full list of the nine bridges in Montgomery in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Montgomery received $262,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 21% of the $1.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Montgomery ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Montgomery** this town | **42** | **$9,334** | **$283** | **$45.37** | **0.27** | **2.3%** |
| Washington peer | 56 | $15,534 | $6,984 | $95.06 | 1.16 | 2.6% |
| Peru peer | 62 | $22,437 | $3,220 | $39.68 | 1.98 | 2.8% |
| Cummington peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $9,157 | $4,050 | $0 | 1.51 | 1.5% |
| Windsor peer | 53 | $9,357 | $3,955 | $23.47 | 1.38 | 1.5% |
| Whately peer | 46 | $9,968 | $1,484 | $28.91 | 1.02 | 2.4% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |

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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Mount Washington

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**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Mount Washington operates no schools of its own and belongs to no regional district in DESE's FY2026 files.

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Mount Washington scores 62 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 94 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

62 / 100

36th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 66 | 74 | 41 | 69 |

Rank under other weightings: 17th to 62nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Mount Washington received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 62 stays between 57 and 68 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

94 / 100

29th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 96 | 97 | 87 | 97 |

Rank under other weightings: 25th to 32nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

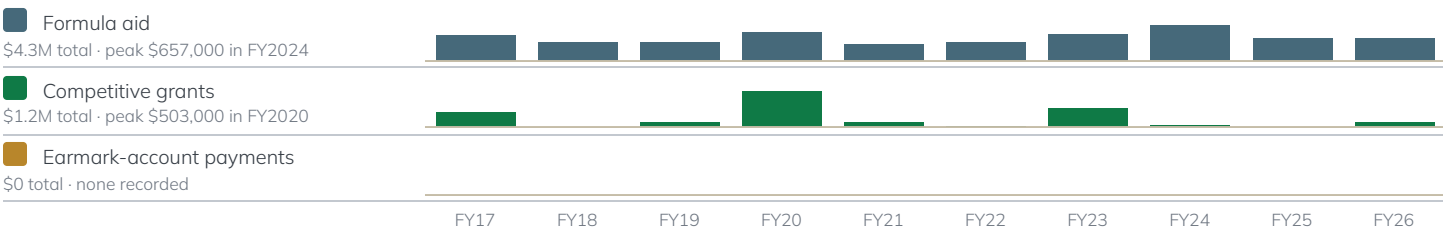
Mount Washington received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 94 stays between 93 and 96 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Mount Washington's town government and school districts received $4.3 million in formula aid and $1.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $4.3M | $1.2M | $0 |
| $22,393 per resident (17th of 351) · gross | $6,365 per resident (10th of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Mount Washington peaked in FY2020 at $503,000, 41% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 193 residents, a single payment moves Mount Washington's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $94,000, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in Mount Washington in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

Mount Washington is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Mount Washington's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Mount Washington's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tyringham | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Alford | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Aquinnah | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $150 |
| Monterey | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Gosnold | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Mount Washington received 1.07 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**17.4**<br>341st of 351 · 90.3 per 1,000 residents (4th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.3M**<br>scored exposure $327,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**30**<br>315th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.3 sq mi**<br>50% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**49%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**418**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.07; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**8,409 acres**<br>59.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$359,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$42.68**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$73,200**<br>FY2017–2025 · 14th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN MOUNT WASHINGTON

## Mount Washington has 7,164 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 317 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**7,164 acres**<br>50.3% of Mount Washington's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**317 acres**<br>2.2% of Mount Washington's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**3,359 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 64 | 7,164 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 7,996 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 317 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 27 |
| Conservation restriction | 26 | 3,359 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | 7,996 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Washington State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4,645 | |
| Mount Everett State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,068 | |
| Bash Bish Falls State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 451 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 17.4 miles of public road in Mount Washington, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 17.4 | 100% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Mount Washington $415,000 and takes back $10,000 in assessments and charges, a net $405,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$415,000** | **$10,000** | **$405,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $14,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $38,000 |
| State Owned Land | $359,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,170 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $109 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $300 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $10,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN MOUNT WASHINGTON

## State programs also awarded $32,000 to organizations in Mount Washington other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Mount Washington. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Mount Washington Cultural Council nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

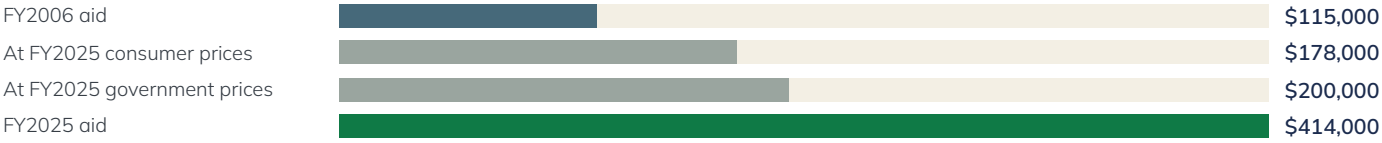
COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 44.6% of Mount Washington's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 23.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **23.5%** | **52.4%** | **44.6%** | **44.6%** |
| $115,000 of $486,000 · median town 14.1% | $346,000 of $660,000 · median town 12.2% | $414,000 of $927,000 · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 30.1% · median town 10.0% |

**Mount Washington's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 133.0% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 107.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $115,000 in FY2006 to $414,000 in FY2025, +261.4% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **−11.8%** | **+5.1%** | **2 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $54,000 to $48,000 · all towns +54.0% | $97,000 to $102,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Mount Washington's health insurance would have been $67,000 in FY2025; it was $48,000, $20,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $121,000 in FY2025; it was $102,000, $19,000 below the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+34%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.


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LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Mount Washington's reported health insurance fell from $54,000 in FY2016 to $48,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Mount Washington's required school contribution is 0.4% of median household income, the third-lowest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$14,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$42,000**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**0.4%**<br>349th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–56%**<br>after inflation |

Mount Washington operates no schools. DESE carries it as a non-operating district, and its pupils attend schools in other districts. Mount Washington had five resident pupils in FY2026, so per-pupil changes swing from year to year.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Mount Washington, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Mount Washington has $583,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$1.3M**<br>$437,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$605,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$583,000**<br>annual program: 2.1 years of its yearly money · 71st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**2**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Mount Washington came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $70,000 | $0 | $113,000 | $28,000 |
| FY2018 | $70,000 | $0 | $0 | $98,000 |
| FY2019 | $70,000 | $14,000 | $0 | $182,000 |
| FY2020 | $69,000 | $6,942 | $259,000 | $8 |
| FY2021 | $69,000 | $0 | $0 | $69,000 |
| FY2022 | $69,000 | $58,000 | $0 | $197,000 |
| FY2023 | $69,000 | $0 | $58,000 | $207,000 |
| FY2024 | $69,000 | $153,000 | $246,000 | $183,000 |
| FY2025 | $69,000 | $122,000 | $0 | $374,000 |
| FY2026 | $127,000 | $83,000 | $0 | $583,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $126,000 | $0 | $0 | $710,000 |

The full list of the two bridges in Mount Washington in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Mount Washington received $1.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 77% of the $1.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Mount Washington is one of eight municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mount Washington** this town | **62** | **$22,393** | **$6,365** | **$0** | **1.07** | **0.4%** |
| Tyringham peer · lowest in class of 30 | 34 | $4,388 | $85.59 | $0 | 0.28 | 1.0% |
| Alford peer | 43 | $5,565 | $1,817 | $0 | 0.13 | 0.9% |
| Aquinnah peer | 38 | $6,830 | $786 | $150 | 2.09 | 1.9% |
| Monterey peer | 67 | $11,798 | $7,628 | $0 | 3.68 | 1.8% |
| Gosnold peer | 82 | $32,727 | $214,090 | $0 | 0.76 | not available |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Nahant

Town · Essex County · 3,325 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

11th Essex · Sean Reid

STATE SENATE

Third Essex · Brendan P. Crighton

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Nahant Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Nahant scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 52 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**30** / 100

305th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 29 | 37 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 268th to 331st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Nahant received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 28 and 32 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**52** / 100

188th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 54 | 47 | 54 |

Rank under other weightings: 180th to 191st.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

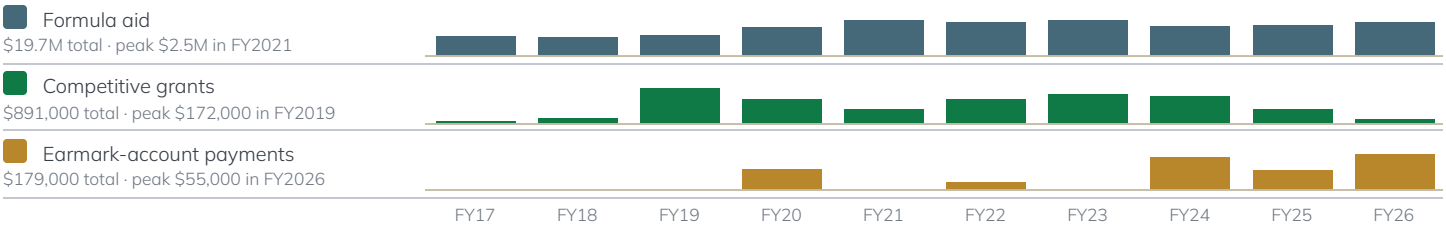
Nahant received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 50 and 53 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Nahant's town government and school districts received $19.7 million in formula aid and $891,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $19.7M | $891,000 | $179,000 |
| $5,917 per resident (337th of 351) · gross | $268 per resident (221st of 351) | $53.97 per resident (69th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Nahant were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Nahant received $420,000 in local earmarks to its government, $437,000 placed in the city or town and $2.3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $420,000 | $437,000 | $2.3M | No |
| $126 per resident (13th of 351) | $131 per resident (37th of 351) · 4% to organizations | $697 per resident (3rd of 351) · 1% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $420,000 went to Nahant's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $17,000 went to organizations in Nahant or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Nahant but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $1.9 million, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $1.9 million in 11 clauses for state facilities located in Nahant (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Nahant, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (25 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $225,000 (split four ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, Quincy, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester and Hull to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2022 | $225,000 (split four ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2021 | $225,000 (split four ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2019 | $225,000 (split four ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2018 | $225,000 (split four ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |

Printed: the 5 largest of 25 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Nahant received 69% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**16.6**<br>343rd of 351 · 5.0 per 1,000 residents (234th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**0**<br>346th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**1.1 sq mi**<br>9% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**5%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,517**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.69; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2 acres**<br>0.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$2,221**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$1,073**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,826**<br>FY2017–2025 · 217th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NAHANT

## Nahant has 71 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**71 acres**<br>10.3% of Nahant's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 71 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 3 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 6 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 0 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 3 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lynn Shore Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 68 | |
| Henry Cabot Lodge Bird Sanctuary (Egg Rock) | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 18.9 miles of public road in Nahant, the state maintains 1.6 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| DCR | 1.6 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 16.6 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 4% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2025 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2024 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, Quincy, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2023 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere, Winthrop and Quincy, the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of…” |
| FY2022 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2021 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2020 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the Dorchester, East Boston and South Boston sections of the city of Boston, in the cities of Lynn, Quincy and Revere…” |
| FY2019 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2018 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2017 | $225,000 | “the Metropolitan Beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2017 | $17,000 | “address the cleanup of Pilayella algae in Lynn, Nahant and Revere” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Nahant $1.3 million and takes back $384,000 in assessments and charges, a net $872,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.3 million** | **$384,000** | **$872,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 31% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $663,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $13,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $489,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $48,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $34,000 |
| State Owned Land | $2,221 |
| Public Libraries | $7,123 |


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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $9,421 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,580 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $2,026 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,140 |
| MBTA | $85,000 |
| Special Education | $36,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $32,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $215,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NAHANT

## State programs also awarded $203,000 to organizations in Nahant other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Northeastern University nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $203,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.9% of Nahant's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.2%** | **8.9%** | **7.9%** | **5.5%** |
| $845,000 of $9.1M · median town 14.1% | $913,000 of $10.3M · median town 12.2% | $1.2M of $14.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.4% · median town 10.0% |

Nahant's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $49,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Nahant's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 11.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 21.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $845,000 in FY2006 to $1.2 million in FY2025, +37.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+54.9%** | **+58.4%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $741,000 to $1.1M · all towns +54.0% | $1.7M to $2.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Nahant's health insurance would have been $926,000 in FY2025; it was $1.15 million, $223,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.13 million in FY2025; it was $2.70 million, $571,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Nahant's government came to $365,000, 89.6% of the $407,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $365,000 | 89.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $373,000 | 91.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.1M | 5.2 times | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## Nahant's required school contribution is 1.6% of median household income, 334th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$663,000**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$2.8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.6%**<br>334th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+2%**<br>after inflation |

Nahant runs its own school district and also belongs to Essex North Shore; Nahant accounts for 1% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $4,812 for schools serving Nahant, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Nahant's share<br>**$4,812**<br>$1.45 per resident (276th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Nahant's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $4,812 (1%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Nahant's share of the final cost was $7,000 against its share of the approved budget of $11,000 (under by $4,000); the local share moved from $6,000 to $4,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Nahant has $70,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$1.3M**<br>$246,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$70,000**<br>annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 319th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Nahant came on average 18 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $93,000 | $0 | $93,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $92,000 | $0 | $9 | $92,000 |
| FY2019 | $92,000 | $18,000 | $165,000 | $37,000 |
| FY2020 | $91,000 | $9,121 | $137,000 | $8 |
| FY2021 | $91,000 | $0 | $7 | $91,000 |
| FY2022 | $91,000 | $55,000 | $15,000 | $222,000 |
| FY2023 | $89,000 | $0 | $298,000 | $12,000 |
| FY2024 | $88,000 | $55,000 | $62,000 | $94,000 |
| FY2025 | $88,000 | $25,000 | $2,160 | $205,000 |
| FY2026 | $143,000 | $83,000 | $361,000 | $70,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $143,000 | $0 | $0 | $213,000 |


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Nahant received $1.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 68% of the $2.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Nahant ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $437,000 in earmarks placed in Nahant, $17,000 (4%) went to organizations rather than to Nahant's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nahant** this town | **30** | **$5,917** | **$268** | **$131** | **0.69** | **1.6%** |
| Lenox peer | 32 | $6,580 | $735 | $14.77 | 1.89 | 2.1% |
| Orleans peer | 26 | $4,954 | $820 | $115† | 1.26 | 1.7% |
| Wellfleet peer | 37 | $4,162 | $3,572 | $59.49 | 1.85 | 1.3% |
| Erving peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $7,326 | $3,750 | $0 | 8.12 | 4.7% |
| Rockport peer | 29 | $6,385 | $408 | $88.56 | 1.27 | 2.1% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NANTUCKET COUNTY

# Nantucket

Town · Nantucket County · 14,483 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**Barnstable-Dukes-Nantucket** · Thomas W. Moakley

STATE SENATE

**Cape and Islands** · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Nantucket Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Nantucket scores 25 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 48 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**25** / 100

344th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | 39 | 21 | 18 |

Rank under other weightings: 333rd to 350th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Nantucket received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 25 stays between 22 and 28 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**48** / 100

196th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 71 | 26 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 169th to 214th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

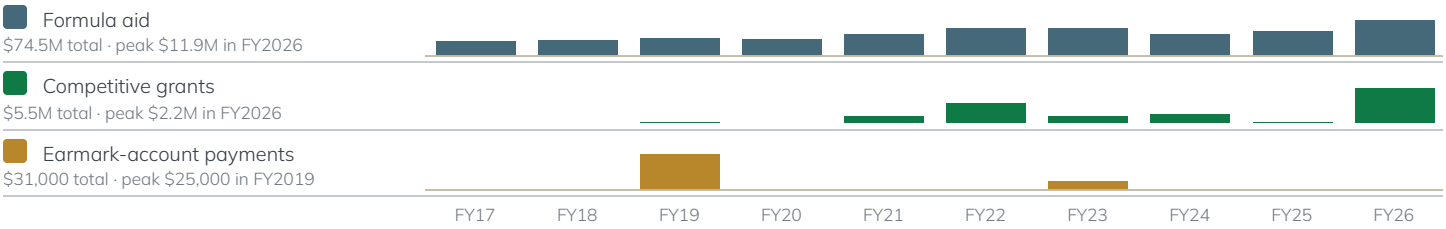
Nantucket received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 41 and 56 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Nantucket's town government and school districts received $74.5 million in formula aid and $5.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$74.5M** | **$5.5M** | **$31,000** |
| $5,145 per resident (343rd of 351) · gross | $383 per resident (177th of 351) | $2.16 per resident (311th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Nantucket peaked in FY2026 at $2.2 million, 41% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $130 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Nantucket received $50,000 in local earmarks to its government, $250,000 placed in the city or town and $250,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$50,000** | **$250,000** | **$250,000** | **No** |
| $3.45 per resident (293rd of 351) | $17.26 per resident (283rd of 351) · 80% to organizations | $17.26 per resident (284th of 351) · 80% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $50,000 went to Nantucket's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $200,000 went to organizations in Nantucket or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Nantucket, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the Museum of African American History, Incorporated in the town of Nantucket for operational support and upgrades to the historic African Meeting House, including, but not limited to, preparations for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the Museum of African American History, Incorporated in the town of Nantucket for security upgrades at the African Meeting House" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $40,000 | "the Nantucket Cottage hospital for off-island medical transportation, including the transportation of patients with behavioral health conditions" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $35,000 | "the Artists Association of Nantucket, Inc. to provide scholarships for individuals and support mental health programming through the creative arts" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "American Legion Post 82 in the town of Nantucket for repairing and replacing veteran gravestones and honoring veterans" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Nantucket received 81% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**124.6**<br>57th of 351 · 8.6 per 1,000 residents (127th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.6M**<br>scored exposure $1.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**61**<br>226th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**46.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**55%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**33,250**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.27**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.81; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**89 acres**<br>0.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$343,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$3,862**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$252,569**<br>FY2017–2025 · 3rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NANTUCKET

## Nantucket has 124 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 584 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**124 acres**<br>0.4% of Nantucket's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**584 acres**<br>2.0% of Nantucket's land · 21 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**40 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,540 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 124 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 12 | 146 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 12 | 65 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 519 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 3 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 9 | 40 |
| Conservation restriction | 121 | 1,540 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | 118 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 27 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 1 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nantucket State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 118 | |
| Miacomet Heath WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 4 | |
| Head Of The Plains WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 141.0 miles of public road in Nantucket, the state maintains 6.5 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.5 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 123.5 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 11.0 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

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|---|---|
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| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $165,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $18,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $7,078 |
| State Owned Land | $351,000 |
| Public Libraries | $26,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $30,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $44,000 |
| Regional Transit | $1.2M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $34,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NANTUCKET

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Housing Nantucket nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $375,000 |
| FY2026 | Housing Nantucket nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $375,000 |
| FY2018 | Nantucket Dreamland Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $174,000 |
| FY2024 | Nantucket Historical Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $164,000 |
| FY2024 | Nantucket Island School of Design & the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $158,000 |
| FY2020 | Nantucket Historical Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2016 | The Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $117,000 |
| FY2024 | Nantucket Dreamland Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $105,000 |
| FY2024 | The Hive Nantucket nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $91,000 |
| FY2024 | Nantucket Dreamland Foundation Inc. nonprofit | MOTT Destination Development grants | $90,000 |
| FY2016 | Nantucket Historical Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $86,000 |
| FY2022 | White Heron Theatre Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $70,000 |
| FY2019 | Nantucket Dreamland Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2024 | Albert F. and Dorothy H. Egan Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $42,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 19 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $672,000 in 7 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

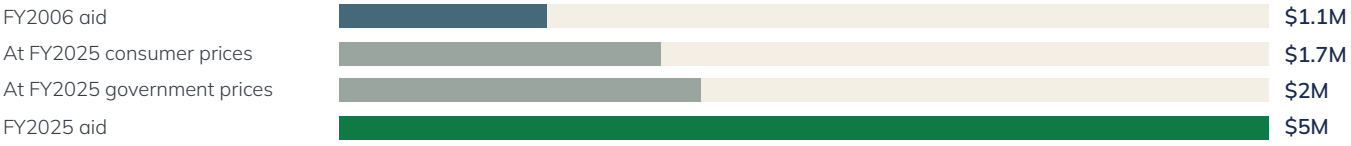
COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.0% of Nantucket's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 1.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1.7%** | **4.3%** | **4.0%** | **3.0%** |
| $1.1M of $64.4M · median town 14.1% | $3.2M of $73.5M · median town 12.2% | $5M of $126M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 2.0% · median town 10.0% |

**Nantucket's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 188.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 156.2% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.1 million in FY2006 to $5 million in FY2025, +347.1% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+42.1%** | **+58.6%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $14.4M to $20.4M · all towns +54.0% | $18.1M to $28.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Nantucket's health insurance would have been $17.9 million in FY2025; it was $20.4 million, $2.47 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $22.6 million in FY2025; it was $28.7 million, $6.09 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (+78%) and FY2023 (–33%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (+100%) and FY2023 (–41%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

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Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Nantucket's government came to $50,000, 0.8% of the $6.04 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $50,000 | 0.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $200,000 | 3.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $200,000 | 3.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Nantucket's required school contribution is 3.0% of


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## median household income, 65th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$4.8M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$22.4M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.0%**<br>65th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+8%**<br>after inflation |

Nantucket runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Nantucket, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Nantucket has $3.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9.8M**<br>$1.8M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3.2M**<br>annual program: 2.4 years of its yearly money · 52nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**4**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $637,000 | $0 | $362,000 | $637,000 |
| FY2018 | $637,000 | $0 | $320,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2019 | $636,000 | $127,000 | $651,000 | $2M |
| FY2020 | $636,000 | $64,000 | $0 | $2.7M |
| FY2021 | $637,000 | $0 | $111,000 | $3.3M |
| FY2022 | $633,000 | $412,000 | $0 | $4.3M |
| FY2023 | $654,000 | $0 | $412,000 | $4.6M |
| FY2024 | $657,000 | $400,000 | $370,000 | $5.3M |
| FY2025 | $659,000 | $179,000 | $985,000 | $5.1M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $628,000 | $3.6M | $3.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $4.3M |

The full list of the four bridges in Nantucket in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Nantucket received $9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 51% of the $17.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Nantucket ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $250,000 in earmarks placed in Nantucket, $200,000 (80%) went to organizations rather than to Nantucket's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nantucket** this town | **25** | **$5,145** | **$383** | **$17.26**† | **0.81** | **3.0%** |
| Westwood peer | 27 | $6,423 | $120 | $45.96 | 0.30 | 2.5% |
| Concord peer | 34 | $8,067 | $148 | $84.78 | 0.61 | 2.5% |
| Scituate peer | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |
| Marblehead peer | 29 | $6,094 | $187 | $21.64 | 0.50 | 1.9% |
| Winchester peer | 28 | $6,820 | $40.16 | $49.13 | 0.45 | 2.5% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Harvard lowest in class of 30 | 39 | $8,662 | $563 | $18.05 | 0.96 | 2.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Natick

Town · Middlesex County · 36,873 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**5th Middlesex** · David Paul Linsky

STATE SENATE

**Middlesex and Norfolk** · Karen E. Spilka

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Natick Public Schools**, the town's own district

**South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashland, Framingham, Holliston and Hopkinton

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Natick scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 20 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

331st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 36 | 23 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 314th to 338th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Natick received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 26 and 30 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**20** / 100

315th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 26 | 18 | 17 |

Rank under other weightings: 310th to 319th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

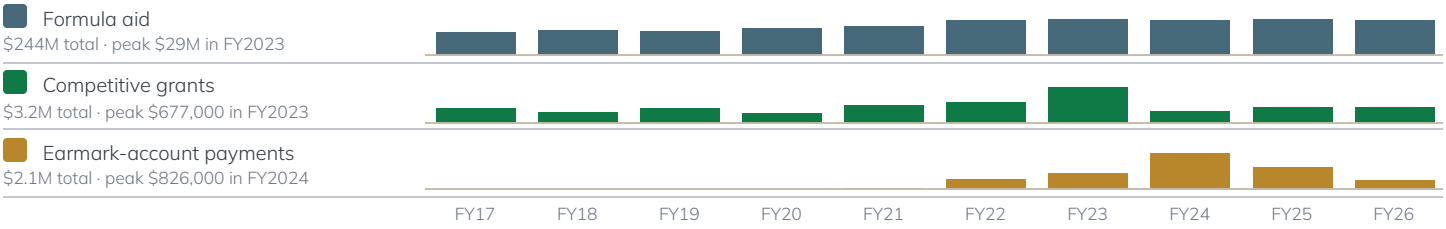
Natick received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 20 stays between 18 and 21 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Natick's town government and school districts received $244 million in formula aid and $3.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $244M | $3.2M | $2.1M |
| $6,624 per resident (311th of 351) · gross | $86.76 per resident (331st of 351) | $58.15 per resident (61st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Natick peaked in FY2023 at $677,000, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $36 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Natick received $2.1 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.9 million placed in the city or town and $3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $2.1M | $2.9M | $3M | No |
| $57.74 per resident (62nd of 351) | $78.89 per resident (96th of 351) · 27% to organizations | $82.28 per resident (103rd of 351) · 26% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 51 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $2.1 million went to Natick's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $780,000 went to organizations in Natick or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Natick but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $125,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $125,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Natick (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Natick, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (52 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $215,000 | "public health, veterans and opioid initiatives in the town of Natick" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $200,000 | "the Museum of World War II" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2017 | $200,000 | "the Museum of World War II" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2024 | $125,000 (split two ways) | "a study of the Charles river, including, but not limited to, flooding mitigation impacts and fish passage improvements as it relates to potential removal of state-owned dams from Watertown to Natick" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on<br>(third measure) |
| FY2026 | $117,000 (split six ways) | "communities in the Metrowest region, including the city of Framingham and the towns of Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway and Natick to address mental health needs in schools" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 52 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Natick received 56% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**127.2**<br>53rd of 351 · 3.5 per 1,000 residents (301st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.7M**<br>scored exposure $2.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**98**<br>120th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.0 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**37,102**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.56; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**192 acres**<br>2.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$199,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$1,041**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$32,827**<br>FY2017–2025 · 92nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NATICK

## Natick has 690 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 629 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**690 acres**<br>7.2% of Natick's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**629 acres**<br>6.6% of Natick's land · 40 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**106 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**302 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 36 | 690 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 30 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 251 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 18 | 293 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 17 | 85 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 106 |
| Conservation restriction | 32 | 302 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 30 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cochituate State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 678 | |
| Hultman Aqueduct | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 11 | |
| Charles River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 157.6 miles of public road in Natick, the state maintains 9.5 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.5 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 124.0 | 79% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 24.0 | 15% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $125,000 | “a study of the Charles river, including, but not limited to, flooding mitigation impacts and fish passage improvements as it relates to potential…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Natick $20.9 million and takes back $1.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $19.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$20.9 million** | **$1.5 million** | **$19.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 7% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $15.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $39,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $35,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $57,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $163,000 |
| State Owned Land | $199,000 |
| Public Libraries | $94,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $95,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $15,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $23,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $31,000 |
| MBTA | $152,000 |
| Regional Transit | $799,000 |
| Special Education | $34,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $128,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $209,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NATICK

## State programs also awarded $348,000 to organizations in Natick other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Natick. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town’s share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2016 | Museum of World War II nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $300,000 |
| FY2019 | The Center for Arts in Natick nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $48,000 |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.9% of Natick's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 12.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12.1%** | **10.3%** | **9.9%** | **9.2%** |
| $11M of $90.9M · median town 14.1% | $13M of $126M · median town 12.2% | $19M of $192M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.1% · median town 10.0% |

Natick's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $276,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Natick's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 11.1% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 1.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $11 million in FY2006 to $19 million in FY2025, +72.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $917,000 of Natick's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+36.5%** | **+55.6%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
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SCHOOLS

## Natick's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 148th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$14.8M** | **$57.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+23%** |
| 148th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Natick runs its own school district and also belongs to South Middlesex; Natick accounts for 7% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $37.3 million for schools serving Natick, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Natick's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$37.3M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,012 per resident (151st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Natick's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | John F. Kennedy Middle School | Natick | Core | $37.3M | $37.3M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $98.9 million against an approved budget of $110 million (under by $10.7 million); the local share moved from $72.2 million to $62.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

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| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.7M**<br>$2.2M of it one-time supplements | **$10.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$2.1M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 198th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **11**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.5M of work on those ($1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **1**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$1.3M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $1.3M · culverts $0 |

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**Natick owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $987,000 | $0 | $375,000 | $870,000 |
| FY2018 | $982,000 | $0 | $1.9M | $1.3M |
| FY2019 | $975,000 | $195,000 | $362,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2020 | $971,000 | $97,000 | $1.5M | $1.8M |
| FY2021 | $967,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $1.6M |
| FY2022 | $961,000 | $414,000 | $1.4M | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $969,000 | $0 | $570,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2024 | $963,000 | $494,000 | $2.7M | $705,000 |
| FY2025 | $976,000 | $267,000 | $130,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2026 | $1.4M | $703,000 | $1.9M | $2.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.4M | $0 | $0 | $3.5M |

The full list of the 38 bridges in Natick in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Natick Charles River Dam Removal source | $1M |
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Charles River Dam Removal Design and Permit source | $250,000 |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Charles River Dam South Natick Repair source | $30,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Natick received $8.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 72% of the $11.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Natick ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.9 million in earmarks placed in Natick, $780,000 (27%) went to organizations rather than to Natick's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Natick** this town | **28** | **$6,624** | **$86.76** | **$78.89** | **0.56** | **2.7%** |
| Wakefield peer | 28 | $6,465 | $157 | $45.34 | 0.56 | 2.6% |
| Milton peer | 31 | $7,307 | $76.91 | $74.41† | 0.50 | 2.8% |
| Burlington peer | 35 | $7,194 | $367 | $102† | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Danvers peer | 30 | $6,947 | $129 | $53.36 | 0.20 | 2.9% |
| Canton peer | 29 | $6,511 | $84.68 | $28.65 | 0.29 | 2.9% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Scituate lowest in class of 30 | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |

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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Needham

Town · Norfolk County · 32,459 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

13th Norfolk · Joshua Tarsky

STATE SENATE

Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex · Rebecca L. Rausch

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Needham Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Acton, Arlington, Bolton, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington and Stow

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Needham scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 9 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

321st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 46 | 20 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 294th to 342nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Needham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 24 and 33 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**9** / 100

346th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 17 | 7 | 6 |

Rank under other weightings: 344th to 349th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

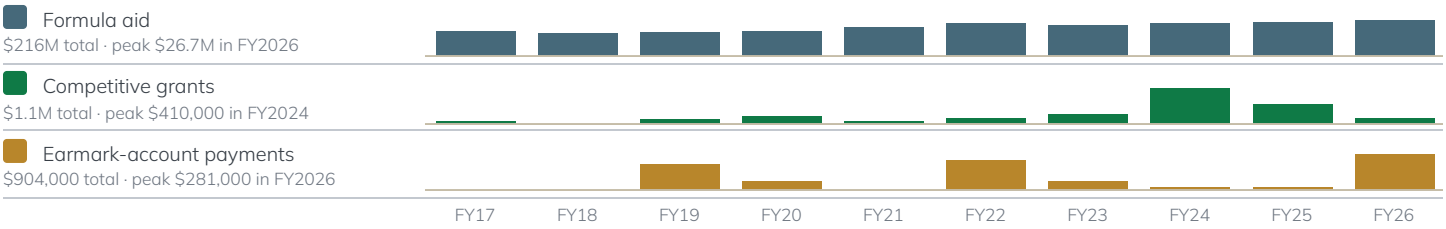
Needham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 9 stays between 8 and 11 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Needham's town government and school districts received $216 million in formula aid and $1.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$216M** | **$1.1M** | **$904,000** |
| $6,664 per resident (306th of 351) · gross | $33.58 per resident (351st of 351) | $27.85 per resident (156th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Needham peaked in FY2024 at $410,000, 38% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $32.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Needham received $1.4 million in local earmarks to its government, $4.7 million placed in the city or town and $4.9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.4M** | **$4.7M** | **$4.9M** | **No** |
| $43.24 per resident (95th of 351) | $144 per resident (31st of 351) · 70% to organizations | $150 per resident (33rd of 351) · 67% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 36 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.4 million went to Needham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $3.3 million went to organizations in Needham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Needham but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $175,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $175,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Needham (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Needham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (38 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $600,000 | "the Ellie Fund, Inc. to partner with community health centers to educate providers, patients and families on the availability of breast cancer support services during the screening and diagnosis processes in culturally competent manners" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $600,000 | "Ellie Fund, Inc. to partner with community health centers to educate providers, patients and families on the availability of breast cancer support services during the screening and diagnosis processes in culturally competent manners" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $600,000 | "the Ellie Fund, Inc. to partner with community health centers to educate providers, patients and families on the availability of breast cancer support services during the screening and diagnosis processes in culturally competent manners" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $350,000 | "support operations and hygiene product acquisition for Hope and Comfort, Inc" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $350,000 | "Hope and Comfort, Inc. to support operations and hygiene product acquisition" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 38 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Needham received 21% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**124.8**<br>56th of 351 · 3.8 per 1,000 residents (285th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.8M**<br>scored exposure $1.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**49**<br>266th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.3 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**32,459**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.52**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.21; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$75,171**<br>FY2017–2025 · 13th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NEEDHAM

## Needham has 547 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 67 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**547 acres**<br>7.0% of Needham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**67 acres**<br>0.8% of Needham's land · 7 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**105 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 18 | 547 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 2 | 34 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 32 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 5 | 96 |
| Conservation restriction | 15 | 105 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cutler Park Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 476 | |
| Charles River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 32 | |
| Sudbury Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 26 | |
| Hemlock Gorge Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | |
| Village Falls Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Red Wing Bay | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 140.4 miles of public road in Needham, the state maintains 6.7 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.7 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 119.9 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 13.2 | 9% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $100,000 | “the maintenance and improvement of Cutler Park located in the town of Needham” |
| FY2017 | $75,000 | “the maintenance and restoration of Cutler Park Reservation in Needham” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Needham $18.1 million and takes back $1.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $16.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.1 million** | **$1.7 million** | **$16.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $15.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $19,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $21,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $42,000 |
| Public Libraries | $83,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $482,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $133,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $15,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $20,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $17,000 |
| MBTA | $840,000 |
| Special Education | $39,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $54,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $91,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NEEDHAM

## State programs also awarded $686,000 to organizations in Needham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Needham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town’s share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Affordable Housing and Services Collaborative, Inc. regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2026 | Plugged In Band Program nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2023 | Needham History Center & Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $29,000 |
| FY2019 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $2,500 (shared four ways) |

A further $119,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family’s name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.9% of Needham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.2%** | **7.9%** | **6.9%** | **6.2%** |
| $7.9M of $85.7M · median town 14.1% | $10.8M of $136M · median town 12.2% | $16.2M of $233M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.2% · median town 10.0% |

Needham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $183,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Needham's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 31.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 17.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.9 million in FY2006 to $16.2 million in FY2025, +104.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $745,000 of Needham's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+51.8%** | **+63.2%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $16.2M to $24.6M · all towns +54.0% | $27.1M to $44.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Needham's health insurance would have been $20.2 million in FY2025; it was $24.6 million, $4.36 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $33.8 million in FY2025; it was $44.2 million, $10.4 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Needham's government came to $1.3 million, 15.3% of the $8.38 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.3M | 15.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.6M | 42.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.8M | 44.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Needham's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 215th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$15M** | **$62.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+23%** |
| 215th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Needham runs its own school district and also belongs to Minuteman and Norfolk County; Needham accounts for 9% and 0% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $94.7 million for schools serving Needham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Needham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$94.7M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,916 per resident (56th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Needham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Pollard Middle School | Needham | Core | $80.6M | $80.6M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $6,524 (0%) |
| FY2017 | Hillside Elementary School | Needham | Core | $14M | $14M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Needham's share of the final cost was $54.1 million against its share of the approved budget of $65.9 million (under by $11.8 million); the local share moved from $51.9 million to $41.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Needham has $9.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$13M**<br>$2.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$9.2M**<br>annual program: 6.2 years of its yearly money · 4th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Needham came on average 50 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Needham owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $920,000 | $0 | $2M | $784,000 |
| FY2018 | $927,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $923,000 |
| FY2019 | $929,000 | $186,000 | $486,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2020 | $920,000 | $92,000 | $59,000 | $2.6M |
| FY2021 | $912,000 | $0 | $86,000 | $3.5M |
| FY2022 | $908,000 | $400,000 | $65,000 | $4.8M |
| FY2023 | $913,000 | $0 | $438,000 | $5.3M |
| FY2024 | $909,000 | $470,000 | $427,000 | $6.3M |
| FY2025 | $904,000 | $246,000 | $594,000 | $7.2M |
| FY2026 | $1.4M | $683,000 | $0 | $9.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.4M | $0 | $0 | $10.6M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Needham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Needham received $7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 79% of the $8.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Needham ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

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| Wellesley peer | 28 | $6,221 | $46.83 | $85.74 | 0.18 | 1.9% |
| Belmont peer | 32 | $7,271 | $63.18 | $101 | 0.65 | 2.6% |
| Lexington peer · best in class of 30 | 36 | $9,001 | $61.92 | $113† | 0.57 | 2.7% |
| Andover peer | 28 | $6,322 | $94.07 | $42.90 | 0.79 | 2.8% |
| Sudbury peer | 38 | $9,414 | $150 | $47.32 | 0.49 | 2.7% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |

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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# New Ashford

Town · Berkshire County · 257 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
New Ashford operates no schools of its own and belongs to no regional district in DESE's FY2026 files.

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### New Ashford scores 53 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 89 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**53** / 100

98th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 55 | 45 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 84th to 113th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

New Ashford received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 51 and 55 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**89** / 100

48th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | 91 | 81 | 92 |

Rank under other weightings: 45th to 52nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

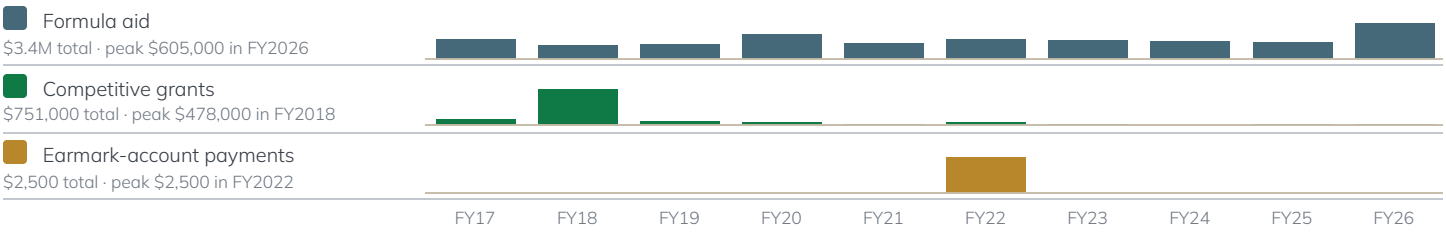
New Ashford received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 89 stays between 87 and 91 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### New Ashford's town government and school districts received $3.4 million in formula aid and $751,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $3.4M | $751,000 | $2,500 |
| $13,073 per resident (110th of 351) · gross | $2,924 per resident (33rd of 351) | $9.73 per resident (262nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to New Ashford peaked in FY2018 at $478,000, 64% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 257 residents, a single payment moves New Ashford's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $223,000, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in New Ashford in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,500 in payments to New Ashford's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in New Ashford.

New Ashford is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; New Ashford's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: New Ashford's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hawley | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Middlefield | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Leyden | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $157 |
| Florida | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Monroe | $12,000 | $12,000 | $12,000 | $98.36 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, New Ashford received 2% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**10.5**<br>349th of 351 · 40.9 per 1,000 residents (31st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.8M**<br>scored exposure $421,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**31**<br>313th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.5 sq mi**<br>38% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**6%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**275**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.02; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,214 acres**<br>37.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$50,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$15.55**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,907**<br>FY2017–2025 · 185th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NEW ASHFORD

## New Ashford has 3,257 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 387 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,257 acres**<br>37.8% of New Ashford's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**387 acres**<br>4.5% of New Ashford's land · 16 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 3,257 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 3,242 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 9 | 131 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 214 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 42 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 5 | 1,718 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | 3,242 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Greylock State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3,257 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 17.9 miles of public road in New Ashford, the state maintains 3.4 (19%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.4 | 19% |
| Town-accepted | 10.5 | 59% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.3 | 2% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends New Ashford $212,000 and takes back $6,732 in assessments and charges, a net $205,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$212,000** | **$6,732** | **$205,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $123,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $27,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $5,046 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $1,269 |
| State Owned Land | $51,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,341 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $85 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $60 |
| Regional Transit | $1,587 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $5,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NEW ASHFORD

## State programs also awarded $1,535 to organizations in New Ashford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving New Ashford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 48.7% of New Ashford's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 40.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **40.0%** | **41.9%** | **48.7%** | **47.4%** |
| $181,000 of $452,000 · median town 14.1% | $238,000 of $569,000 · median town 12.2% | $268,000 of $550,000 · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 31.6% · median town 10.0% |

**New Ashford's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 4.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 15.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $181,000 in FY2006 to $268,000 in FY2025, +48.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| not reported | **–100.0%** | **0 of 2** | not reported |
| FY2016 or FY2025 not reported · all towns +54.0% | $61 to $0 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth · seven years not reported | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, New Ashford's fixed costs would have been $76 in FY2025; it was $0, $76 below the path.


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Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (−48%) and FY2018 (−100%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

New Ashford's health insurance is not reported for FY2016 or FY2025, so its earmarks are not set against it.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | not reported | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | not reported | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | not reported | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## New Ashford's required school contribution is 0.9% of median household income, the fifth-lowest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$123,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$102,000**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**0.9%**<br>347th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+14%**<br>after inflation |

New Ashford operates no schools. DESE carries it as a non-operating district, and its pupils attend schools in other districts. New Ashford had 12 resident pupils in FY2026, so per-pupil changes swing from year to year.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving New Ashford, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## New Ashford has $237,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$902,000**<br>$347,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$588,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$237,000**<br>annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 184th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to New Ashford came on average 42 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $44,000 | $0 | $94,000 | $44,000 |
| FY2018 | $57,000 | $0 | $0 | $101,000 |
| FY2019 | $43,000 | $8,659 | $0 | $153,000 |
| FY2020 | $43,000 | $4,312 | $164,000 | $108,000 |
| FY2021 | $43,000 | $0 | $0 | $151,000 |
| FY2022 | $43,000 | $35,000 | $48,000 | $181,000 |
| FY2023 | $43,000 | $0 | $35,000 | $188,000 |
| FY2024 | $42,000 | $134,000 | $28,000 | $336,000 |
| FY2025 | $43,000 | $115,000 | $0 | $494,000 |
| FY2026 | $77,000 | $50,000 | $384,000 | $237,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $77,000 | $0 | $0 | $314,000 |

The full list of the nine bridges in New Ashford in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## New Ashford received $751,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 58% of the $1.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## New Ashford is one of four municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Ashford this town | 53 | $13,073 | $2,924 | $0 | 0.02 | 0.9% |
| Hawley peer · lowest in class of 30 | 59 | $18,811 | $11,175 | $0 | 3.05 | 2.9% |
| Middlefield peer | 48 | $13,430 | $2,926 | $0 | 0.24 | 1.9% |
| Leyden peer | 52 | $13,247 | $3,201 | $157 | 2.17 | 2.2% |
| Florida peer | 64 | $19,543 | $1,744 | $0 | 0.14 | 3.2% |
| Monroe peer | 63 | $20,140 | $16,477 | $98.36 | 4.23 | not available |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

FAIRNESS INDEX CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

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BRISTOL COUNTY

# New Bedford

City · Bristol County · 100,998 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

### STATE HOUSE

**11th Bristol** · Christopher Hendricks
43% of residents
**13th Bristol** · Antonio F. D. Cabral
41% of residents
**9th Bristol** · Christopher M. Markey
8% of residents
**10th Bristol** · Mark D. Sylvia 5% of residents
**8th Bristol** · Steven J. Ouellette 2% of residents

New Bedford is split among five House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

### STATE SENATE

**Second Bristol and Plymouth** · Mark C. Montigny

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**New Bedford Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Dartmouth and Fairhaven

### REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### New Bedford scores 73 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 58 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

#### ALL STATE AID

**73** / 100

6th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 66 | 72 | 80 |

Rank under other weightings: 6th to 8th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

New Bedford received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 73 stays between 71 and 76 under every weighting tested.

#### DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**58** / 100

157th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 46 | 63 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 142nd to 174th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

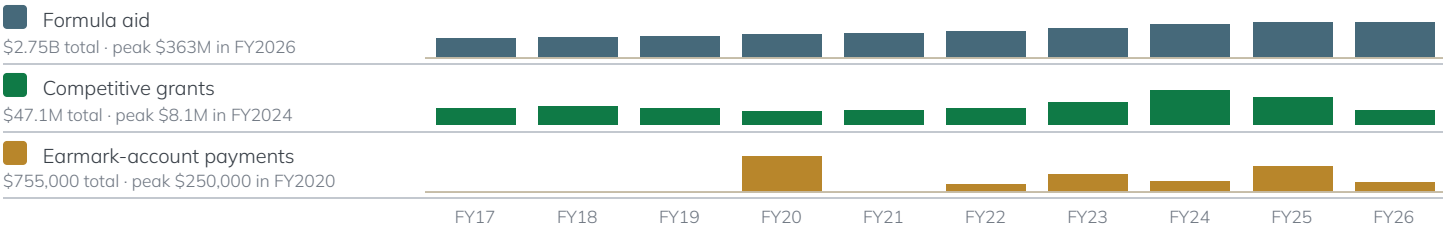
New Bedford received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 54 and 61 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### New Bedford's town government and school districts received $2.75 billion in formula aid and $47.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.75B** | **$47.1M** | **$755,000** |
| $27,251 per resident (7th of 351) · gross | $466 per resident (147th of 351) | $7.47 per resident (272nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to New Bedford were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $148 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### New Bedford received $1.5 million in local earmarks to its government, $12.7 million placed in the city or town and $12.8 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.5M** | **$12.7M** | **$12.8M** | **No** |
| $14.60 per resident (245th of 351) | $126 per resident (42nd of 351) · 88% to organizations | $127 per resident (49th of 351) · 88% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 133 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.5 million went to New Bedford's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $11.3 million went to organizations in New Bedford or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Clauses that name New Bedford but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $45,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $45,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in New Bedford (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.

Every local earmark in New Bedford, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (135 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $500,000 | "the SouthCoast Community Foundation, Inc. to administer a 1-time grant program to provide access to resources for underserved residents in the Greater New Bedford area" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $500,000 | "the SouthCoast Community Foundation. Inc to administer a 1-time grant program to provide educational, health, wellness, nutritional, arts, cultural, housing security, safety and emergency resources to underserved residents in the Greater New Bedford area" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $500,000 | "the SouthCoast Community Foundation, Inc. to administer a 1-time grant program to provide educational, health, wellness, nutritional, arts, cultural, housing security, safety and emergency resources to underserved residents in the Greater New Bedford area" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $500,000 | "the SouthCoast Community Foundation. Inc to administer a 1-time grant program to provide educational, health, wellness, nutritional, arts, cultural, housing security and safety resources to financially-disadvantaged youth and families in the city of New Bedford" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $500,000 | "the SouthCoast Community Foundation, Inc., to administer a 1-time grant program to provide educational, health, wellness, housing security and safety resources to financially-disadvantaged youth in the city of New Bedford" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 135 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, New Bedford received 1.34 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**269.5**<br>6th of 351 · 2.7 per 1,000 residents (328th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.7M**<br>scored exposure $3.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**77**<br>176th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**4**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.0 sq mi**<br>12% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**101,249**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.68**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.34; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,404 acres**<br>11.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$41,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$29.24**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$7,772**<br>FY2017–2025 · 340th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NEW BEDFORD

## New Bedford has 1,557 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 26 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,557 acres**<br>12.2% of New Bedford's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**26 acres**<br>0.2% of New Bedford's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**90 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 9 | 1,557 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 1,536 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 26 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 90 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 1,536 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Acushnet Cedar Swamp State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,544 | |
| State Pier | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | |
| Stephen Hetland Memorial Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 287.7 miles of public road in New Bedford, the state maintains 15.8 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 15.8 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 265.1 | 92% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.8 | 2% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $25,000 | “Bridgewater state university, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, for a reduced fare pilot program for student…” |
| FY2020 | $20,000 | “a flood management study of the Assawompset pond complex that is a part of the Taunton river watershed in the towns of Freetown, Lakeville…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends New Bedford $309 million and takes back $41.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $267 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$309 million** | **$41.4 million** | **$267 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 13% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $271M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $5.5M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $238,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $29.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $1.4M |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $473,000 |
| State Owned Land | $42,000 |
| Public Libraries | $358,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $874,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $141,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $26,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $289,000 |
| Regional Transit | $1.9M |
| Special Education | $29,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $2.6M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $35.5M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NEW BEDFORD

## State programs also awarded $13.6 million to organizations in New Bedford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving New Bedford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government.


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Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Community Economic Development Center of SE MA nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $900,000 |
| FY2022 | Community Economic Development Center of SE MA nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $775,000 |
| FY2026 | Greater New Bedford Community Health Center nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $650,000 |
| FY2027 | Arts & Business Council of Greater Boston nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $600,000 |
| FY2024 | Verdean Veterans Memorial Foundation nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $300,000 |
| FY2027 | New Bedford Harbor Development Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $297,000 |
| FY2022 | Verdean Veterans Memorial Foundation nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $285,000 |
| FY2027 | 1533 Acushnet Ave Bakery nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $250,000 |
| FY2026 | Como en Casa nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $240,000 |
| FY2019 | Waterfront Historic Area League of New Bedford nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Waterfront Historic Area League of New Bedford nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Azorean Maritime Heritage Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Cape Verdean Association in New Bedford nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Waterfront Historic Area League of New Bedford nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 51 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $5.2 million in 30 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 52.7% of New Bedford's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 55.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **55.7%** | **52.3%** | **52.7%** | **45.7%** |
| $132M of $238M · median town 14.1% | $154M of $294M · median town 12.2% | $273M of $519M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 50.9% · median town 10.0% |

New Bedford's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $33.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**New Bedford's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 33.1% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 18.3% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $132 million in FY2006 to $273 million in FY2025, +106.4% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+86.4%** | **+82.6%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $49.5M to $92.3M · all towns +54.0% | $63.8M to $116M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, New Bedford's health insurance would have been $61.8 million in FY2025; it was $92.3 million, $30.4 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $79.6 million in FY2025; it was $116 million, $36.8 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+67%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+82%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to New Bedford's government came to $1.4 million, 3.3% of the $42.8 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.4M | 3.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $11M | 25.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $11M | 25.8% | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## New Bedford's required school contribution is 1.9% of median household income, 316th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$290M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$46.4M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.9%**<br>316th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+32%**<br>after inflation |

New Bedford runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater New Bedford and Bristol County; New Bedford accounts for 78% and 11% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $131 million for schools serving New Bedford, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, New Bedford's share<br>**$131M**<br>$1,294 per resident (129th of 351) | Projects<br>**15**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | New Bedford's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $10.5M | $10.5M |
| FY2026 | Whaling City Junior-Senior High School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $4.6M | $4.6M |
| FY2026 | Sgt. William H. Carney Academy | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $5.4M | $5.4M |
| FY2026 | Hayden-McFadden Elementary School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $5.1M | $5.1M |
| FY2026 | Elwyn G. Campbell Elementary School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.8M | $2.8M |
| FY2026 | Ellen R. Hathaway Elementary School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.8M | $1.8M |
| FY2026 | Casimir Pulaski Elementary School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $6.2M | $6.2M |
| FY2026 | Carlos Pacheco Elementary School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.7M | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | John B. DeValles School | New Bedford | Core | $71.2M | $71.2M |
| FY2023 | Ellen R. Hathaway School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Window/Doors) | $3M | $3M |
| FY2023 | Elizabeth Carter Brooks School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.5M | $2.5M |
| FY2022 | Elwyn G. Campbell Elementary School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors; Boiler) | $3.3M | $3.3M |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$21,000 (11%) |
| FY2019 | Trinity Day Academy | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Boilers) | $649,000 | $649,000 |
| FY2019 | John A. Parker Elementary School | New Bedford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.1M | $1.1M |

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**Cost after approval.** Of the five projects closed with a final audit, New Bedford's share of the final cost was $25 million against its share of the approved budget of $26.1 million (under by $1.1 million); the local share moved from $13.5 million to $13.9 million. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## New Bedford has $6.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and four high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$29.3M**<br>$4.6M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$19.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$6.4M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 102nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**4**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$102,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $102,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to New Bedford came on average 18 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $2.1M | $0 | $2M | $1.3M |
| FY2018 | $2.1M | $0 | $2.5M | $1.3M |
| FY2019 | $2.1M | $421,000 | $2.4M | $1.4M |
| FY2020 | $2.1M | $208,000 | $2.6M | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $2.1M | $0 | $1.3M | $1.9M |
| FY2022 | $2.1M | $883,000 | $1.1M | $3.7M |
| FY2023 | $2.1M | $0 | $1.7M | $4.1M |
| FY2024 | $2.1M | $1.1M | $3.8M | $3.4M |
| FY2025 | $2.1M | $580,000 | $2M | $4M |
| FY2026 | $2.9M | $1.5M | $2M | $6.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $3M | $0 | $0 | $9.3M |

The full list of the 34 bridges in New Bedford in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | East Rodney French Boulevard Seawall and Fort Taber Pier Repair source | $412,000 |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Turners Pond Dam Repair Design and Permit source | $102,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | East Rodney French Boulevard Seawall Repair Design source | $54,000 |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | West Rodney French Blvd Groin and Seawall Repair Design source | $134,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## New Bedford received $72.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 93% of the $78.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## New Bedford ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $12.7 million in earmarks placed in New Bedford, $11.3 million (88%) went to organizations rather than to New Bedford's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **New Bedford** this town | **73** | **$27,251** | **$466** | **$126**† | **1.34** | **1.9%** |
| Fall River peer | 72 | $25,031 | $426 | $77.65† | 0.89 | 2.0% |
| Lawrence peer | 81 | $35,983 | $392 | $72.86† | 1.09 | 1.0% |
| Springfield peer · best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |
| Lynn peer | 72 | $27,652 | $300 | $87.92† | 1.51 | 2.5% |
| Brockton peer | 72 | $26,796 | $378 | $70.10 | 1.28 | 2.3% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# New Braintree

Town · Worcester County · 973 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Quabbin Regional School District, shared with Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston and Oakham
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, Oakham, Palmer, Ware and Warren

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### New Braintree scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 80 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**56** / 100

78th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 61 | 58 | 53 | 51 |

Rank under other weightings: 63rd to 93rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

New Braintree received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 53 and 58 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**80** / 100

80th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 85 | 84 | 70 | 79 |

Rank under other weightings: 74th to 87th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

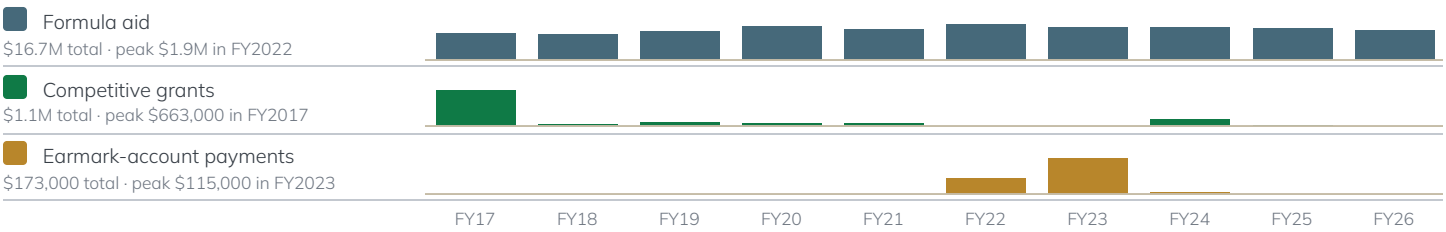
New Braintree received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 80 stays between 77 and 82 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### New Braintree's town government and school districts received $16.7 million in formula aid and $1.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $16.7M | $1.1M | $173,000 |
| $17,191 per resident (49th of 351) · gross | $1,081 per resident (73rd of 351) | $178 per resident (8th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to New Braintree peaked in FY2017 at $663,000, 63% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 973 residents, a single payment moves New Braintree's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.4 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### New Braintree received $290,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $290,000 | $290,000 | $290,000 | No |
| $298 per resident (1st of 351) | $298 per resident (5th of 351) | $298 per resident (9th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to New Braintree's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in New Braintree, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "upgrades at the New Braintree Regional Dispatch Center, including for a replacement radio system" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $115,000 | "repair and reconstruction of municipal structures in the town of New Braintree" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $15,000 | "the New Braintree fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $10,000 | "the town of New Braintree for improvements to municipal buildings" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, New Braintree received 1.25 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**49.9**<br>255th of 351 · 51.3 per 1,000 residents (26th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$12.1M**<br>scored exposure $4.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**108**<br>102nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.8 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**978**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.74**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.25; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,456 acres**<br>11.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$91,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$62.33**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,273**<br>FY2017–2025 · 197th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NEW BRAINTREE

## New Braintree has 896 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 3,759 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**896 acres**<br>6.7% of New Braintree's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**3,759 acres**<br>28.3% of New Braintree's land · 119 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,354 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**179 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 20 | 896 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 15 | 1,271 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 168 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 100 | 3,419 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 13 | 172 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 19 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 34 | 1,354 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 179 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state agencies | 3 | 741 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 12 | 530 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Winimusset WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 681 | |
| Ware River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 136 | |
| Oakham WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 52 | |
| Cusky Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 24 | |
| Whortleberry Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2 | |
| Sucker Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 50.9 miles of public road in New Braintree, the state maintains 0.2 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.2 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 49.9 | 98% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends New Braintree $278,000 and takes back $28,000 in assessments and charges, a net $250,000.

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|---|---|---|
| **$278,000** | **$28,000** | **$250,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $170,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $9,548 |
| State Owned Land | $93,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,384 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $304 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,980 |
| Multi-Year Repayment Program | $26,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NEW BRAINTREE

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $102,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2025 | East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $80,000 (shared two ways) |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.0% of New Braintree's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.3%** | **8.8%** | **9.0%** | **8.1%** |
| $152,000 of $1.6M · median town 14.1% | $192,000 of $2.2M · median town 12.2% | $278,000 of $3.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.4% · median town 10.0% |


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Gross state aid went from $152,000 in FY2006 to $278,000 in FY2025, +82.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+534.3%** | **+63.8%** | **4 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $7,678 to $49,000 · all towns +54.0% | $119,000 to $196,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, New Braintree's health insurance would have been $9,589 in FY2025; it was $49,000, $39,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $149,000 in FY2025; it was $196,000, $47,000 above the path.

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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
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| To the city or town government | $290,000 | 7.1 times | 13.0% |
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SCHOOLS

## New Braintree's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 44th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$822,000** | **$1.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **–8%** |
| 44th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $95,000 for schools serving New Braintree, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, New Braintree's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$95,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $97.18 per resident (237th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | New Braintree's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Hubbardston Center School | Quabbin | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.6M | $95,000 (6%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, New Braintree's share of the final cost was $145,000 against its share of the approved budget of $170,000 (under by $25,000); the local share moved from $76,000 to $59,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## New Braintree has $621,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one


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## bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.4M**<br>$871,000 of it one-time supplements | **$2.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$621,000**<br>annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 254th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **30**<br>one rated poor; about $4M of work on those, by planning estimates | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to New Braintree came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

New Braintree owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $206,000 | $0 | $175,000 | $206,000 |
| FY2018 | $205,000 | $0 | $61,000 | $404,000 |
| FY2019 | $204,000 | $41,000 | $179,000 | $470,000 |
| FY2020 | $205,000 | $21,000 | $393,000 | $303,000 |
| FY2021 | $204,000 | $0 | $229,000 | $279,000 |
| FY2022 | $205,000 | $166,000 | $330,000 | $319,000 |
| FY2023 | $203,000 | $0 | $263,000 | $259,000 |
| FY2024 | $204,000 | $246,000 | $350,000 | $359,000 |
| FY2025 | $204,000 | $158,000 | $471,000 | $250,000 |
| FY2026 | $368,000 | $239,000 | $236,000 | $621,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $367,000 | $0 | $0 | $988,000 |

The full list of the 30 bridges in New Braintree in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## New Braintree received $1.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 46% of the $3.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## New Braintree ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **New Braintree** this town | **56** | **$17,191** | **$1,081** | **$298** | **1.25** | **3.1%** |
| Petersham peer · lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |
| Florida peer | 64 | $19,543 | $1,744 | $0 | 0.14 | 3.2% |
| Leyden peer | 52 | $13,247 | $3,201 | $157 | 2.17 | 2.2% |
| Goshen peer | 58 | $15,373 | $3,510 | $81.97 | 1.88 | 2.3% |
| Heath peer | 70 | $20,313 | $6,568 | $65.36† | 0.84 | 1.5% |
| Chesterfield best in class of 30 | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# New Marlborough

Town · Berkshire County · 1,501 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis | Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark | Southern Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Alford, Egremont, Monterey and Sheffield | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## New Marlborough scores 49 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 95 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**49** / 100

135th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 63 | 42 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 113th to 154th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

New Marlborough received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 45 and 52 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**95** / 100

28th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 96 | 98 | 90 | 95 |

Rank under other weightings: 23rd to 30th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

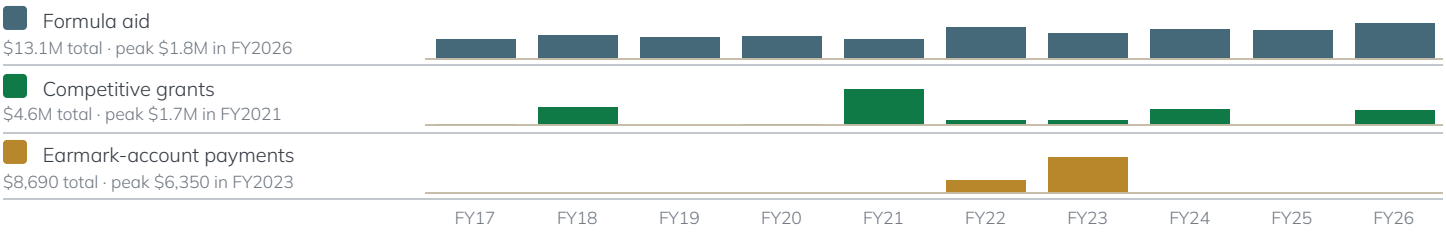
New Marlborough received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 95 stays between 93 and 96 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## New Marlborough's town government and school districts received $13.1 million in formula aid and $4.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.1M** | **$4.6M** | **$8,690** |
| $8,719 per resident (229th of 351) · gross | $3,098 per resident (31st of 351) | $5.79 per resident (281st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to New Marlborough peaked in FY2021 at $1.7 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in New Marlborough in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **Yes** |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $8,690 in payments to New Marlborough's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in New Marlborough.

New Marlborough is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; New Marlborough's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: New Marlborough's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chilmark | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Monterey | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Otis | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Truro | $37,000 | $222,000 | $222,000 | $130 |
| Aquinnah | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $150 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, New Marlborough received 2.06 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**83.5**<br>145th of 351 · 55.6 per 1,000 residents (18th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$25.9M**<br>scored exposure $6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**110**<br>98th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**46.9 sq mi**<br>12% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**37%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,432**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.15**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.06; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,266 acres**<br>10.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$80,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$24.54**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$44,485**<br>FY2017–2025 · 47th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NEW MARLBOROUGH

## New Marlborough has 3,693 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,214 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,693 acres**<br>12.3% of New Marlborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,214 acres**<br>14.0% of New Marlborough's land · 131 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**393 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**3,831 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 56 | 3,693 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 21 | 3,237 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 20 | 993 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 98 | 2,991 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 13 | 229 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 105 | 5,768 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 19 | 393 |
| Conservation restriction | 52 | 3,831 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | 3,076 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 5 | 161 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cookson State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,147 | |
| Sandisfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,287 | |
| Blackberry River Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 225 | |
| Konkapot River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 18 | |
| East Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | |
| Campbell Falls State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $821 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,020 |
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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

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| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| $5.6M | $3.8M | $1.1M |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.8 years of its yearly money · 249th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| 27 | 0 | $73,000 |
| four rated poor; likely about $8M of work on those ($7.7M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $73,000 |


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $345,000 | $0 | $335,000 | $268,000 |
| FY2018 | $341,000 | $0 | $572,000 | $36,000 |
| FY2019 | $338,000 | $68,000 | $364,000 | $103,000 |
| FY2020 | $341,000 | $34,000 | $433,000 | $56,000 |
| FY2021 | $340,000 | $0 | $0 | $396,000 |
| FY2022 | $339,000 | $279,000 | $355,000 | $658,000 |
| FY2023 | $338,000 | $0 | $279,000 | $718,000 |
| FY2024 | $338,000 | $342,000 | $579,000 | $818,000 |
| FY2025 | $337,000 | $194,000 | $520,000 | $830,000 |
| FY2026 | $613,000 | $399,000 | $696,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $612,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.8M |

The full list of the 28 bridges in New Marlborough in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Canaan Southfield Road over Tributary of Umpachene River source | $73,000 |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## New Marlborough received $5.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 40% more than the $3.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## New Marlborough is one of six municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Marlborough this town | 49 | $8,719 | $3,098 | $0 | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Chilmark peer · lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $5,153 | $334 | $0 | 0.74 | 1.4% |
| Monterey peer | 67 | $11,798 | $7,628 | $0 | 3.68 | 1.8% |
| Otis peer | 43 | $6,679 | $2,109 | $0 | 1.01 | 2.2% |
| Truro peer | 56 | $7,537 | $7,483 | $130† | 1.62 | 1.6% |
| Aquinnah peer | 38 | $6,830 | $786 | $150 | 2.09 | 1.9% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# New Salem

Town · Franklin County · 1,054 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**7th Hampden** · Aaron L. Saunders

STATE SENATE

**Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester** · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**New Salem-Wendell Regional School District**, shared with Wendell
**Ralph C Mahar Regional School District**, shared with Orange, Petersham and Wendell
**Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield and ten others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## New Salem scores 55 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 88 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**55** / 100

84th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 58 | 41 | 55 |

Rank under other weightings: 55th to 109th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

New Salem received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 51 and 59 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**88** / 100

52nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 91 | 89 | 84 | 87 |

Rank under other weightings: 48th to 56th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

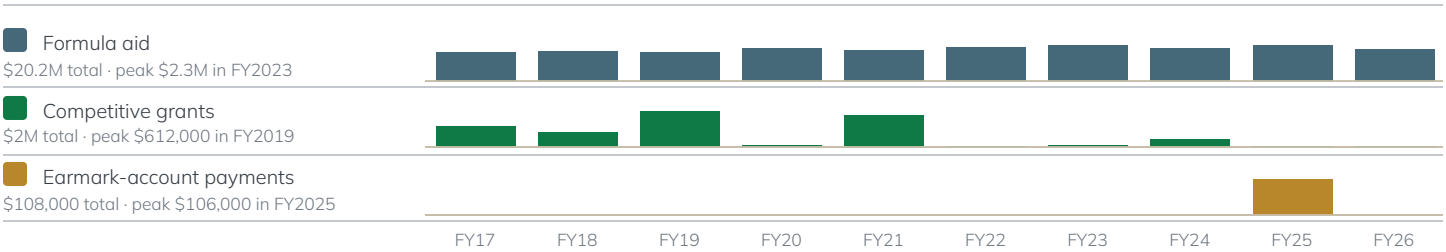
New Salem received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 88 stays between 86 and 89 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## New Salem's town government and school districts received $20.2 million in formula aid and $2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$20.2M** | **$2M** | **$108,000** |
| $19,167 per resident (32nd of 351) · gross | $1,900 per resident (49th of 351) | $102 per resident (21st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to New Salem peaked in FY2019 at $612,000, 31% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## New Salem received $106,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$106,000** | **$106,000** | **$106,000** | **No** |
| $101 per resident (23rd of 351) | $101 per resident (67th of 351) | $101 per resident (76th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2025. All of it went to New Salem's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in New Salem, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $106,000 | "improvements to the Swift River elementary school in the town of New Salem" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, New Salem received 36% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**35.3**<br>311th of 351 · 33.5 per 1,000 residents (38th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.3M**<br>scored exposure $989,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**97**<br>123rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**44.8 sq mi**<br>59% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,100**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.68**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.36; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**219 acres**<br>0.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$19,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$84.65**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,552**<br>FY2017–2025 · 312th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NEW SALEM

## New Salem has 22,108 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,141 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**22,108 acres**<br>77.2% of New Salem's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,141 acres**<br>4.0% of New Salem's land · 52 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**46 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**424 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 117 | 22,108 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 74 | 22,151 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 33 | 734 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 10 | 276 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 131 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 34 | 1,131 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 46 |
| Conservation restriction | 17 | 424 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 20 | 671 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 69 | 21,982 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 169 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quabbin Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 21,903 | |
| Wendell State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 66 | |
| Shutesbury State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 65 | |
| New Salem State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 63 | |
| Federation of Women's Clubs State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 103.7 miles of public road in New Salem, the state maintains 65.9 (64%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.9 | 11% |
| DCR | 54.0 | 52% |
| Town-accepted | 35.3 | 34% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.3 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends New Salem $314,000 and takes back $1,733 in assessments and charges, a net $312,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$314,000** | **$1,733** | **$312,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| School Transportation | $137,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $135,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $18,000 |
| State Owned Land | $19,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,733 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $304 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,300 |
| Regional Transit | $129 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NEW SALEM

## State programs also awarded $71,000 to organizations in New Salem other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving New Salem. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | 1794 Meetinghouse nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $56,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.9% of New Salem's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.3%** | **7.6%** | **6.9%** | **6.9%** |
| $158,000 of $1.9M · median town 14.1% | $208,000 of $2.7M · median town 12.2% | $278,000 of $4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.2% · median town 10.0% |

New Salem's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $545,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**New Salem's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 13.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 0.9% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $158,000 in FY2006 to $278,000 in FY2025, +76.1% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+32.7%** | **+10.3%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $57,000 to $76,000 · all towns +54.0% | $140,000 to $154,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, New Salem's health insurance would have been $71,000 in FY2025; it was $76,000, $4,430 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $175,000 in FY2025; it was $154,000, $20,000 below the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to New Salem's government came to $106,000, 5.7 times the $19,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $106,000 | 5.7 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $106,000 | 5.7 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $106,000 | 5.7 times | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## New Salem's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 181st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$564,000** | **$913,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+6%** |
| 181st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

New Salem has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend New Salem-Wendell, Ralph C Mahar and Franklin County; New Salem accounts for 42%, 5% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.6 million for schools serving New Salem, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, New Salem's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.6M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,512 per resident (72nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | New Salem's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $2.3M (2%) |
| FY2019 | Swift River School | New Salem Wendell | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $797,000 | $338,000 (42%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, New Salem's share of the final cost was $378,000 against its share of the approved budget of $528,000 (under by $149,000); the local share moved from $190,000 to $127,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## New Salem has $800,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one


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## bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.5M**<br>$678,000 of it one-time supplements | **$1.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$800,000**<br>annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 147th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **6**<br>one rated poor; likely about $743,000 of work on those ($356,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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New Salem owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $149,000 | $0 | $119,000 | $149,000 |
| FY2018 | $148,000 | $0 | $90,000 | $237,000 |
| FY2019 | $147,000 | $29,000 | $95,000 | $414,000 |
| FY2020 | $146,000 | $15,000 | $292,000 | $309,000 |
| FY2021 | $146,000 | $0 | $174,000 | $280,000 |
| FY2022 | $145,000 | $118,000 | $121,000 | $423,000 |
| FY2023 | $144,000 | $0 | $241,000 | $326,000 |
| FY2024 | $144,000 | $205,000 | $95,000 | $581,000 |
| FY2025 | $144,000 | $142,000 | $408,000 | $459,000 |
| FY2026 | $261,000 | $169,000 | $90,000 | $800,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $260,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## New Salem received $2.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 38% of the $5.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## New Salem ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

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| **New Salem** this town | **55** | **$19,167** | **$1,900** | **$101** | **0.36** | **2.6%** |
| Charlemont peer | 65 | $19,209 | $6,110 | $148 | 2.68 | 3.8% |
| Plainfield peer · lowest in class of 30 | 52 | $15,369 | $4,077 | $0 | 1.79 | 4.5% |
| Granville peer | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |
| Royalston peer | 59 | $15,842 | $2,316 | $41.10 | 0.96 | 1.5% |
| Colrain peer | 59 | $16,229 | $3,795 | $30.73† | 2.33 | 2.7% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Newbury

Town · Essex County · 6,777 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

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2nd Essex · Kristin E. Kassner

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First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
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Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Newbury scores 41 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 48 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**41** / 100

203rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 52 | 38 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 176th to 228th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Newbury received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 38 and 44 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**48** / 100

194th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 68 | 20 | 57 |

Rank under other weightings: 164th to 223rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

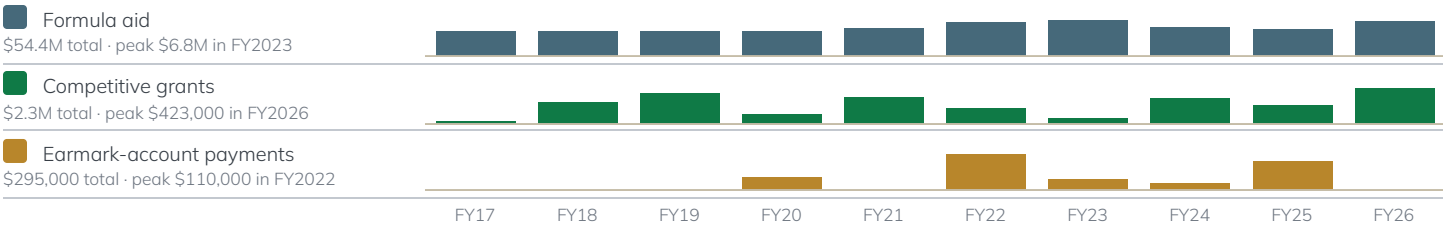
Newbury received less than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 40 and 57 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Newbury's town government and school districts received $54.4 million in formula aid and $2.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$54.4M** | **$2.3M** | **$295,000** |
| $8,033 per resident (254th of 351) · gross | $339 per resident (190th of 351) | $43.46 per resident (98th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Newbury were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.9 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Newbury received $263,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$263,000** | **$263,000** | **$263,000** | **No** |
| $38.77 per resident (114th of 351) | $38.77 per resident (205th of 351) | $38.77 per resident (211th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: ten clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Newbury's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Newbury, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (ten clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $40,000 | "firefighter turnout gear in the town of Newbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $40,000 | "the town of Newbury for the development of bathroom and public safety facilities on town property located at 31 Plum Island Boulevard" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $35,000 | "the town of Newbury for the replacement of an all-terrain vehicle for emergency response issues on beaches and in woodlands" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "an accessible van for the council on aging in the town of Newbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2021 | $23,000 (split 11 ways) | "equally to the city of Gloucester and the towns of Boxford, Essex, Georgetown, Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Middleton, Newbury, North Andover, precincts 5 to 8, inclusive, Rockport, Rowley, Wenham, West Newbury, North Reading and Wilmington for costs associated with the..." | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 10 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Newbury received 19% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**52.7**<br>239th of 351 · 7.8 per 1,000 residents (141st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.4M**<br>scored exposure $2.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**100**<br>116th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.4 sq mi**<br>21% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**7%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,294**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.08**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.19; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,121 acres**<br>20.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$607,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$194**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$27,850**<br>FY2017–2025 · 118th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NEWBURY

## Newbury has 3,278 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,126 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,278 acres**<br>21.9% of Newbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,126 acres**<br>7.5% of Newbury's land · 63 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**320 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,184 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 75 | 3,278 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 37 | 2,956 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 72 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 48 | 861 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 13 | 193 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 27 | 640 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 13 | 320 |
| Conservation restriction | 59 | 1,184 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 37 | 2,956 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Martin H. Burns WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,582 | |
| William Forward WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,337 | |
| Crane Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 314 | |
| Great Marsh North WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 44 | |
| Unnamed state land | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 67.6 miles of public road in Newbury, the state maintains 11.4 (17%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.4 | 17% |
| Town-accepted | 52.9 | 78% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.2 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Newbury $1.5 million and takes back $175,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.5 million** | **$175,000** | **$1.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 12% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $17,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $680,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $56,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $70,000 |
| State Owned Land | $622,000 |
| Public Libraries | $17,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $11,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $103,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,111 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,620 |
| Regional Transit | $56,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NEWBURY

## State programs also awarded $4,167 to organizations in Newbury other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Newbury. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission<br>regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.1% of Newbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.7%** | **4.6%** | **5.1%** | **4.4%** |
| $1.3M of $14.6M · median town 14.1% | $823,000 of $17.9M · median town 12.2% | $1.3M of $25.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.7% · median town 10.0% |

Newbury's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Newbury's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 34.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 42.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.3 million in FY2006 to $1.3 million in FY2025, +1.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $658,000 of Newbury's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+44.0%** | **+75.9%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $677,000 to $975,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.2M to $2.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Newbury's health insurance would have been $845,000 in FY2025; it was $975,000, $130,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.52 million in FY2025; it was $2.15 million, $622,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+43%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Newbury's government came to $223,000, 74.7% of the $298,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $223,000 | 74.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $223,000 | 74.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $223,000 | 74.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Newbury's required school contribution is 1.6% of median household income, 333rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.9M** | **$7.6M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.6%** | **+6%** |
| 333rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Newbury has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Newbury, Triton and Whittier; Newbury accounts for 100%, 29% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $4.9 million for schools serving Newbury, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Newbury's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.9M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $723 per resident (164th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Newbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Pine Grove Elementary School | Triton | Core | $16.9M | $4.9M (29%) |

Not counted: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Newbury's share of the final cost was $10.9 million against its share of the approved budget of $11.3 million (under by $324,000); the local share moved from $6.4 million to $6.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Newbury has $813,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.3M**<br>$969,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$813,000**<br>annual program: 0.9 years of its yearly money · 237th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**12**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1.4M of work on those ($863,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$445,000**<br>bridges $319,000 · dams $0 · culverts $126,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Newbury came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $272,000 | $0 | $355,000 | $14,000 |
| FY2018 | $271,000 | $0 | $271,000 | $14,000 |
| FY2019 | $270,000 | $54,000 | $406,000 | $81 |
| FY2020 | $270,000 | $27,000 | $159,000 | $138,000 |
| FY2021 | $270,000 | $0 | $124,000 | $283,000 |
| FY2022 | $270,000 | $177,000 | $109,000 | $621,000 |
| FY2023 | $268,000 | $0 | $538,000 | $350,000 |
| FY2024 | $267,000 | $272,000 | $155,000 | $734,000 |
| FY2025 | $266,000 | $177,000 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $441,000 | $263,000 | $1.1M | $813,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $438,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 23 bridges in Newbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2020 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Controlling Flooding and Addressing Future Climate Impacts through the Replacement of the Orchard Street Culvert source | $126,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Newbury received $2.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $2.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Newbury ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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## nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Newbury** this town | **41** | **$8,033** | **$339** | **$38.77** | **0.19** | **1.6%** |
| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Cohasset peer | 32 | $7,092 | $383 | $129† | 0.76 | 2.5% |
| Sherborn peer | 39 | $9,422 | $708 | $109 | 0.88 | 2.7% |
| Bolton peer | 35 | $8,127 | $737 | $62.75 | 1.64 | 2.8% |
| Harvard peer | 39 | $8,662 | $563 | $18.05 | 0.96 | 2.1% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

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FAIRNESS INDEX

## Newburyport scores 33 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 62 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**33** / 100

283rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 43 | 32 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 272nd to 288th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Newburyport received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 33 stays between 30 and 36 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**62** / 100

141st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 73 | 58 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 132nd to 147th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

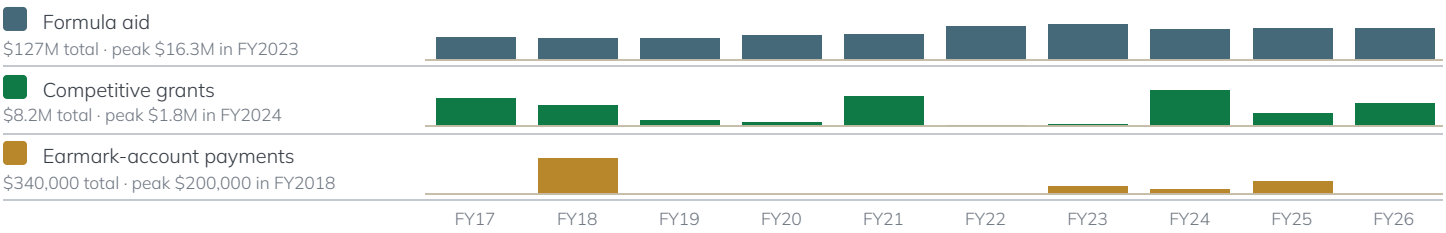
Newburyport received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 62 stays between 60 and 65 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Newburyport's town government and school districts received $127 million in formula aid and $8.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$127M** | **$8.2M** | **$340,000** |
| $6,797 per resident (302nd of 351) · gross | $442 per resident (154th of 351) | $18.22 per resident (214th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Newburyport peaked in FY2024 at $1.8 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $25.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Newburyport received $958,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.4 million placed in the city or town and $1.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$958,000** | **$1.4M** | **$1.4M** | **No** |
| $51.35 per resident (79th of 351) | $77.12 per resident (100th of 351) · 33% to organizations | $77.12 per resident (108th of 351) · 33% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 29 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $958,000 went to Newburyport's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $481,000 went to organizations in Newburyport or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Newburyport, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (29 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $250,000 | "the city of Newburyport for the purchase, installation and related costs, including engineering and design work, for a new landfill gas flare system at the Crow Lane Landfill in the city of Newburyport" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $200,000 | "the city of Newburyport for the purchase, installation and related costs, such as engineering and design work, for a new landfill gas flare system at the Crow Lane landfill in the city of Newburyport" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $125,000 | "C-10 Research and Education Foundation, Inc. to provide radiological monitoring in the 6 communities of the commonwealth that are within the plume exposure emergency planning zone of the Seabrook nuclear power plant" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $120,000 | "the C-10 Research and Education Foundation, Inc. to provide radiological monitoring in the 6 communities of the commonwealth that are within the plume exposure emergency planning zone of the Seabrook nuclear power plant" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the C-10 Research and Education Foundation, Inc. to provide radiological monitoring in the 6 communities of the commonwealth that are within the plume exposure emergency planning zone of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant" | Enacted organization based here |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Newburyport received 78% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**68.6**<br>195th of 351 · 3.7 per 1,000 residents (293rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$344,000**<br>scored exposure $206,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**37**<br>302nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**8.4 sq mi**<br>10% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**19,099**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.85**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.78; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**438 acres**<br>8.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$248,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$566**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$34,203**<br>FY2017–2025 · 85th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NEWBURYPORT

## Newburyport has 540 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 341 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**540 acres**<br>10.1% of Newburyport's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**341 acres**<br>6.4% of Newburyport's land · 14 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**60 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**332 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 12 | 540 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 430 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 14 | 341 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 6 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 60 |
| Conservation restriction | 17 | 332 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 430 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maudslay State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 486 | |
| Plum Island State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 47 | |
| Henry Graf Jr. Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 76.8 miles of public road in Newburyport, the state maintains 6.8 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.8 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 68.3 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.8 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Newburyport $12 million and takes back $2.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $9.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$12 million** | **$2.4 million** | **$9.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 20% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $265,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.3M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $115,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $154,000 |
| State Owned Land | $254,000 |
| Public Libraries | $49,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $56,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,408 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $13,000 |
| Regional Transit | $190,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $191,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.9M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NEWBURYPORT

## State programs also awarded $381,000 to organizations in Newburyport other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Newburyport. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Theater in the Open nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2024 | Custom House Maritime Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $73,000 |
| FY2024 | Belleville Arts Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2019 | On Stage nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $22,000 |
| FY2021 | Newburyport Art Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $10,000 |
| FY2021 | Newburyport Art Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $150,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.5% of Newburyport's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 17.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **17.4%** | **12.2%** | **11.5%** | **9.1%** |
| $7.9M of $45.2M · median town 14.1% | $7.4M of $60.8M · median town 12.2% | $10.3M of $89.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.8% · median town 10.0% |

Newburyport's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $122,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Newburyport's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 15.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 24.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7.9 million in FY2006 to $10.3 million in FY2025, +31.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+43.5%** | **+45.3%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $7.7M to $11M · all towns +54.0% | $11.4M to $16.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Newburyport's health insurance would have been $9.60 million in FY2025; it was $11 million, $1.43 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $14.3 million in FY2025; it was $16.6 million, $2.33 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Newburyport's government came to $918,000, 27.5% of the $3.34 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $918,000 | 27.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.2M | 37.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.2M | 37.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Newburyport's required school contribution is 2.0% of median household income, 309th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$6.3M** | **$22.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.0%** | **+39%** |
| 309th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Newburyport runs its own school district and also belongs to Whittier; Newburyport accounts for 3% of that district's foundation budget.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.8 million for schools serving Newburyport, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Newburyport's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.8M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $149 per resident (229th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Newburyport's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Rupert A. Nock Middle School | Newburyport | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.4M | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | Newburyport High School | Newburyport | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.4M | $1.4M |

Not counted: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Newburyport has $1.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.3M** | **$5M** | **$1.6M** |
| $1.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 150th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **1** | **0** | **$1.3M** |
| none rated poor | of three town-owned dams | bridges $1.2M · dams $84,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Newburyport came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $516,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $14,000 |
| FY2018 | $518,000 | $0 | $356,000 | $175,000 |
| FY2019 | $517,000 | $103,000 | $372,000 | $634,000 |
| FY2020 | $517,000 | $52,000 | $1.1M | $217,000 |
| FY2021 | $517,000 | $0 | $33,000 | $701,000 |
| FY2022 | $518,000 | $228,000 | $736,000 | $711,000 |
| FY2023 | $520,000 | $0 | $602,000 | $629,000 |
| FY2024 | $521,000 | $268,000 | $392,000 | $1M |
| FY2025 | $523,000 | $142,000 | $934,000 | $757,000 |
| FY2026 | $752,000 | $378,000 | $262,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $748,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.4M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Newburyport in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Lower Artichoke Reservoir Dam Design source | $84,000 |
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Newburyport received $10.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants


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## over ten years, 91% of the $11.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Newburyport ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.4 million in earmarks placed in Newburyport, $481,000 (33%) went to organizations rather than to Newburyport's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Newburyport** this town | **33** | **$6,797** | **$442** | **$77.12** | **0.78** | **2.0%** |
| Ipswich peer | 28 | $6,449 | $237 | $49.75 | 0.55 | 2.3% |
| Lynnfield peer · best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147 † | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Wakefield peer | 28 | $6,465 | $157 | $45.34 | 0.56 | 2.6% |
| Bedford peer | 42 | $9,879 | $313 | $18.33 | 0.99 | 2.9% |
| Canton peer | 29 | $6,511 | $84.68 | $28.65 | 0.29 | 2.9% |
| Harvard lowest in class of 30 | 39 | $8,662 | $563 | $18.05 | 0.96 | 2.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Newton

City · Middlesex County · 89,044 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

11th Middlesex · Amy Mah Sangiolo 50% of residents
12th Middlesex · Greg Schwartz 41% of residents
10th Middlesex · John J. Lawn, Jr. 10% of residents

Newton is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Norfolk and Middlesex · Cynthia Stone Creem

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Newton Public Schools, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Newton scores 27 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 14 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**27** / 100

338th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 40 | 23 | 21 |

Rank under other weightings: 319th to 344th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Newton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 24 and 30 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**14** / 100

334th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 22 | 13 | 10 |

Rank under other weightings: 333rd to 340th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

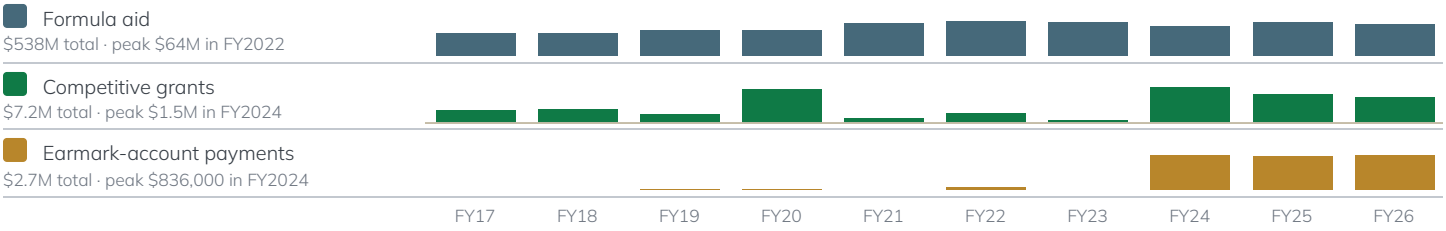
Newton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 14 stays between 12 and 16 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Newton's town government and school districts received $538 million in formula aid and $7.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $538M | $7.2M | $2.7M |
| $6,038 per resident (335th of 351) · gross | $80.63 per resident (337th of 351) | $30.23 per resident (147th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Newton peaked in FY2024 at $1.5 million, 20% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $62.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Newton received $1.9 million in local earmarks to its government, $3.9 million placed in the city or town and $4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.9M | $3.9M | $4M | No |
| $20.94 per resident (211th of 351) | $43.34 per resident (185th of 351) · 52% to organizations | $44.58 per resident (187th of 351) · 50% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 72 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.9 million went to Newton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2 million went to organizations in Newton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Newton but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $110,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $110,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Newton (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Newton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (74 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "Friends of Coletti-Magni Park, Inc. for the revitalization of Coletti-Magni park in the Nonantum neighborhood of Newton" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "the department of parks, recreation and culture in the city of Newton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "capital improvements of the American Legion Post 440 in the Nonantum neighborhood of the city of Newton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the department of parks, recreation and culture in the city of Newton for the construction of the Crystal lake stormwater filtration basin to intercept drainage and ensure the water quality" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "improvements to Farlow park, including the Chaffin house property and the Farlow pond in the city of Newton" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 74 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Newton received 54% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**277.9**<br>5th of 351 · 3.1 per 1,000 residents (312th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$20.2M**<br>scored exposure $4.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**93**<br>133rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.8 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**89,902**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.54; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$46,131**<br>FY2017–2025 · 43rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NEWTON

## Newton has 310 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 544 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**310 acres**<br>2.7% of Newton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**544 acres**<br>4.8% of Newton's land · 19 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**158 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 59 | 310 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 19 | 544 |
| Conservation restriction | 41 | 158 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charles River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 94 | |
| Cutler Park Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 89 | |
| Leo J. Martin Memorial Golf Course | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 66 | |
| Hammond Pond Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 55 | |
| Hemlock Gorge Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| Number 23 Pressure Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 0 | |
| Charles River Reservation | State: Department of Transportation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 311.0 miles of public road in Newton, the state maintains 14.8 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.4 | 4% |
| DCR | 3.4 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 278.0 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 18.2 | 6% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $60,000 | “the conceptual design work for the Charles river greenway link to Newton” |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | “the department of conservation and recreation to conduct a study of the opportunities, challenges, and cost of developing the current informal trail…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Newton $40.4 million and takes back $7.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $33 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$40.4 million** | **$7.4 million** | **$33 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 18% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $32.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $55,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $7.8M |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $111,000 |
| Public Libraries | $212,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $46,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $55,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $50,000 |
| MBTA | $6.9M |
| Special Education | $16,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $195,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $81,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NEWTON

## State programs also awarded $2.2 million to organizations in Newton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Newton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2016 | Newton Cultural Alliance nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $268,000 |
| FY2019 | Newton Cultural Alliance nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | Suzuki School of Newton nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | West Newton Cinema Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Newton Cultural Alliance nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $162,000 |
| FY2024 | New Art Center in Newton nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $137,000 |
| FY2017 | Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2018 | Suzuki School of Newton nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2019 | Riverside Greenway Working Group nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Charles River Watershed Association nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $100,000 |
| FY2021 | New Art Center in Newton nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2023 | West Suburban YMCA nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $75,000 |
| FY2022 | New Art Center in Newton nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2023 | West Newton Cinema Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2018 | New Art Center in Newton nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 19 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $360,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.9% of Newton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.8%** | **7.2%** | **6.9%** | **5.5%** |
| $22M of $283M · median town 14.1% | $26.1M of $361M · median town 12.2% | $36.4M of $530M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.2% · median town 10.0% |

**Newton's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 6.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 5.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $22 million in FY2006 to $36.4 million in FY2025, +65.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $4.1 million of Newton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+32.6%** | **+55.8%** | **5 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $65.4M to $86.7M · all towns +54.0% | $77.1M to $120M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Newton's health insurance would have been $81.6 million in FY2025; it was $86.7 million, $5.02 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $96.3 million in FY2025; it was $120 million, $23.8 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Newton's government came to $1.5 million, 7.2% of the $21.3 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.5M | 7.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.2M | 15.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.3M | 15.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Newton's required school contribution is 2.2% of


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## median household income, 288th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$30.4M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$135M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.2%**<br>288th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+16%**<br>after inflation |

Newton runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $35.4 million for schools serving Newton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Newton's share<br>**$35.4M**<br>$398 per resident (190th of 351) | Projects<br>**4**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Newton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Countryside Elementary School | Newton | Core | $20.5M | $20.5M |
| FY2019 | F.A. Day Middle School | Newton | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $361,000 | $361,000 |
| FY2019 | Bigelow Middle School | Newton | Accelerated Repair (Boilers) | $416,000 | $416,000 |
| FY2017 | Cabot Elementary School | Newton | Core | $14.1M | $14.1M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $48.8 million against an approved budget of $50.4 million (under by $1.6 million); the local share moved from $35.9 million to $34.7 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Newton has $6.8 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$31.7M**<br>$4.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$21.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$6.8M**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 141st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**11**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Newton came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Newton owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $2.3M | $0 | $2.5M | $326,000 |
| FY2018 | $2.3M | $0 | $19,000 | $2.6M |
| FY2019 | $2.3M | $460,000 | $3.1M | $2.3M |
| FY2020 | $2.3M | $229,000 | $722,000 | $4.1M |
| FY2021 | $2.3M | $0 | $3.1M | $3.3M |
| FY2022 | $2.3M | $927,000 | $4.5M | $2M |
| FY2023 | $2.3M | $0 | $1.7M | $2.6M |
| FY2024 | $2.3M | $1.1M | $1.8M | $4.2M |
| FY2025 | $2.2M | $615,000 | $4.2M | $2.8M |
| FY2026 | $3.2M | $1.6M | $784,000 | $6.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $3.1M | $0 | $0 | $9.9M |

The full list of the 71 bridges in Newton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Newton received $19.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $19.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Newton ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3.9 million in earmarks placed in Newton, $2 million (52%) went to organizations rather than to Newton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Newton** this town | **27** | **$6,038** | **$80.63** | **$43.34**† | **0.54** | **2.2%** |
| Lexington peer | 36 | $9,001 | $61.92 | $113† | 0.57 | 2.7% |
| Andover peer | 28 | $6,322 | $94.07 | $42.90 | 0.79 | 2.8% |
| Needham peer · best in class of 30 | 28 | $6,664 | $33.58 | $144† | 0.21 | 2.5% |
| Wellesley peer | 28 | $6,221 | $46.83 | $85.74 | 0.18 | 1.9% |
| Natick peer | 28 | $6,624 | $86.76 | $78.89 | 0.56 | 2.7% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Norfolk

Town · Norfolk County · 11,673 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**9th Norfolk** · Marcus S. Vaughn

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex** · Rebecca L. Rausch

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Norfolk Public Schools**, the town's own district
**King Philip Regional School District**, shared with Plainville and Wrentham
**Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, North Attleborough, Plainville, Seekonk, Sherborn and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Norfolk scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 47 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**38** / 100

234th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 56 | 31 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 202nd to 249th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Norfolk received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 34 and 43 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**47** / 100

200th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 62 | 47 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 184th to 221st.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

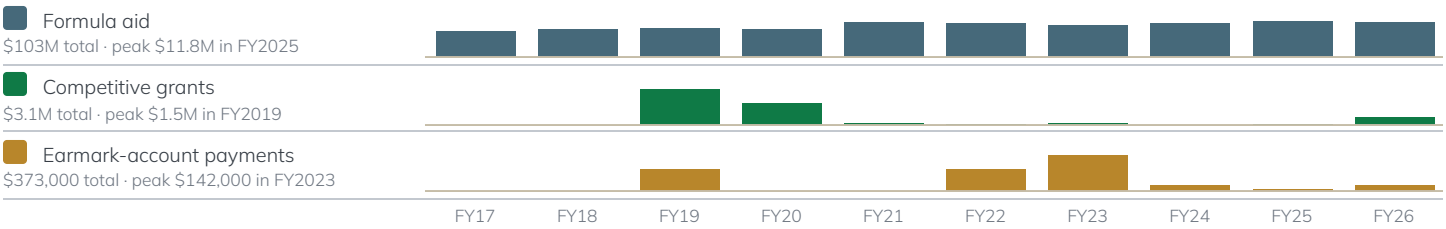
Norfolk received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 42 and 52 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Norfolk's town government and school districts received $103 million in formula aid and $3.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$103M** | **$3.1M** | **$373,000** |
| $8,835 per resident (225th of 351) · gross | $264 per resident (223rd of 351) | $31.94 per resident (141st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Norfolk peaked in FY2019 at $1.5 million, 50% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Norfolk received $629,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$629,000** | **$629,000** | **$629,000** | **No** |
| $53.87 per resident (71st of 351) | $53.87 per resident (158th of 351) | $53.87 per resident (163rd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 18 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Norfolk's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Norfolk, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (18 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $125,000 | "improvements to the H. Olive Day School in the town of Norfolk" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | "repairs and replacement of the roof of the H. Olive Day elementary school in the town of Norfolk" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the repair and expansion of the council on aging parking lot in the town of Norfolk" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "engineering improvements to the City Mills dam in the town of Norfolk" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $45,000 | "radio repeater system upgrades in the fire department in the town of Norfolk" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 18 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Norfolk received 87% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**77.0**<br>168th of 351 · 6.6 per 1,000 residents (171st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.6M**<br>scored exposure $595,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**58**<br>234th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.9 sq mi**<br>9% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,823**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.69**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.87; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,113 acres**<br>11.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$389,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$349**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$29,061**<br>FY2017–2025 · 112th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORFOLK

## Norfolk has 871 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 300 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**871 acres**<br>9.1% of Norfolk's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**300 acres**<br>3.1% of Norfolk's land · 17 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**106 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 871 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 1,249 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 158 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 10 | 108 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 34 |
| Conservation restriction | 15 | 106 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Correction and Youth Services | 3 | 1,031 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 146 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 3 | 72 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| DOC Land Use Change Area | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 728 | |
| Bristol Blake State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 143 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 86.5 miles of public road in Norfolk, the state maintains 1.4 (2%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.4 | 2% |
| Town-accepted | 77.6 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.9 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Norfolk $5.9 million and takes back $839,000 in assessments and charges, a net $5.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.9 million** | **$839,000** | **$5.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 14% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $77,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $4,443 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $97,000 |
| State Owned Land | $398,000 |
| Public Libraries | $33,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $96,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $64,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,069 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $6,481 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,040 |
| MBTA | $161,000 |
| Regional Transit | $144,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $21,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $336,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.9% of Norfolk's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.9%** | **12.2%** | **9.9%** | **8.6%** |
| $5M of $26.5M · median town 14.1% | $4.5M of $36.4M · median town 12.2% | $5.5M of $55.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 15.4% · median town 10.0% |

Norfolk's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Norfolk's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 29.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 37.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5 million in FY2006 to $5.5 million in FY2025, +9.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $325,000 of Norfolk's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+34.0%** | **+53.5%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $2.3M to $3.1M · all towns +54.0% | $4.4M to $6.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |


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Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Norfolk's health insurance would have been $2.87 million in FY2025; it was $3.08 million, $208,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $5.44 million in FY2025; it was $6.68 million, $1.24 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Norfolk's government came to $554,000, 71.0% of the $780,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $554,000 | 71.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $554,000 | 71.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $554,000 | 71.0% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Norfolk's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 153rd highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$7.2M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$18.9M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.7%**<br>153rd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–11%**<br>after inflation |

Norfolk runs its own district for some grades and belongs to King Philip, Tri County and Norfolk County for others; Norfolk accounts for 35%, 5% and 5% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $6.6 million for schools serving Norfolk, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Norfolk's share<br>**$6.6M**<br>$563 per resident (176th of 351) | Projects<br>**3**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Norfolk's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $1M (5%) |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $4.3M (5%) |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $78,000 (5%) |
| FY2019 | H. Olive Day School | Norfolk | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.1M | $1.1M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Norfolk; Norfolk's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.1 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Norfolk's share of the final cost was $3.2 million against its share of the approved budget of $2.9 million (over by $323,000); the local share moved from $1.8 million to $2.2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Norfolk has $885,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$885,000**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 215th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$714,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $214,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Norfolk came on average 14 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026;


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counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Norfolk owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $393,000 | $0 | $271,000 | $241,000 |
| FY2018 | $393,000 | $0 | $544,000 | $255,000 |
| FY2019 | $392,000 | $78,000 | $680,000 | $45,000 |
| FY2020 | $390,000 | $39,000 | $237,000 | $237,000 |
| FY2021 | $396,000 | $0 | $522,000 | $112,000 |
| FY2022 | $392,000 | $255,000 | $485,000 | $274,000 |
| FY2023 | $404,000 | $0 | $526,000 | $151,000 |
| FY2024 | $408,000 | $252,000 | $453,000 | $357,000 |
| FY2025 | $402,000 | $111,000 | $411,000 | $460,000 |
| FY2026 | $658,000 | $386,000 | $415,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $657,000 | $0 | $204,000 | $1.5M |

The full list of the eight bridges in Norfolk in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Seekonk Street over Unnamed Perennial source | $146,000 |
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Seekonk Street over UNT to Mann Pond source | $68,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Norfolk received $3.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $3.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Norfolk ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Norfolk** this town | **38** | **$8,835** | **$264** | **$53.87** | **0.87** | **2.7%** |
| Holliston peer | 41 | $9,911 | $189 | $129 | 0.85 | 3.1% |
| Groton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |
| Medway peer · best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| North Reading peer | 38 | $8,458 | $326 | $76.44 | 0.68 | 3.0% |
| Upton peer | 56 | $14,491 | $622 | $40.72 | 1.73 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# North Adams

City · Berkshire County · 12,606 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

**STATE SENATE**

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

North Adams Public Schools, the city's own district

Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Lanesborough, Monroe, Savoy and Williamstown

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### North Adams scores 71 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 92 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**71** / 100

11th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | 60 | 74 | 79 |

Rank under other weightings: 7th to 16th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

North Adams received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 71 stays between 68 and 74 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**92** / 100

41st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | 89 | 90 | 95 |

Rank under other weightings: 35th to 45th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

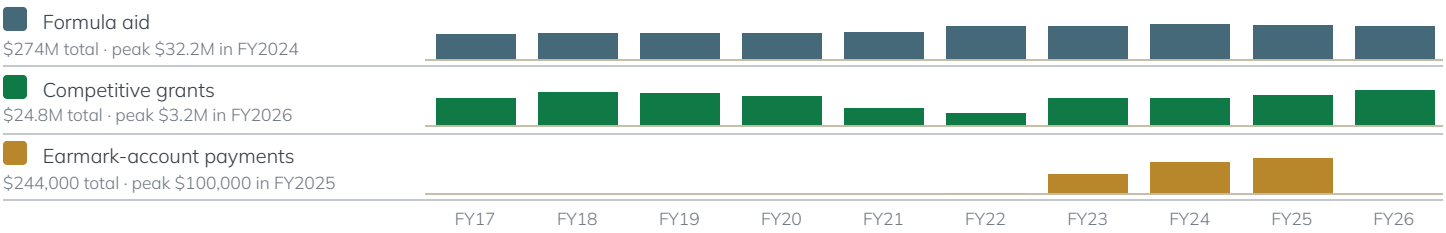
North Adams received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 92 stays between 90 and 93 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### North Adams's town government and school districts received $274 million in formula aid and $24.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $274M | $24.8M | $244,000 |
| $21,747 per resident (20th of 351) · gross | $1,967 per resident (48th of 351) | $19.38 per resident (206th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to North Adams were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $31.1 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### North Adams received $262,000 in local earmarks to its government, $412,000 placed in the city or town and $6.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $262,000 | $412,000 | $6.5M | No |
| $20.82 per resident (212th of 351) | $32.72 per resident (225th of 351) · 36% to organizations | $512 per resident (4th of 351) · 2% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $262,000 went to North Adams's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $150,000 went to organizations in North Adams or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name North Adams but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $5.9 million, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $6 million in three clauses for state facilities located in North Adams (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in North Adams, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (12 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $3M | "the recognition of additional allowable costs to the standard base rate for nursing facilities located within 17 miles of 71 Hospital avenue in the city of North Adams" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2025 | $3M | "the recognition of additional allowable costs to the standard base rate for nursing facilities located within 17 miles of 71 Hospital avenue in North Adams, Massachusetts" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "repairs for the Northern Berkshire YMCA complex located in the city of North Adams" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the Berkshire Diverse Teacher Workforce Program at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "the city of North Adams for repairs to the North Adams public library belvedere" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 12 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, North Adams received 3.15 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**70.5**<br>187th of 351 · 5.6 per 1,000 residents (209th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$73.4M**<br>scored exposure $51.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**91**<br>138th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**5**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.3 sq mi**<br>17% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**12,832**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.08**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 3.15; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,200 acres**<br>16.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$139,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$63.15**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$5,820**<br>FY2017–2025 · 349th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORTH ADAMS

## North Adams has 2,253 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 15 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,253 acres**<br>17.3% of North Adams's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**15 acres**<br>0.1% of North Adams's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**862 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 33 | 2,253 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 26 | 2,198 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 15 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 15 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 862 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | 2,096 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 11 | 98 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 5 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Greylock State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 969 | |
| Clarksburg State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 568 | |
| Savoy Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 539 | |
| Joseph Zavattaro Athletic Complex | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 83 | |
| Natural Bridge State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 44 | |
| Florida State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 25 | |
| Appalachian Trail Corridor | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | |
| Western Gateway Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | |
| Hoosic River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5 | |
| Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 86.9 miles of public road in North Adams, the state maintains 8.7 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.7 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 70.5 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.2 | 6% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | “the Berkshire Diverse Teacher Workforce Program at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends North Adams $23.8 million and takes back $4.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $19.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$23.8 million** | **$4.6 million** | **$19.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 19% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $153,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $542,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $5.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $311,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $70,000 |
| State Owned Land | $139,000 |
| Public Libraries | $53,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $1.4M |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,968 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| Regional Transit | $127,000 |
| Special Education | $12,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.2M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.9M |


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STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NORTH ADAMS

## State programs also awarded $2.3 million to organizations in North Adams other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving North Adams. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art Foundation, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $650,000 |
| FY2019 | Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2022 | Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2026 | Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2022 | Barbara and Eric Rudd Art Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2025 | Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art Foundation, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $85,000 |
| FY2019 | Appalachian Mountain Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $51,000 |
| FY2024 | MASS MoCA and Town of Williamstown nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $41,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Greylock Flume nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2024 | Wheel Estates Tenants Association nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $30,000 |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $808,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 43.3% of North Adams's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 47.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **47.4%** | **46.7%** | **43.3%** | **35.5%** |
| $20.1M of $42.3M · median town 14.1% | $18.7M of $40M · median town 12.2% | $23.1M of $53.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 42.0% · median town 10.0% |

North Adams's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**North Adams's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 25.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 34.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $20.1 million in FY2006 to $23.1 million in FY2025, +15.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $660,000 of North Adams's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+51.9%** | **+47.2%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $4.3M to $6.5M · all towns +54.0% | $7.3M to $10.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, North Adams's health insurance would have been $5.36 million in FY2025; it was $6.52 million, $1.16 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.12 million in FY2025; it was $10.8 million, $1.63 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to North Adams's government came to $262,000, 11.8% of the $2.23 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $262,000 | 11.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $412,000 | 18.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.5M | 156.5% | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## North Adams's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 234th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$19.3M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$7M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.5%**<br>234th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+7%**<br>after inflation |

North Adams runs its own school district and also belongs to Northern Berkshire; North Adams accounts for 31% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $45.5 million for schools serving North Adams, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, North Adams's share<br>**$45.5M**<br>$3,607 per resident (29th of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | North Adams's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School<br>grant increased by Board vote | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $571,000 | $180,000 (31%) |
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $9.8M | $3.1M (31%) |
| FY2024 | Greylock Elementary School | North Adams | Core | $42.2M | $42.2M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving North Adams; North Adams's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $180,000.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## North Adams has $504,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and five high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.2M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$504,000**<br>annual program: 0.5 years of its yearly money · 287th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**13**<br>one rated poor; about $56.7M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**5**<br>of seven town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$677,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $677,000 · culverts $0 |

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North Adams owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $439,000 | $0 | $338,000 | $159,000 |
| FY2018 | $436,000 | $0 | $517,000 | $170,000 |
| FY2019 | $436,000 | $87,000 | $607,000 | $86,000 |
| FY2020 | $435,000 | $44,000 | $436,000 | $129,000 |
| FY2021 | $435,000 | $0 | $381,000 | $183,000 |
| FY2022 | $432,000 | $235,000 | $70,000 | $780,000 |
| FY2023 | $417,000 | $0 | $647,000 | $551,000 |
| FY2024 | $417,000 | $243,000 | $742,000 | $468,000 |
| FY2025 | $415,000 | $114,000 | $658,000 | $340,000 |
| FY2026 | $647,000 | $363,000 | $846,000 | $504,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $647,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The full list of the 31 bridges in North Adams in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | FY23 Notch Reservoir Dam Repair Design source | $250,000 |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | FY23 Mount Williams Reservoir Dam Repair Design source | $250,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Mt. Williams and Notch Reservoir Dam Repair Designs source | $177,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## North Adams received $25.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 23% more than the $20.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## North Adams ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $412,000 in earmarks placed in North Adams, $150,000 (36%) went to organizations rather than to North Adams's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North Adams** this town | **71** | **$21,747** | **$1,967** | **$32.72** | **3.15** | **2.5%** |
| Athol peer | 69 | $23,699 | $853 | $117† | 1.25 | 1.4% |
| Southbridge peer | 68 | $21,891 | $992 | $33.72 | 1.54 | 2.3% |
| Adams peer | 64 | $19,320 | $1,327 | $27.87† | 2.22 | 2.2% |
| Orange peer | 67 | $23,109 | $1,214 | $123† | 2.59 | 3.0% |
| Gardner peer | 60 | $17,461 | $784 | $85.79† | 2.19 | 2.3% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| North Brookfield lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |


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ESSEX COUNTY

# North Andover

Town · Essex County · 31,490 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

14th Essex · Adrianne Pusateri Ramos 75% of residents

18th Essex · Tram T. Nguyen 25% of residents

North Andover is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Second Essex and Middlesex · Barry R. Finegold 75% of residents

First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr 25% of residents

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

North Andover Public Schools, the town's own district

Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Andover, Lawrence and Methuen

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### North Andover scores 26 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 34 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**26** / 100

341st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 30 | 23 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 325th to 344th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

North Andover received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 25 and 27 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**34** / 100

253rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 37 | 34 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 246th to 256th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

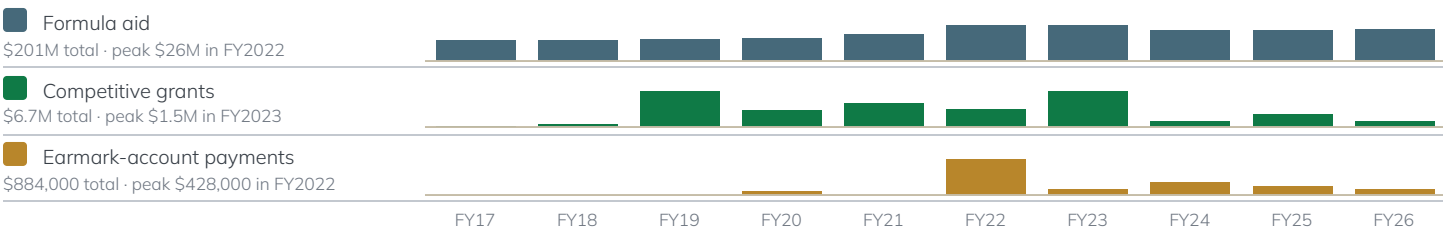
North Andover received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 34 and 35 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### North Andover's town government and school districts received $201 million in formula aid and $6.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $201M | $6.7M | $884,000 |
| $6,381 per resident (325th of 351) · gross | $213 per resident (246th of 351) | $28.07 per resident (155th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to North Andover peaked in FY2023 at $1.5 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $17.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### North Andover received $912,000 in local earmarks to its government, $999,000 placed in the city or town and $999,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $912,000 | $999,000 | $999,000 | No |
| $28.96 per resident (166th of 351) | $31.72 per resident (231st of 351) · 9% to organizations | $31.72 per resident (234th of 351) · 9% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 35 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $912,000 went to North Andover's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $87,000 went to organizations in North Andover or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in North Andover, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (35 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "the design, engineering and permitting of a boardwalk and trail connection for the Mills to Hills trail from Main street and around Osgood pond in the town of North Andover" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $65,000 | "the completion of the Vietnam Veterans memorial in North Andover" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $65,000 | "the Osgood Pond boardwalk and trail in the town of North Andover" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $60,000 | "North Andover for pedestrian safety measures" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $55,000 | "the town of North Andover for the construction of pickleball courts" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 35 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, North Andover received 89% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**117.7**<br>64th of 351 · 3.7 per 1,000 residents (289th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$828,000**<br>scored exposure $138,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**131**<br>62nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.3 sq mi**<br>14% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**31,724**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.68**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.89; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,013 acres**<br>12.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$487,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$242**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$37,459**<br>FY2017–2025 · 70th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORTH ANDOVER

## North Andover has 2,398 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 806 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,398 acres**<br>14.3% of North Andover's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**806 acres**<br>4.8% of North Andover's land · 121 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**112 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**586 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 134 | 2,398 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 31 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 113 | 752 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 23 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 22 | 235 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 112 |
| Conservation restriction | 34 | 586 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Harold Parker State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,014 | |
| Boxford State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 385 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 151.0 miles of public road in North Andover, the state maintains 12.1 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.1 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 117.6 | 78% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 18.7 | 12% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends North Andover $17.3 million and takes back $775,000 in assessments and charges, a net $16.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$17.3 million** | **$775,000** | **$16.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $13.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $6,440 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $111,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $151,000 |
| State Owned Land | $499,000 |
| Public Libraries | $80,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $131,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $21,000 |
| Regional Transit | $249,000 |
| Special Education | $21,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $235,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $106,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NORTH ANDOVER

## State programs also awarded $280,000 to organizations in North Andover other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving North Andover. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $109,000 |
| FY2026 | Institute for Industrial Art and History nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $28,000 |
| FY2024 | North Andover Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $20,000 |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $118,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.2% of North Andover's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 12.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12.6%** | **12.1%** | **12.2%** | **11.6%** |
| $8.7M of $69.2M · median town 14.1% | $10.4M of $86M · median town 12.2% | $15.7M of $128M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.5% · median town 10.0% |


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North Andover's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $197,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**North Andover's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 15.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 2.9% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.7 million in FY2006 to $15.7 million in FY2025, +79.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $412,000 of North Andover's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+40.8%** | **+44.4%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $9.2M to $13M · all towns +54.0% | $15.3M to $22.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, North Andover's health insurance would have been $11.5 million in FY2025; it was $13 million, $1.46 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $19.2 million in FY2025; it was $22.1 million, $2.99 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to North Andover's government came to $803,000, 21.3% of the $3.76 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $803,000 | 21.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $880,000 | 23.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $880,000 | 23.4% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### North Andover's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 43rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$13.3M** | **$50.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **+26%** |
| 43rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

North Andover runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater Lawrence; North Andover accounts for 2% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $29.2 million for schools serving North Andover, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, North Andover's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$29.2M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $928 per resident (152nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | North Andover's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Kittredge Elementary School | North Andover | Core | $29.2M | $29.2M |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### North Andover has $4.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.7M** | **$5.9M** | **$4.6M** |
| $1.9M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.9 years of its yearly money · 29th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **3**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to North Andover came on average 43 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

North Andover owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $822,000 | $0 | $919,000 | $302 |
| FY2018 | $815,000 | $0 | $465,000 | $350,000 |
| FY2019 | $811,000 | $162,000 | $562,000 | $973,000 |
| FY2020 | $817,000 | $82,000 | $108,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2021 | $816,000 | $0 | $880,000 | $2.7M |
| FY2022 | $813,000 | $392,000 | $965,000 | $3.1M |
| FY2023 | $815,000 | $0 | $599,000 | $3.3M |
| FY2024 | $812,000 | $440,000 | $1.2M | $3.4M |
| FY2025 | $810,000 | $224,000 | $814,000 | $3.6M |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $628,000 | $815,000 | $4.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $5.8M |

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| Sandwich peer | 31 | $7,257 | $332 | $24.72 | 0.71 | 2.7% |
| Marshfield peer · best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Watertown peer | 28 | $6,072 | $161 | $34.77† | 0.91 | 1.8% |
| Stoneham peer | 28 | $6,600 | $119 | $85.70 | 1.97 | 2.6% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# North Attleborough

City · Bristol County · 30,984 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
14th Bristol · Adam J. Scanlon

**STATE SENATE**
Bristol and Norfolk · Paul R. Feeney

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**North Attleborough Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, Plainville, Seekonk, Sherborn and two others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### North Attleborough scores 44 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 27 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**44** / 100

172nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 44 | 42 | 48 |

Rank under other weightings: 160th to 195th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

North Attleborough received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 43 and 45 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**27** / 100

280th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 26 | 30 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 269th to 294th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

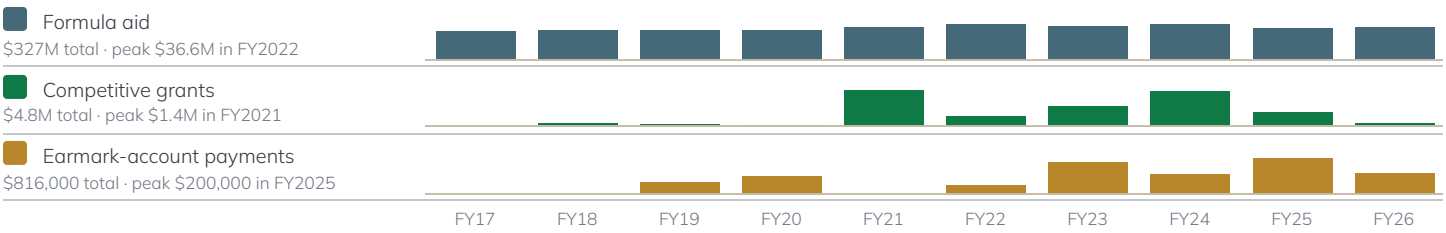
North Attleborough received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 26 and 28 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### North Attleborough's town government and school districts received $327 million in formula aid and $4.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$327M** | **$4.8M** | **$816,000** |
| $10,543 per resident (167th of 351) · gross | $156 per resident (284th of 351) | $26.34 per resident (166th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to North Attleborough peaked in FY2021 at $1.4 million, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $20.2 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### North Attleborough received $881,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.2 million placed in the city or town and $1.2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$881,000** | **$1.2M** | **$1.2M** | **No** |
| $28.43 per resident (171st of 351) | $39.34 per resident (203rd of 351) · 28% to organizations | $39.34 per resident (209th of 351) · 28% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 29 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $881,000 went to North Attleborough's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $338,000 went to organizations in North Attleborough or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in North Attleborough, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (29 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the construction of a playground for the Roosevelt Avenue school in North Attleboro" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the Greater Attleboro Area Council for Children, Incorporated for construction of a new site in the town of North Attleboro" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $75,000 | "establish a school resource officer position for North Attleboro public schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $65,000 | "the city known as the town of North Attleborough to purchase furniture, exercise equipment, movie projection equipment, a welcome desk and other needs associated with the establishment of the North Attleborough Council on Aging in its new location" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $60,000 | "Space2Thrive, Inc. to support the Volt Hockey program, acquisition of adaptive volt hockey wheelchairs and partnership with the Hockomock Area Young Men's Christian Association, Inc. in the city known as the town of North Attleborough and surrounding communities to expand access to the adaptive..." | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 29 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, North Attleborough received 1.28 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**120.7**<br>62nd of 351 · 3.9 per 1,000 residents (281st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.4M**<br>scored exposure $4.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**116**<br>83rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.9 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**30,984**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.66**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.28; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,584**<br>FY2017–2025 · 283rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH

## North Attleborough has 14 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 653 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**14 acres**<br>0.1% of North Attleborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**653 acres**<br>5.4% of North Attleborough's land · 42 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**312 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**42 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 14 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 27 | 377 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 15 | 276 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 18 | 312 |
| Conservation restriction | 5 | 42 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| North Attleborough WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 14 | |
| Angle Tree Monument Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 144.9 miles of public road in North Attleborough, the state maintains 12.4 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.4 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 120.7 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 11.7 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends North Attleborough $27.7 million and takes back $4.8 million in assessments and charges, a net $22.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$27.7 million** | **$4.8 million** | **$22.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 17% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $22.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $183,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $373,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $188,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $197,000 |
| Public Libraries | $85,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $478,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $2.8M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $91,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,724 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $29,000 |
| Regional Transit | $261,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $251,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $856,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH

## State programs also awarded $945,000 to organizations in North Attleborough other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving North Attleborough. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | American Environmental Building Coalition Corp nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $380,000 |
| FY2025 | Southeast Regional Planning & Economic Development District regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $39,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $523,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 24.3% of North Attleborough's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 34.4% in


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## FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **34.4%** | **31.2%** | **24.3%** | **19.4%** |
| $23.6M of $68.7M · median town 14.1% | $24.8M of $79.3M · median town 12.2% | $26.1M of $108M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 31.2% · median town 10.0% |

North Attleborough's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**North Attleborough's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 28.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 36.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $23.6 million in FY2006 to $26.1 million in FY2025, +10.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.4 million of North Attleborough's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+51.8%** | **+45.4%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $8.6M to $13M · all towns +54.0% | $12.6M to $18.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, North Attleborough's health insurance would have been $10.7 million in FY2025; it was $13 million, $2.30 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $15.7 million in FY2025; it was $18.3 million, $2.58 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to North Attleborough's government came to $766,000, 17.3% of the $4.43 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $766,000 | 17.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1M | 23.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1M | 23.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## North Attleborough's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 145th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$24.3M** | **$40.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **–7%** |
| 145th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

North Attleborough runs its own school district and also belongs to Tri County and Bristol County; North Attleborough accounts for 25% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $134 million for schools serving North Attleborough, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, North Attleborough's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$134M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $4,320 per resident (15th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | North Attleborough's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | North Attleborough High School | North Attleborough | Core | $107M | $107M |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $5.1M (25%) |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $21.1M (25%) |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$2,909 (2%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $809,000 (2%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving North Attleborough; North Attleborough's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $5.1 million, $5.1 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, North Attleborough's share of the final cost was $1.6 million against its share of the approved budget of $1.6 million (over by $41,000); the local share moved from $766,000 to $829,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## North Attleborough has $456,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$11.3M**<br>$1.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$9.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$456,000**<br>annual program: 0.1 years of its yearly money · 332nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**18**<br>two rated poor; likely about $5.5M of work on those ($5M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$657,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $157,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to North Attleborough came on average 20 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $745,000 | $0 | $592,000 | $745,000 |
| FY2018 | $754,000 | $0 | $1.3M | $280,000 |
| FY2019 | $802,000 | $160,000 | $1.1M | $180,000 |
| FY2020 | $799,000 | $80,000 | $111,000 | $948,000 |
| FY2021 | $796,000 | $0 | $1M | $739,000 |
| FY2022 | $791,000 | $403,000 | $271,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2023 | $786,000 | $0 | $966,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2024 | $787,000 | $440,000 | $2.7M | $42,000 |
| FY2025 | $785,000 | $219,000 | $0 | $1M |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $636,000 | $2.4M | $456,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |

The full list of the 37 bridges in North Attleborough in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Falls Pond Dam Structural Repairs & Invasive Species Management source | $157,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## North Attleborough received $6.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants


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## over ten years, 70% of the $8.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## North Attleborough ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.2 million in earmarks placed in North Attleborough, $338,000 (28%) went to organizations rather than to North Attleborough's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| North Attleborough this town | 44 | $10,543 | $156 | $39.34 | 1.28 | 2.7% |
| Bridgewater peer | 40 | $9,702 | $309 | $21.78 | 1.08 | 3.0% |
| Somerset peer | 47 | $11,729 | $136 | $41.53 | 0.73 | 2.4% |
| Auburn peer | 43 | $11,124 | $134 | $47.46 | 0.32 | 2.6% |
| East Longmeadow peer | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |
| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Middleborough lowest in class of 30 | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

FAIRNESS INDEX CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

STATE MONEY CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

EARMARKS General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

SCHOOLS DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

SCHOOL BUILDINGS Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# North Brookfield

Town · Worcester County · 4,760 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
North Brookfield Public Schools, the town's own district
Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District, vocational, shared with Auburn, Charlton, Dudley, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer and one other

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### North Brookfield scores 57 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 83 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**57** / 100

64th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 49 | 57 | 61 |

Rank under other weightings: 56th to 86th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

North Brookfield received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 57 stays between 54 and 59 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**83** / 100

71st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 84 | 78 | 85 | 85 |

Rank under other weightings: 63rd to 78th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

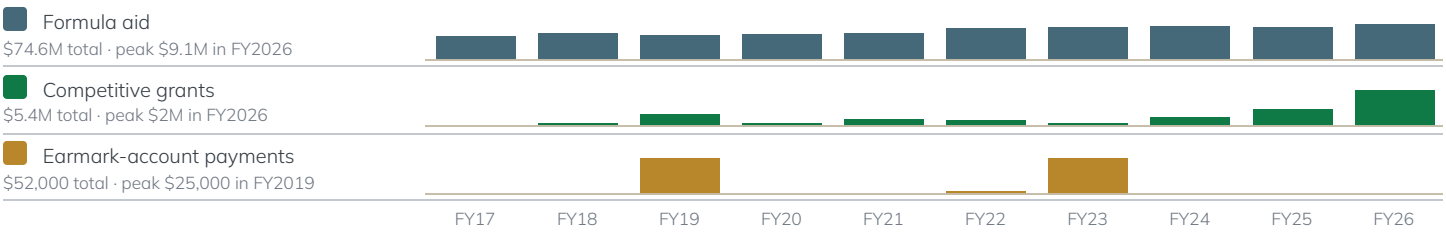
North Brookfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 83 stays between 82 and 84 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### North Brookfield's town government and school districts received $74.6 million in formula aid and $5.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $74.6M | $5.4M | $52,000 |
| $15,678 per resident (66th of 351) · gross | $1,128 per resident (71st of 351) | $10.92 per resident (254th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to North Brookfield peaked in FY2026 at $2 million, 38% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### North Brookfield received $35,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $35,000 | $35,000 | $35,000 | No |
| $7.35 per resident (280th of 351) | $7.35 per resident (310th of 351) | $7.35 per resident (311th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2024. All of it went to North Brookfield's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in North Brookfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $25,000 | "public safety improvements for the police department in North Brookfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $10,000 | "the North Brookfield town house" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, North Brookfield received 87% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**68.9**<br>193rd of 351 · 14.5 per 1,000 residents (74th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.6M**<br>scored exposure $2.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**123**<br>72nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.3 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**4,816**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.55**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.87; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**327 acres**<br>2.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$48,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$147**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,126**<br>FY2017–2025 · 254th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORTH BROOKFIELD

## North Brookfield has 583 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,294 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**583 acres**<br>4.3% of North Brookfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,294 acres**<br>16.9% of North Brookfield's land · 89 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,123 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**48 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 21 | 583 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 16 | 366 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 17 | 316 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 67 | 1,839 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 139 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 19 | 1,123 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 48 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 15 | 323 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 43 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Five Mile River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 193 | |
| Horse Pond Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 181 | |
| Sucker Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 93 | |
| Richardson WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 50 | |
| North Brookfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 41 | |
| Kittredge Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 26 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 71.1 miles of public road in North Brookfield, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 68.9 | 97% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.2 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends North Brookfield $6.9 million and takes back $1.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $5.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.9 million** | **$1.6 million** | **$5.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 22% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $5.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $164,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $473,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $22,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $48,000 |
| State Owned Land | $48,000 |
| Public Libraries | $15,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,322 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $8,580 |
| Regional Transit | $2,115 |
| Special Education | $5,289 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.1M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $459,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NORTH BROOKFIELD

## State programs also awarded $56,000 to organizations in North Brookfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving North Brookfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Friends of North Brookfield Town House nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2019 | Friends of North Brookfield Town House nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $10,000 |
| FY2025 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission - Charlton regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,875 (shared four ways) |
| FY2021 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission regional body | MassTrails Grants | $4,741 (shared seven ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 39.2% of North Brookfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 52.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **52.5%** | **43.8%** | **39.2%** | **29.8%** |
| $5.6M of $10.7M · median town 14.1% | $5.4M of $12.3M · median town 12.2% | $6.4M of $16.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 41.7% · median town 10.0% |

North Brookfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $587,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**North Brookfield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 25.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 34.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5.6 million in FY2006 to $6.4 million in FY2025, +15.0% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+2.3%** | **+26.9%** | **2 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $1.7M to $1.7M · all towns +54.0% | $2.3M to $2.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, North Brookfield's health insurance would have been $2.07 million in FY2025; it was $1.70 million, $375,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.84 million in FY2025; it was $2.89 million, $46,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to North Brookfield's government came to $35,000, 92.4% of the $38,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $35,000 | 92.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $35,000 | 92.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $35,000 | 92.4% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### North Brookfield's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 112th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.7M** | **$4.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **−2%** |
| 112th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

North Brookfield runs its own school district and also belongs to Southern Worcester; North Brookfield accounts for 4% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.4 million for schools serving North Brookfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, North Brookfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.4M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $507 per resident (181st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | North Brookfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | North Brookfield Elementary School | North Brookfield | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.4M | $2.4M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $3.3 million against an approved budget of $3.9 million (under by $583,000); the local share moved from $1.5 million to $1.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### North Brookfield has $592,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5M** | **$3.9M** | **$592,000** |
| $1.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.8 years of its yearly money · 247th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **14** | **2** | **$2M** |
| three rated poor; likely about $2M of work on those ($1.1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of two town-owned dams | bridges $2M · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to North Brookfield came on average 18 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

North Brookfield owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $313,000 | $0 | $0 | $313,000 |
| FY2018 | $312,000 | $0 | $584,000 | $41,000 |
| FY2019 | $311,000 | $62,000 | $410,000 | $4,797 |
| FY2020 | $310,000 | $31,000 | $165,000 | $221,000 |
| FY2021 | $310,000 | $0 | $127,000 | $404,000 |
| FY2022 | $310,000 | $230,000 | $458,000 | $485,000 |
| FY2023 | $309,000 | $0 | $611,000 | $183,000 |
| FY2024 | $308,000 | $310,000 | $588,000 | $213,000 |
| FY2025 | $306,000 | $187,000 | $0 | $706,000 |
| FY2026 | $533,000 | $335,000 | $800,000 | $774,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $532,000 | $0 | $182,000 | $1.1M |

The full list of the 14 bridges in North Brookfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## North Brookfield received $5.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 21% more than the $4.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## North Brookfield ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North Brookfield** this town | **57** | **$15,678** | **$1,128** | **$7.35** | **0.87** | **2.9%** |
| Warren peer | 67 | $20,879 | $1,969 | $10.98 | 1.67 | 2.5% |
| Hardwick peer | 63 | $20,446 | $849 | $101 | 2.32 | 2.5% |
| Montague peer | 55 | $14,528 | $1,282 | $26.53 | 2.38 | 2.7% |
| Brookfield peer | 55 | $14,600 | $1,459 | $32.37 | 2.11 | 2.4% |
| Cheshire peer | 55 | $14,188 | $1,187 | $49.75 | 2.39 | 2.8% |
| Greenfield best in class of 30 | 53 | $14,180 | $1,705 | $134† | 4.81 | 2.9% |
| Granville lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# North Reading

Town · Middlesex County · 15,765 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
20th Middlesex · Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

**STATE SENATE**
First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
North Reading Public Schools, the town's own district
Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Wakefield and three others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## North Reading scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 54 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**38** / 100

241st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | 57 | 31 | 29 |

Rank under other weightings: 204th to 257th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

North Reading received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 33 and 43 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**54** / 100

171st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 51 | 72 | 49 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 158th to 191st.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

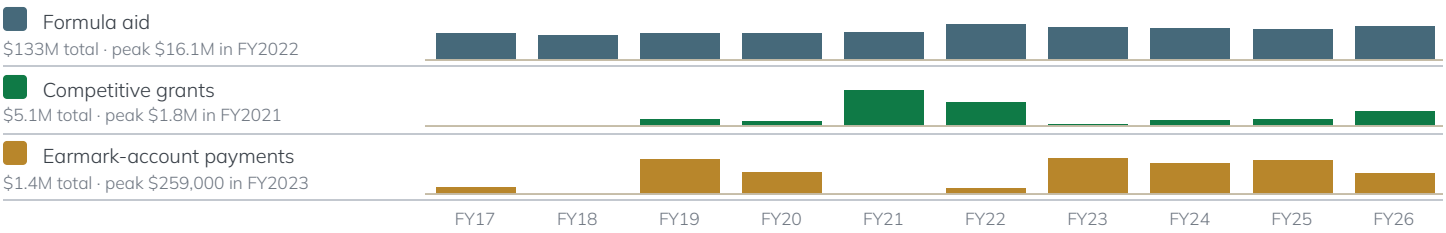
North Reading received more than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 50 and 59 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## North Reading's town government and school districts received $133 million in formula aid and $5.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $133M | $5.1M | $1.4M |
| $8,458 per resident (236th of 351) · gross | $326 per resident (200th of 351) | $86.72 per resident (31st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to North Reading peaked in FY2021 at $1.8 million, 35% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $6.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## North Reading received $1.2 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.2 million placed in the city or town and $1.2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.2M | $1.2M | $1.2M | No |
| $75.80 per resident (40th of 351) | $76.44 per resident (102nd of 351) · 1% to organizations | $76.44 per resident (110th of 351) · 1% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 28 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.2 million went to North Reading's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $10,000 went to organizations in North Reading or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in North Reading, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (28 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $175,000 | "a child safety program in North Reading" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $75,000 | "the North Reading Public Schools' 1:1 Initiative school technology grant" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $75,000 | "a public safety grant in North Reading" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $75,000 | "the North Reading Public Schools' 1:1 Initiative school technology grant" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "security and software upgrades in the North Reading public schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 28 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, North Reading received 68% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**79.7**<br>158th of 351 · 5.1 per 1,000 residents (227th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.3M**<br>scored exposure $3.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**47**<br>275th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.2 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**15,902**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.30**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.68; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**285 acres**<br>3.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$86,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$303**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$38,465**<br>FY2017–2025 · 62nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORTH READING

## North Reading has 250 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**250 acres**<br>3.0% of North Reading's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 20 | 250 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 13 | 297 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 19 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 248 |
| Military Division | 1 | 41 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 7 | 7 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Harold Parker State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 250 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 94.4 miles of public road in North Reading, the state maintains 3.6 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.6 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 79.7 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 11.1 | 12% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends North Reading $11.1 million and takes back $303,000 in assessments and charges, a net $10.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.1 million** | **$303,000** | **$10.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $27,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $62,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $177,000 |
| State Owned Land | $86,000 |
| Public Libraries | $39,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,304 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $9,943 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $8,780 |
| MBTA | $87,000 |
| Regional Transit | $38,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $91,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $62,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.1% of North Reading's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 17.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **17.6%** | **15.1%** | **12.1%** | **11.9%** |
| $6.8M of $38.8M · median town 14.1% | $8.9M of $59.3M · median town 12.2% | $10.2M of $84.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 17.7% · median town 10.0% |

North Reading's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $180,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**North Reading's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 3.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 14.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $6.8 million in FY2006 to $10.2 million in FY2025, +49.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $713,000 of North Reading's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+54.7%** | **+59.4%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $5.2M to $8.1M · all towns +54.0% | $9.6M to $15.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, North Reading's health insurance would have been $6.54 million in FY2025; it was $8.10 million, $1.56 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $12 million in FY2025; it was $15.3 million, $3.31 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to North Reading's government came to $1.1 million, 36.7% of the $2.86 million rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $1.1M | 36.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.1M | 37.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.1M | 37.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## North Reading's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 87th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$8.3M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$25.5M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.0%**<br>87th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–5%**<br>after inflation |

North Reading runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; North Reading accounts for 3% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $5 million for schools serving North Reading, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, North Reading's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$5M**<br>$315 per resident (213th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | North Reading's share |
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $685,000 (3%) |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $4.3M (3%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving North Reading; North Reading's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $685,000, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## North Reading has $539,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.5M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$539,000**<br>annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 323rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**8**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1.2M of work on those ($575,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$600,000**<br>bridges $600,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to North Reading came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $510,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $36,000 |
| FY2018 | $508,000 | $0 | $376,000 | $169,000 |
| FY2019 | $515,000 | $103,000 | $724,000 | $219,000 |
| FY2020 | $516,000 | $52,000 | $487,000 | $299,000 |
| FY2021 | $518,000 | $0 | $3,070 | $814,000 |
| FY2022 | $517,000 | $266,000 | $770,000 | $826,000 |
| FY2023 | $515,000 | $0 | $1M | $301,000 |
| FY2024 | $518,000 | $286,000 | $1.1M | $24,000 |
| FY2025 | $515,000 | $140,000 | $473,000 | $207,000 |
| FY2026 | $780,000 | $420,000 | $867,000 | $539,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $788,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 11 bridges in North Reading in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## North Reading received $6.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 10% more than the $5.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## North Reading ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.2 million in earmarks placed in North Reading, $10,000 (1%) went to organizations rather than to North Reading's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North Reading** this town | **38** | **$8,458** | **$326** | **$76.44** | **0.68** | **3.0%** |
| Sharon peer | 35 | $8,474 | $593 | $38.45 | 1.92 | 3.1% |
| Groton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |
| Acton peer | 40 | $9,929 | $351 | $53.20† | 2.12 | 3.1% |
| Holliston peer | 41 | $9,911 | $189 | $129 | 0.85 | 3.1% |
| Northborough peer | 35 | $8,121 | $93.72 | $29.37 | 0.29 | 3.0% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Northampton

City · Hampshire County · 30,962 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Hampshire · Lindsay N. Sabadosa

STATE SENATE

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Northampton Public Schools, the city's own district

Northampton-Smith Vocational Agricultural School District, vocational

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Northampton scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 62 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

325th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 21 | 37 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 278th to 343rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Northampton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 25 and 31 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**62** / 100

139th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 67 | 58 | 60 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 129th to 148th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

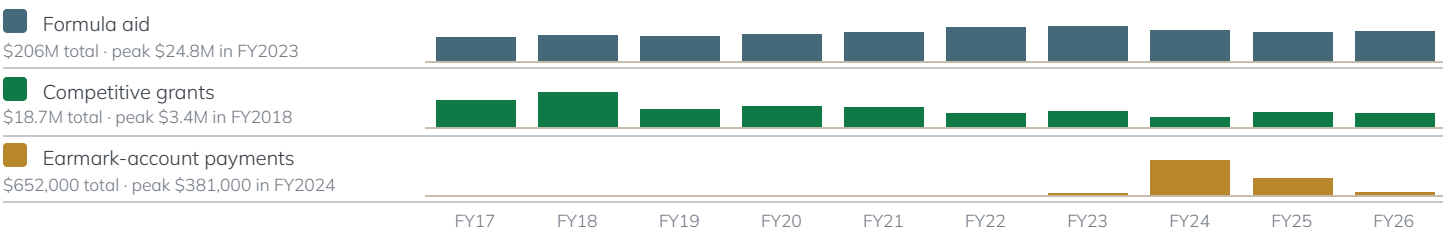
Northampton received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 62 stays between 60 and 65 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Northampton's town government and school districts received $206 million in formula aid and $18.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$206M** | **$18.7M** | **$652,000** |
| $6,641 per resident (309th of 351) · gross | $603 per resident (122nd of 351) | $21.05 per resident (196th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Northampton were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $59.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Northampton received $208,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2.3 million placed in the city or town and $2.3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$208,000** | **$2.3M** | **$2.3M** | **No** |
| $6.73 per resident (282nd of 351) | $73.53 per resident (106th of 351) · 91% to organizations | $73.53 per resident (113th of 351) · 91% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 33 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $208,000 went to Northampton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2.1 million went to organizations in Northampton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Northampton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (33 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $150,000 | "the city of Northampton for costs associated with a community care initiative" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $136,000 | "the Franklin and Hampshire county court-appointed special advocates program" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2024 | $136,000 | "the Franklin and Hampshire county court-appointed special advocates program" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2023 | $136,000 | "the Franklin and Hampshire County court-appointed special advocates program" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2022 | $136,000 | "the Franklin and Hampshire county court-appointed special advocates program" | Enacted<br>organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 33 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Northampton received 1.28 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**154.7**<br>30th of 351 · 5.0 per 1,000 residents (233rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$39.3M**<br>scored exposure $12.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**184**<br>16th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**7**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**34.2 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**31,043**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.30**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.28; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**347 acres**<br>1.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$166,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$478**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,938**<br>FY2017–2025 · 229th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORTHAMPTON

## Northampton has 382 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,560 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**382 acres**<br>1.7% of Northampton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,560 acres**<br>20.8% of Northampton's land · 242 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**439 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,766 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 16 | 382 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 15 | 93 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 39 | 1,378 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 160 | 2,265 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 43 | 917 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 34 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 14 | 439 |
| Conservation restriction | 145 | 2,766 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 36 |
| Other state agencies | 2 | 26 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 24 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 4 | 7 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Northampton Agricultural Reserve | Agricultural Resources | 274 | |
| Rainbow Beach WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 47 | |
| Northampton City of Rt 66 APR | Agricultural Resources | 37 | |
| Norwottuck Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | |
| Mill River Trail CR | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 8 | |
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | State: Department of Capital Asset Management | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 181.7 miles of public road in Northampton, the state maintains 13.4 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 13.4 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 154.3 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 10.2 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Northampton $18.3 million and takes back $5.3 million in assessments and charges, a net $13 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.3 million** | **$5.3 million** | **$13 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 29% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $617,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.2M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $5.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $363,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $158,000 |
| State Owned Land | $166,000 |
| Public Libraries | $110,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,260 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $67,000 |
| Regional Transit | $823,000 |
| Special Education | $156 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $3.4M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NORTHAMPTON

## State programs also awarded $3.9 million to organizations in Northampton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Northampton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Valley CDC nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $830,000 |
| FY2016 | Northampton Community Arts Trust nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $300,000 |
| FY2022 | Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $162,000 |
| FY2022 | Northampton Community Arts Trust nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2023 | Northampton Community Music Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $142,000 |
| FY2025 | Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $137,000 |
| FY2020 | The Northampton Academy of Music nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $120,000 |
| FY2025 | Northampton Community Arts Trust nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $107,000 |
| FY2022 | Historic Northampton nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $106,000 |
| FY2024 | The Sphere Northampton nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Collaborative for Educational Services regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2018 | Northampton Community Arts Trust nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2020 | Northampton Community Arts Trust nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | David Ruggles Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $88,000 |
| FY2021 | Historic Northampton nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $25,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 22 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $1.2 million in 8 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.4% of Northampton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 26.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **26.7%** | **20.0%** | **13.4%** | **10.0%** |
| $17.1M of $63.9M · median town 14.1% | $17.1M of $85.5M · median town 12.2% | $16.9M of $126M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 20.7% · median town 10.0% |

**Northampton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 36.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 43.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $17.1 million in FY2006 to $16.9 million in FY2025, –1.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $3.1 million of Northampton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+45.4%** | **+47.8%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $9.7M to $14.2M · all towns +54.0% | $17.1M to $25.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Northampton's health insurance would have been $12.2 million in FY2025; it was $14.2 million, $2.00 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $21.3 million in FY2025; it was $25.2 million, $3.91 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Northampton's government came to $158,000, 3.6% of the $4.43 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $158,000 | 3.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.1M | 48.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.1M | 48.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Northampton's required school contribution is 3.1%


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## of median household income, 45th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$9.6M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$33.8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.1%**<br>45th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–10%**<br>after inflation |

Northampton runs its own school district and also belongs to Northampton Smith; Northampton accounts for 100% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.7 million for schools serving Northampton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Northampton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.7M**<br>$55.96 per resident (252nd of 351) | **2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Northampton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Leeds Elementary School | Northampton | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $893,000 | $893,000 |
| FY2017 | Bridge Street School | Northampton | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $839,000 | $839,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $2.7 million against an approved budget of $3.6 million (under by $887,000); the local share moved from $1.8 million to $1.5 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Northampton has $4.8 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns six bridges rated poor and seven high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.7M**<br>$2.5M of it one-time supplements | **$8.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$4.8M**<br>annual program: 2.4 years of its yearly money · 53rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**26**<br>six rated poor; about $14.8M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**7**<br>of 12 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.4M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $1.4M · culverts $65,000 |

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**Northampton owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1M | $0 | $636,000 | $746,000 |
| FY2018 | $1M | $0 | $1.7M | $1.5M |
| FY2019 | $1M | $203,000 | $559,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2020 | $1M | $102,000 | $1.9M | $1.4M |
| FY2021 | $1M | $0 | $1.4M | $1M |
| FY2022 | $1M | $513,000 | $630,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2023 | $1M | $0 | $1M | $1.9M |
| FY2024 | $1M | $560,000 | $707,000 | $2.8M |
| FY2025 | $1M | $277,000 | $556,000 | $3.5M |
| FY2026 | $1.5M | $819,000 | $1M | $4.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.5M | $0 | $0 | $6.4M |


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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Francis P. Ryan Reservoir Dam and West Whately Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation Design source | $221,000 |
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | FY24 Ryan and West Whately Reservoir Dams Repair Design and Permit source | $250,000 |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Ryan and West Whately Reservoir Dams Repair Design source | $250,000 |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Park Hill Rd over Trib to Bassett Brook source | $65,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Upper Roberts Meadow Reservoir Dam Removal source | $634,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Northampton received $22.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $22.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Northampton ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.3 million in earmarks placed in Northampton, $2.1 million (91%) went to organizations rather than to Northampton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Northampton** this town | **28** | **$6,641** | **$603** | **$73.53†** | **1.28** | **3.1%** |
| Salem peer | 46 | $10,823 | $853 | $157† | 2.62 | 2.9% |
| Yarmouth peer | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |
| Fairhaven peer | 47 | $10,747 | $508 | $12.58† | 0.36 | 2.8% |
| Norwood peer | 34 | $7,831 | $166 | $22.99 | 0.33 | 3.0% |
| Marlborough peer | 53 | $13,835 | $804 | $65.97 | 1.57 | 3.4% |
| Great Barrington best in class of 30 | 42 | $9,461 | $2,113 | $175† | 2.92 | 3.7% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

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**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Northborough

Town · Worcester County · 15,750 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

**19th Worcester** · Kate Donaghue
76% of residents
**12th Worcester** · Meghan K. Kilcoyne
24% of residents
Northborough is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

**First Worcester** · Robyn K. Kennedy

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Northborough Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Northboro-Southboro Regional School District**, shared with Southborough
**Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berlin, Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard, Southborough and Westborough

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Northborough scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 17 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**35** / 100
259th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 48 | 28 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 244th to 272nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Northborough received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 32 and 38 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**17** / 100
325th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 24 | 14 | 15 |

Rank under other weightings: 320th to 329th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

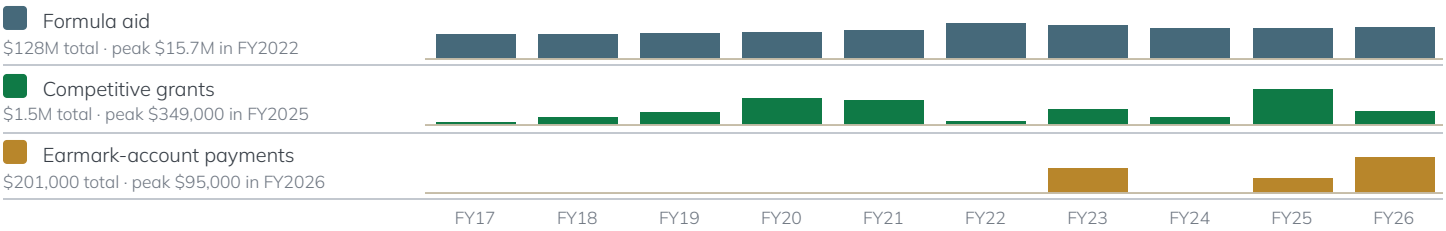
Northborough received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 17 stays between 15 and 19 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Northborough's town government and school districts received $128 million in formula aid and $1.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$128M** | **$1.5M** | **$201,000** |
| $8,121 per resident (248th of 351) · gross | $93.72 per resident (329th of 351) | $12.78 per resident (240th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Northborough peaked in FY2025 at $349,000, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Northborough received $462,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$462,000** | **$462,000** | **$462,000** | **No** |
| $29.37 per resident (164th of 351) | $29.37 per resident (239th of 351) | $29.37 per resident (243rd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Northborough's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Northborough, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $150,000 | "reimbursements for litigation and environmental protection fees for Northborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $65,000 | "the town of Northborough for downtown public sidewalk improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $60,000 | "the procurement and implementation of a body camera program in the town of Northborough's police department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the town of Northborough for the design of a drainage repair project in Assabet Hill" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Northborough for replacement of the culvert on Lincoln street" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Northborough received 29% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**81.2**<br>150th of 351 · 5.2 per 1,000 residents (224th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.4M**<br>scored exposure $3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**132**<br>61st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.5 sq mi**<br>11% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**15,865**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.51**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.29; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**430 acres**<br>3.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$234,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$544**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$26,309**<br>FY2017–2025 · 131st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORTHBOROUGH

## Northborough has 1,360 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 572 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,360 acres**<br>11.5% of Northborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**572 acres**<br>4.8% of Northborough's land · 24 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**254 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**377 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 80 | 1,360 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 23 | 594 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 186 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 10 | 135 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 251 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 11 | 316 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 8 | 254 |
| Conservation restriction | 15 | 377 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 18 | 363 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 2 | 128 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 104 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wayne F. MacCallum WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 258 | |
| Sudbury Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 248 | |
| Cold Harbor Brook Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 234 | |
| Tyler Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 211 | |
| Hop Brook Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 142 | |
| Wachusett Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 125 | |
| Mt. Pisgah WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 91 | |
| Barefoot Brook Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 28 | |
| Westborough State Hospital Field | Agricultural Resources | 14 | |
| Former Westborough State Hospital Agricultural Fields | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 5 | |
| Former Westborough State Hospital Field 5 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 3 | |
| Former Westborough State Hospital Field 9 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 94.3 miles of public road in Northborough, the state maintains 11.8 (13%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.8 | 13% |
| Town-accepted | 80.4 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.9 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Northborough $6.8 million and takes back $292,000 in assessments and charges, a net $6.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.8 million** | **$292,000** | **$6.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $4.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $4,161 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $60,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $122,000 |
| State Owned Land | $234,000 |
| Public Libraries | $44,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $75,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,904 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $13,000 |
| MBTA | $95,000 |
| Regional Transit | $26,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $25,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $52,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NORTHBOROUGH

## State programs also awarded $750,000 to organizations in Northborough other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Northborough. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government.


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Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $750,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 8.4% of Northborough's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 12.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12.2%** | **10.2%** | **8.4%** | **8.0%** |
| $4.7M of $38M · median town 14.1% | $5.4M of $52.7M · median town 12.2% | $6.2M of $73.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.9% · median town 10.0% |

Northborough's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Northborough's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 14.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 23.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $4.7 million in FY2006 to $6.2 million in FY2025, +33.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $616,000 of Northborough's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+33.0%** | **+53.3%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $4.6M to $6.1M · all towns +54.0% | $6.7M to $10.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Northborough's health insurance would have been $5.73 million in FY2025; it was $6.10 million, $370,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.37 million in FY2025; it was $10.3 million, $1.91 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Northborough's government came to $398,000, 26.3% of the $1.51 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $398,000 | 26.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $398,000 | 26.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $398,000 | 26.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Northborough's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 80th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$7.1M** | **$27.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **−2%** |
| 80th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Northborough runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Northboro-Southboro and Assabet Valley for others; Northborough accounts for 61% and 7% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.7 million for schools serving Northborough, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Northborough's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.7M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $172 per resident (227th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Northborough's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Marion E. Zeh Elementary School | Northborough | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.7M | $2.7M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Northborough has $1.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.5M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.6M**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 144th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**10**<br>three rated poor; likely about $1.9M of work on those ($1.4M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$169,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $169,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $504,000 | $0 | $832,000 | $315,000 |
| FY2018 | $517,000 | $0 | $418,000 | $415,000 |
| FY2019 | $520,000 | $104,000 | $508,000 | $641,000 |
| FY2020 | $518,000 | $52,000 | $1M | $730,000 |
| FY2021 | $515,000 | $0 | $258,000 | $987,000 |
| FY2022 | $513,000 | $268,000 | $706,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2023 | $517,000 | $0 | $777,000 | $802,000 |
| FY2024 | $515,000 | $287,000 | $813,000 | $792,000 |
| FY2025 | $516,000 | $141,000 | $450,000 | $998,000 |
| FY2026 | $794,000 | $428,000 | $610,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $797,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.4M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

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## ten nearest peers.

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| Hanover peer | 38 | $9,140 | $220 | $18.83 | 0.60 | 2.8% |
| North Reading peer | 38 | $8,458 | $326 | $76.44 | 0.68 | 3.0% |
| Wayland peer | 33 | $8,090 | $399 | $51.45† | 1.55 | 2.6% |
| Sharon peer | 35 | $8,474 | $593 | $38.45 | 1.92 | 3.1% |
| Groton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Northbridge

Town · Worcester County · 16,458 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
9th Worcester · David K. Muradian, Jr.

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Northbridge Public Schools, the town's own district
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury and four others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Northbridge scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 37 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**56** / 100

71st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 52 | 55 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 58th to 94th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Northbridge received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 54 and 58 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**37** / 100

242nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 32 | 37 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 226th to 255th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

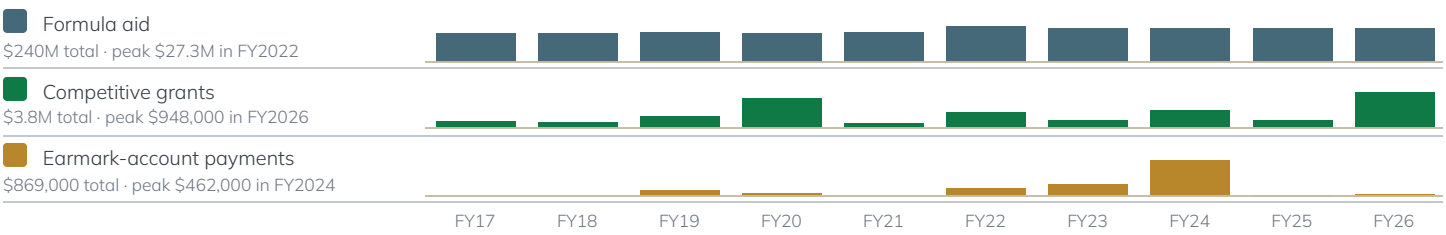
Northbridge received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 37 stays between 35 and 39 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Northbridge's town government and school districts received $240 million in formula aid and $3.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$240M** | **$3.8M** | **$869,000** |
| $14,554 per resident (82nd of 351) · gross | $230 per resident (237th of 351) | $52.80 per resident (75th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Northbridge peaked in FY2026 at $948,000, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

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## EARMARKS

### Northbridge received $446,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2 million placed in the city or town and $2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$446,000** | **$2M** | **$2M** | **No** |
| $27.13 per resident (180th of 351) | $124 per resident (43rd of 351) · 78% to organizations | $124 per resident (50th of 351) · 78% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 20 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $446,000 went to Northbridge's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.6 million went to organizations in Northbridge or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Northbridge, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (20 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $500,000 | "Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, Inc. in the village of Whitinsville in the town of Northbridge for workforce training, small business expansion and regional economic development initiatives" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $500,000 | "the George Marston Whitin Memorial Community Association, Inc. in the village of Whitinsville in the town of Northbridge for renovations to the community gymnasium and for emergency repairs" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $350,000 | "the Central Massachusetts Center for Business and Enterprise, Inc. in the village of Whitinsville in the town of Northbridge for professional education support, small business expansion and regional economic development initiatives" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, Inc. in the Whitinsville village of the town of Northbridge for small business expansion and regional economic development initiatives" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $56,000 | "the town of Northbridge for public safety improvements" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 20 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Northbridge received 74% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**78.5**<br>161st of 351 · 4.8 per 1,000 residents (247th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$22.8M**<br>scored exposure $11.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**107**<br>105th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.3 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**16,458**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.51**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.74; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**940 acres**<br>8.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$151,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$161**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,623**<br>FY2017–2025 · 258th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORTHBRIDGE

## Northbridge has 932 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 192 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**932 acres**<br>8.4% of Northbridge's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**192 acres**<br>1.7% of Northbridge's land · 6 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**123 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 55 | 932 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 55 | 911 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 60 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 38 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 94 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 185 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 123 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 1 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 43 | 764 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 12 | 147 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 592 | |
| E. Kent Swift WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 172 | |
| Upton State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 168 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 88.3 miles of public road in Northbridge, the state maintains 5.1 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.1 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 78.4 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.9 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Northbridge $20.3 million and takes back $1.8 million in assessments and charges, a net $18.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$20.3 million** | **$1.8 million** | **$18.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $5,152 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $502,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $69,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $121,000 |
| State Owned Land | $154,000 |
| Public Libraries | $50,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $64,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,881 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $21,000 |
| Regional Transit | $139,000 |
| Special Education | $202 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.5M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $59,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NORTHBRIDGE

## State programs also awarded $359,000 to organizations in Northbridge other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Northbridge. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | ValleyCAST nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $87,000 |

A further $272,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 35.1% of Northbridge's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 45.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **45.0%** | **44.1%** | **35.1%** | **32.6%** |
| $17.7M of $39.4M · median town 14.1% | $18.1M of $40.9M · median town 12.2% | $19.7M of $56M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 46.7% · median town 10.0% |

Northbridge's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Northbridge's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 28.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 36.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $17.7 million in FY2006 to $19.7 million in FY2025, +10.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.9 million of Northbridge's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–3.8%** | **+7.6%** | **3 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $5.4M to $5.2M · all towns +54.0% | $8M to $8.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Northbridge's health insurance would have been $6.78 million in FY2025; it was $5.22 million, $1.55 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.98 million in FY2025; it was $8.59 million, $1.38 million below the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Northbridge's reported health insurance fell from $5.4 million in FY2016 to $5.2 million in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $421,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2M | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2M | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Northbridge's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 263rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$17.8M** | **$17.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **–4%** |
| 263rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Northbridge runs its own school district and also belongs to Blackstone Valley; Northbridge accounts for 12% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $49.8 million for schools serving Northbridge, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Northbridge's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$49.8M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,023 per resident (51st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Northbridge's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $357,000 (12%) |
| FY2020 | Northbridge Middle School | Northbridge | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.7M | $1.7M |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $97,000 (12%) |
| FY2018 | W. Edward Balmer Elementary School | Northbridge | Core | $47.6M | $47.6M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Northbridge's share of the final cost was $89.1 million against its share of the approved budget of $101 million (under by $11.9 million); the local share moved from $53.4 million to $45.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Northbridge has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.9M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 0.8 years of its yearly money · 252nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**16**<br>four rated poor; likely about $14.6M of work on those ($14.1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Northbridge came on average 27 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Northbridge owns two poor bridges of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Northbridge owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $473,000 | $0 | $663,000 | $0 |
| FY2018 | $470,000 | $0 | $600,000 | $20 |
| FY2019 | $471,000 | $94,000 | $540,000 | $34,000 |
| FY2020 | $469,000 | $47,000 | $347,000 | $551,000 |
| FY2021 | $468,000 | $0 | $0 | $1M |
| FY2022 | $467,000 | $261,000 | $873,000 | $1M |
| FY2023 | $465,000 | $0 | $726,000 | $785,000 |
| FY2024 | $465,000 | $272,000 | $712,000 | $810,000 |
| FY2025 | $466,000 | $129,000 | $895,000 | $510,000 |
| FY2026 | $727,000 | $405,000 | $558,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $726,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.8M |

The full list of the 23 bridges in Northbridge in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Northbridge received $7.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 7% more than the $7.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Northbridge ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2 million in earmarks placed in Northbridge, $1.6 million (78%) went to organizations rather than to Northbridge's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Northbridge** this town | **56** | **$14,554** | **$230** | **$124**† | **0.74** | **2.4%** |
| Holbrook peer · best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Middleborough peer | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |
| Acushnet peer | 43 | $10,949 | $130 | $21.65 | 0.60 | 3.2% |
| Whitman peer | 56 | $16,230 | $202 | $15.36 | 0.52 | 2.5% |
| Oxford peer | 52 | $13,864 | $491 | $15.69 | 1.37 | 2.7% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Northfield

Town · Franklin County · 2,872 residents (ACS 2020–24)

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**STATE HOUSE**
2nd Franklin · Susannah M. Whipps

**STATE SENATE**
Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Pioneer Valley Regional School District, shared with Bernardston and Leyden
Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield and ten others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Northfield scores 53 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 86 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**53** / 100

101st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 53 | 51 | 55 |

Rank under other weightings: 94th to 111th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Northfield received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 52 and 53 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**86** / 100

57th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 87 | 87 | 84 | 88 |

Rank under other weightings: 54th to 60th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

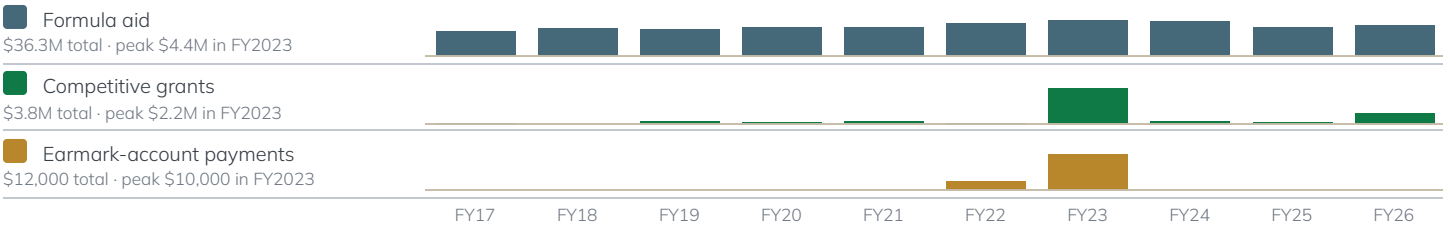
Northfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 86 stays between 86 and 87 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Northfield's town government and school districts received $36.3 million in formula aid and $3.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$36.3M** | **$3.8M** | **$12,000** |
| $12,644 per resident (117th of 351) · gross | $1,336 per resident (60th of 351) | $4.35 per resident (296th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Northfield peaked in FY2023 at $2.2 million, 58% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Northfield received $10,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$10,000** | **$10,000** | **$10,000** | **No** |
| $3.48 per resident (292nd of 351) | $3.48 per resident (315th of 351) | $3.48 per resident (315th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2023. All of it went to Northfield's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Northfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $10,000 | "the town of Northfield for its three hundred and fiftieth anniversary" | Enacted to the city or town government |


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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Northfield received 1.74 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**65.4**<br>201st of 351 · 22.8 per 1,000 residents (51st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.7M**<br>scored exposure $4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**97**<br>123rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**34.3 sq mi**<br>21% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,922**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.69**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.74; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,250 acres**<br>19.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$123,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$28.96**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$37,958**<br>FY2017–2025 · 68th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORTHFIELD

## Northfield has 4,652 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,047 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,652 acres**<br>21.2% of Northfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,047 acres**<br>18.5% of Northfield's land · 227 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**497 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**826 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 57 | 4,652 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 18 | 4,197 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 78 | 1,797 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 138 | 2,070 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 11 | 180 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 60 | 2,200 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 17 | 497 |
| Conservation restriction | 16 | 826 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 3,407 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 12 | 790 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Northfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3,560 | |
| Satan's Kingdom WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 900 | |
| Pauchaug Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 160 | |
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 33 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 83.2 miles of public road in Northfield, the state maintains 11.1 (13%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.1 | 13% |
| Town-accepted | 65.4 | 79% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.6 | 8% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Northfield $635,000 and takes back $7,410 in assessments and charges, a net $628,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$635,000** | **$7,410** | **$628,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $466,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $37,000 |
| State Owned Land | $123,000 |
| Public Libraries | $8,566 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $983 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,980 |
| Regional Transit | $4,447 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NORTHFIELD

## State programs also awarded $58,000 to organizations in Northfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Northfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $49,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2020 | Connecticut River Paddlers' Trail and Connecticut River Conservancy nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.0% of Northfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.2%** | **5.2%** | **6.0%** | **5.9%** |
| $542,000 of $5.9M · median town 14.1% | $434,000 of $8.4M · median town 12.2% | $591,000 of $9.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.7% · median town 10.0% |

Northfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Northfield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 29.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 37.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $542,000 in FY2006 to $591,000 in FY2025, +9.2% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+22.0%** | **+27.6%** | **2 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $203,000 to $248,000 · all towns +54.0% | $457,000 to $583,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |


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Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Northfield's health insurance would have been $254,000 in FY2025; it was $248,000, $5,876 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $570,000 in FY2025; it was $583,000, $12,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Northfield's government came to $10,000, 22.3% of the $45,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $10,000 | 22.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $10,000 | 22.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $10,000 | 22.3% | 45.2% |

### SCHOOLS

## Northfield's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 159th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$1.7M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$3.6M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.7%**<br>159th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–16%**<br>after inflation |

Northfield has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Pioneer and Franklin County; Northfield accounts for 46% and 8% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $9.6 million for schools serving Northfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Northfield's share<br>**$9.6M**<br>$3,351 per resident (38th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Northfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $9.6M (8%) |

### ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Northfield has $1.8 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.6M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.8M**<br>annual program: 2.7 years of its yearly money · 38th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>two rated poor; likely about $5.9M of work on those ($5.4M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Northfield came on average 40 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $290,000 | $0 | $0 | $290,000 |
| FY2018 | $288,000 | $0 | $471,000 | $446,000 |
| FY2019 | $288,000 | $58,000 | $251,000 | $791,000 |
| FY2020 | $287,000 | $29,000 | $359,000 | $753,000 |
| FY2021 | $285,000 | $0 | $124,000 | $914,000 |
| FY2022 | $284,000 | $218,000 | $175,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2023 | $282,000 | $0 | $771,000 | $752,000 |
| FY2024 | $280,000 | $295,000 | $219,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | $280,000 | $179,000 | $165,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $496,000 | $316,000 | $459,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $495,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.2M |

The full list of the 25 bridges in Northfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Northfield received $3.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 17% more than the $3.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Northfield ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Northfield** this town | **53** | **$12,644** | **$1,336** | **$3.48** | **1.74** | **2.7%** |
| Sheffield peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |
| Plympton peer | 35 | $9,237 | $274 | $114 | 0.71 | 3.4% |
| Deerfield peer | 44 | $9,461 | $1,195 | $6.46 | 2.83 | 2.4% |
| Westhampton peer | 42 | $11,067 | $887 | $0 | 0.62 | 3.3% |
| Leverett peer | 47 | $11,884 | $1,674 | $134 | 1.95 | 2.9% |
| Chesterfield best in class of 30 | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Norton

Town · Bristol County · 19,240 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

1st Bristol · Michael S. Chaisson 61% of residents
4th Bristol · Steven S. Howitt 39% of residents

Norton is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Bristol and Norfolk · Paul R. Feeney

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Norton Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Norton scores 44 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 10 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**44** / 100

170th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 47 | 45 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 164th to 183rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Norton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 43 and 45 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**10** / 100

344th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 11 | 11 | 9 |

Rank under other weightings: 344th to 348th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

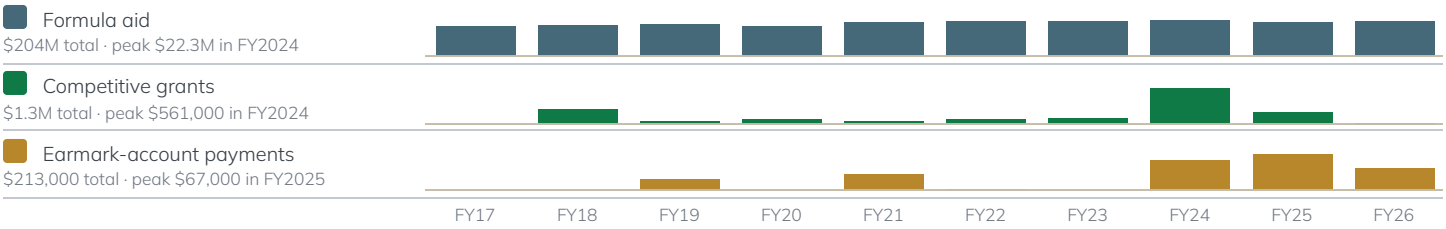
Norton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 10 stays between 10 and 11 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Norton's town government and school districts received $204 million in formula aid and $1.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$204M** | **$1.3M** | **$213,000** |
| $10,594 per resident (164th of 351) · gross | $69.10 per resident (340th of 351) | $11.09 per resident (253rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Norton peaked in FY2024 at $561,000, 42% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Norton received $349,000 in local earmarks to its government, $569,000 placed in the city or town and $569,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$349,000** | **$569,000** | **$569,000** | **No** |
| $18.12 per resident (223rd of 351) | $29.56 per resident (238th of 351) · 39% to organizations | $29.56 per resident (242nd of 351) · 39% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 19 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $349,000 went to Norton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $220,000 went to organizations in Norton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Norton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (19 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | $100,000 | "said Massachusetts Military Support Foundation, Inc. for capital expenditures and improvements and for operational costs associated with the Food4Vets and other programs that benefit veterans and their families including, but not limited to, the purchase, construction and rehabilitation of a..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "costs associated with the creation of the multi-generational center at the council on aging in the town of Norton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 (split two ways) | "The Young Mens Christian Association of Attleborough serving the towns of Attleboro and Norton and its tenant partners to renovate the Sweet Community House in order to make its kitchen suitable for commercial use and capable of distributing hundreds of meals per week to area residents and to make..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "public safety improvements on state highway routes 123 and 140 in the town of Norton" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $32,000 | "the Norton fire department for the purchase of turnout gear" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 19 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Norton received 74% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**93.7**<br>111th of 351 · 4.9 per 1,000 residents (241st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16.1M**<br>scored exposure $3.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**101**<br>115th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**27.8 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**19,258**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.16**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.74; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**164 acres**<br>0.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$38,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$232**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$29,653**<br>FY2017–2025 · 108th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORTON

## Norton has 234 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 684 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**234 acres**<br>1.3% of Norton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**684 acres**<br>3.8% of Norton's land · 29 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**104 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**899 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 10 | 234 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 9 | 114 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 12 | 233 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 212 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 239 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 20 | 325 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 4 | 104 |
| Conservation restriction | 51 | 899 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 8 | 110 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 4 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Canoe River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 120 | |
| Erwin S. Wilder WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 108 | |
| Hockomock Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 7 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 113.2 miles of public road in Norton, the state maintains 13.4 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 13.4 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 93.7 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.1 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Norton $18.7 million and takes back $2 million in assessments and charges, a net $16.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.7 million** | **$2 million** | **$16.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $14M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $201,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.3M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $108,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $223,000 |
| State Owned Land | $38,000 |
| Public Libraries | $54,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $308,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $87,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,136 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $20,000 |
| MBTA | $19,000 |
| Regional Transit | $128,000 |
| Special Education | $22,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $468,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $966,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NORTON

## State programs also awarded $135,000 to organizations in Norton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Trustees of Reservations nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $82,000 |
| FY2026 | Norton Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 23.0% of Norton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 36.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **36.6%** | **28.4%** | **23.0%** | **20.8%** |
| $16.2M of $44.2M · median town 14.1% | $14.9M of $52.4M · median town 12.2% | $18M of $78M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 30.3% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+26.3%** | **+44.0%** | **3 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $6.9M to $8.7M · all towns +54.0% | $10.2M to $14.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Norton's health insurance would have been $8.60 million in FY2025; it was $8.69 million, $95,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $12.7 million in FY2025; it was $14.6 million, $1.94 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Norton's government came to $284,000, 15.7% of the $1.81 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $284,000 | 15.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $504,000 | 27.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $504,000 | 27.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Norton's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 55th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$14.2M** | **$25.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **–5%** |
| 55th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Norton runs its own school district and also belongs to Southeastern and Bristol County; Norton accounts for 5% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $12 million for schools serving Norton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Norton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$12M** | **5** | **$8.66B** |
| $624 per resident (172nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Norton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Norton Middle School | Norton | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $6M | $6M |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$5,091 (3%) |
| FY2018 | L.G. Nourse Elementary School | Norton | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2018 | J.C. Solmonese Elementary School | Norton | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.3M | $1.3M |
| FY2018 | Henri A. Yelle Elementary School | Norton | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $2.2M | $2.2M |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $1.4M (3%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the four projects closed with a final audit, Norton's share of the final cost was $11.4 million against its share of the approved budget of $11.2 million (over by $197,000); the local share moved from $5.1 million to $5.7 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Norton has $400,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$8.1M**<br>$1.4M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$400,000**<br>annual program: 0.4 years of its yearly money · 292nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1.3M of work on those ($600,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of five town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$261,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $261,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Norton came on average 18 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Norton owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $558,000 | $0 | $333,000 | $544,000 |
| FY2018 | $557,000 | $0 | $1M | $826,000 |
| FY2019 | $560,000 | $112,000 | $1.3M | $245,000 |
| FY2020 | $559,000 | $56,000 | $366,000 | $493,000 |
| FY2021 | $557,000 | $0 | $618,000 | $433,000 |
| FY2022 | $557,000 | $313,000 | $418,000 | $885,000 |
| FY2023 | $551,000 | $0 | $859,000 | $577,000 |
| FY2024 | $548,000 | $322,000 | $1.4M | $45,000 |
| FY2025 | $546,000 | $152,000 | $425,000 | $318,000 |
| FY2026 | $858,000 | $482,000 | $511,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $860,000 | $0 | $747,000 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 30 bridges in Norton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Chartley Pond Dam Repair source | $261,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Norton received $1.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 37% of the $5.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Norton ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $569,000 in earmarks placed in Norton, $220,000 (39%) went to organizations rather than to Norton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Norton** this town | **44** | **$10,594** | **$69.10** | **$29.56** | **0.74** | **3.1%** |
| East Bridgewater peer | 48 | $11,873 | $303 | $82.76† | 1.19 | 2.4% |
| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
| Grafton peer | 36 | $9,020 | $459 | $36.42 | 1.97 | 2.9% |
| Lunenburg peer | 41 | $10,667 | $157 | $54.36 | 0.42 | 2.7% |
| Bellingham peer | 39 | $9,082 | $546 | $23.24 | 1.24 | 3.0% |
| Halifax best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Norwell

Town · Plymouth County · 11,361 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**5th Plymouth** · David F. DeCoste 68% of residents
**4th Plymouth** · Patrick Joseph Kearney 32% of residents

Norwell is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**First Plymouth and Norfolk** · Patrick M. O'Connor

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Norwell Public Schools**, the town's own district
**South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Norwell scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 70 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**35** / 100

266th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 58 | 24 | 23 |

Rank under other weightings: 222nd to 309th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Norwell received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 28 and 41 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**70** / 100

117th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | 87 | 62 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 94th to 131st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

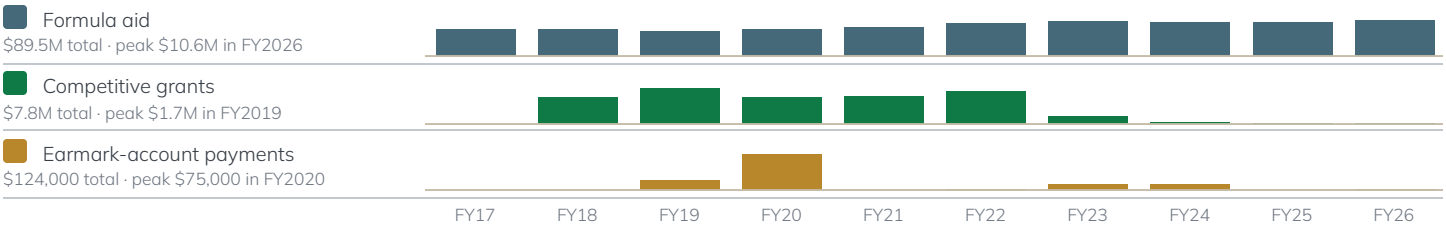
Norwell received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 70 stays between 64 and 76 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Norwell's town government and school districts received $89.5 million in formula aid and $7.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$89.5M** | **$7.8M** | **$124,000** |
| $7,878 per resident (260th of 351) · gross | $687 per resident (114th of 351) | $10.88 per resident (255th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Norwell peaked in FY2019 at $1.7 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Norwell received $108,000 in local earmarks to its government, $654,000 placed in the city or town and $654,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$108,000** | **$654,000** | **$654,000** | **No** |
| $9.46 per resident (272nd of 351) | $57.61 per resident (145th of 351) · 84% to organizations | $57.61 per resident (152nd of 351) · 84% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 20 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $108,000 went to Norwell's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $547,000 went to organizations in Norwell or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Norwell, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (20 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | $150,000 | "The Company Theatre, Inc., in the town of Norwell for costs associated with general operations, maintenance and programming" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $80,000 | "Norwell Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice in the town of Norwell to support their telehealth program" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $45,000 | "the Norwell Grange Corporation in the town of Norwell" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $38,000 (split two ways) | "regional animal control in Cohasset, Hull and Norwell" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $35,000 | "Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. in the town of Norwell" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 20 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Norwell received 1.24 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**75.0**<br>173rd of 351 · 6.6 per 1,000 residents (170th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$216,000**<br>scored exposure $48,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**57**<br>236th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.9 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,361**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.54**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.24; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$3,858**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$12,860**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$29,158**<br>FY2017–2025 · 111th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORWELL

## Norwell has 541 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 490 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**541 acres**<br>4.0% of Norwell's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**490 acres**<br>3.7% of Norwell's land · 27 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**70 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**220 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 541 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 534 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 3 | 43 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 22 | 379 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 68 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 18 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 70 |
| Conservation restriction | 15 | 220 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 534 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 1 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wompatuck State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 540 | |
| Norwell Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 91.0 miles of public road in Norwell, the state maintains 7.8 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.8 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 74.3 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 9.0 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Norwell $7.4 million and takes back $1.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $5.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.4 million** | **$1.7 million** | **$5.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 22% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $5.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $18,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $17,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $69,000 |
| State Owned Land | $3,956 |
| Public Libraries | $33,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $62,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $1.3M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $78,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,935 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $6,967 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,200 |
| MBTA | $17,000 |
| Special Education | $12,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $27,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $116,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|
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|---|---|---|---|
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|---|---|---|---|
| +42.8% | +112.1% | 6 of 9 | 4 of 9 |
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Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+52%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

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| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $5.7M | $23.3M |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 3.4% | +17% |
| 25th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

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|---|---|---|
| $4.3M | 1 | $8.66B |
| $377 per resident (194th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Norwell's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School | South Shore | Core | $112M | $4.3M (4%) |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Norwell has $201,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.7M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | **$5.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$201,000**<br>annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 343rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **1**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $450,000 | $0 | $1.3M | $253,000 |
| FY2018 | $450,000 | $0 | $1.3M | $7,197 |
| FY2019 | $447,000 | $89,000 | $454,000 | $110,000 |
| FY2020 | $447,000 | $45,000 | $436,000 | $166,000 |
| FY2021 | $464,000 | $0 | $296,000 | $334,000 |
| FY2022 | $466,000 | $248,000 | $594,000 | $453,000 |
| FY2023 | $470,000 | $0 | $923,000 | $4 |
| FY2024 | $466,000 | $261,000 | $544,000 | $183,000 |
| FY2025 | $466,000 | $125,000 | $578,000 | $197,000 |
| FY2026 | $716,000 | $391,000 | $1.1M | $201,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $716,000 | $0 | $0 | $917,000 |

The full list of the 11 bridges in Norwell in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

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## Norwell ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $654,000 in earmarks placed in Norwell, $547,000 (84%) went to organizations rather than to Norwell's government.


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Norwell** this town | **35** | **$7,878** | **$687** | **$57.61**† | **1.24** | **3.4%** |
| Medfield peer | 38 | $8,137 | $388 | $73.25 | 2.14 | 2.3% |
| Hopkinton peer | 31 | $7,048 | $297 | $94.08 | 0.33 | 3.1% |
| Cohasset peer | 32 | $7,092 | $383 | $129† | 0.76 | 2.5% |
| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Middleton peer | 30 | $6,815 | $154 | $32.88 | 0.83 | 2.6% |
| Carlisle lowest in class of 30 | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |

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**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Norwood

Town · Norfolk County · 31,542 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
12th Norfolk · John H. Rogers

**STATE SENATE**
Norfolk and Suffolk · Michael F. Rush

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Norwood Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Avon, Braintree, Canton, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Randolph and Westwood

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Norwood scores 34 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 26 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**34** / 100

268th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 31 | 34 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 235th to 298th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Norwood received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 32 and 36 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**26** / 100

289th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 24 | 24 | 32 |

Rank under other weightings: 271st to 301st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

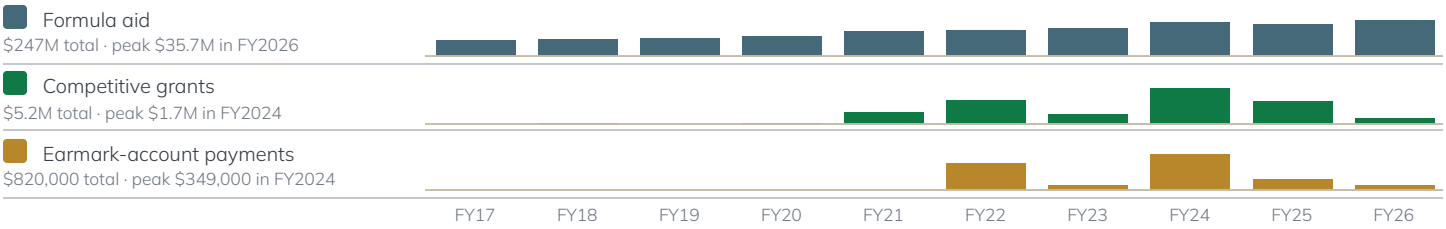
Norwood received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 25 and 27 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Norwood's town government and school districts received $247 million in formula aid and $5.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$247M** | **$5.2M** | **$820,000** |
| $7,831 per resident (261st of 351) · gross | $166 per resident (270th of 351) | $25.99 per resident (170th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Norwood peaked in FY2024 at $1.7 million, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $38 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Norwood received $600,000 in local earmarks to its government, $725,000 placed in the city or town and $725,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$600,000** | **$725,000** | **$725,000** | **No** |
| $19.02 per resident (218th of 351) | $22.99 per resident (264th of 351) · 17% to organizations | $22.99 per resident (266th of 351) · 17% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 13 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $600,000 went to Norwood's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $125,000 went to organizations in Norwood or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Norwood, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (13 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "the design and construction of the Tyler Jacoby Lawrence Memorial park at the Norwood Memorial airport" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $125,000 | "the town of Norwood for a sesquicentennial celebration" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $90,000 | "the creation of John J. Lightizer Memorial park in the town of Norwood" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "Norwood high school to retrofit its decommissioned ambulance to create an ambulance simulator to provide emergency medical services training and education" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the town of Norwood for the Norwood Hospital Task Force to conduct economic analysis" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 13 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Norwood received 33% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**100.4**<br>93rd of 351 · 3.2 per 1,000 residents (309th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$11.3M**<br>scored exposure $3.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**50**<br>260th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.4 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**31,802**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.51**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.33; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,315**<br>FY2017–2025 · 211th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN NORWOOD

## No state conservation land or coded chapter land is mapped in Norwood.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**10 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 1 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 10 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 112.5 miles of public road in Norwood, the state maintains 8.4 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.4 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 100.6 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.5 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Norwood $26 million and takes back $3.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $22.5 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$26 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$3.5 million**<br>13% of what is sent | Net<br>**$22.5 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $19.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $568,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $133,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $141,000 |
| Public Libraries | $84,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $278,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $95,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $19,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $45,000 |
| MBTA | $810,000 |
| Special Education | $24,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $325,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.9M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN NORWOOD

## State programs also awarded $965,000 to organizations in Norwood other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Norwood. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Neponset River Land Holding Association nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $460,000 |
| FY2020 | Norwood Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2023 | Norwood Space Center nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $25,000 |

A further $400,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 15.1% of Norwood's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 10.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.6%** | **8.6%** | **15.1%** | **13.4%** |
| $9.3M of $87.5M · median town 14.1% | $10.3M of $120M · median town 12.2% | $23.5M of $155M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.2% · median town 10.0% |

Norwood's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $826,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Norwood's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 63.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 45.3% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $9.3 million in FY2006 to $23.5 million in FY2025, +153.6% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+29.0%** | **+49.0%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $13.9M to $17.9M · all towns +54.0% | $18M to $26.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Norwood's health insurance would have been $17.3 million in FY2025; it was $17.9 million, $575,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $22.5 million in FY2025; it was $26.8 million, $4.34 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Norwood's government came to $395,000, 9.8% of the $4.03 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $395,000 | 9.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $520,000 | 12.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $520,000 | 12.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Norwood's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 71st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$19.3M** | **$43M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **+115%** |
| 71st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Norwood runs its own school district and also belongs to Blue Hills and Norfolk County; Norwood accounts for 10% and 5% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $58.1 million for schools serving Norwood, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Norwood's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$58.1M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,841 per resident (98th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Norwood's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Norwood | Core | $7.2M | $7.2M |
| FY2022 | Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School | Norwood | Core | $46.3M | $46.3M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $78,000 (5%) |
| FY2018 | Blue Hills Regional Technical High School | Blue Hills | Core | $44.4M | $4.6M (10%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Norwood; Norwood's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $7.2 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Norwood's share of the final cost was $9.2 million against its share of the approved budget of $8.8 million (over by $395,000); the local share moved from $4.2 million to $4.7 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **10**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$1M**<br>bridges $1M · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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| FY2018 | $863,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $75,000 |
| FY2019 | $855,000 | $171,000 | $855,000 | $246,000 |
| FY2020 | $857,000 | $86,000 | $970,000 | $219,000 |
| FY2021 | $855,000 | $0 | $963,000 | $111,000 |
| FY2022 | $849,000 | $333,000 | $779,000 | $514,000 |
| FY2023 | $845,000 | $0 | $494,000 | $864,000 |
| FY2024 | $835,000 | $415,000 | $1.2M | $893,000 |
| FY2025 | $819,000 | $224,000 | $0 | $1.9M |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $564,000 | $1.8M | $1.9M |
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| Yarmouth peer · lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |
| Beverly peer | 27 | $6,643 | $218 | $69.85 | 0.97 | 3.1% |
| Dartmouth peer | 28 | $6,506 | $296 | $16.50 | 0.73 | 3.6% |
| Saugus peer | 29 | $7,158 | $98.00 | $42.11 | 0.36 | 3.3% |
| Weymouth peer | 39 | $8,687 | $450 | $104 | 2.15 | 2.8% |
| Great Barrington best in class of 30 | 42 | $9,461 | $2,113 | $175† | 2.92 | 3.7% |


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DUKES COUNTY

# Oak Bluffs

Town · Dukes County · 5,407 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**Barnstable-Dukes-Nantucket** · Thomas W. Moakley

STATE SENATE

**Cape and Islands** · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Oak Bluffs Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Martha's Vineyard Regional School District**, shared with Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Tisbury and West Tisbury

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Martha's Vineyard Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Oak Bluffs scores 51 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 96 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**51** / 100

117th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 66 | 46 | 48 |

Rank under other weightings: 83rd to 139th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Oak Bluffs received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 47 and 55 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**96** / 100

19th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | 98 | 93 | 96 |

Rank under other weightings: 15th to 27th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

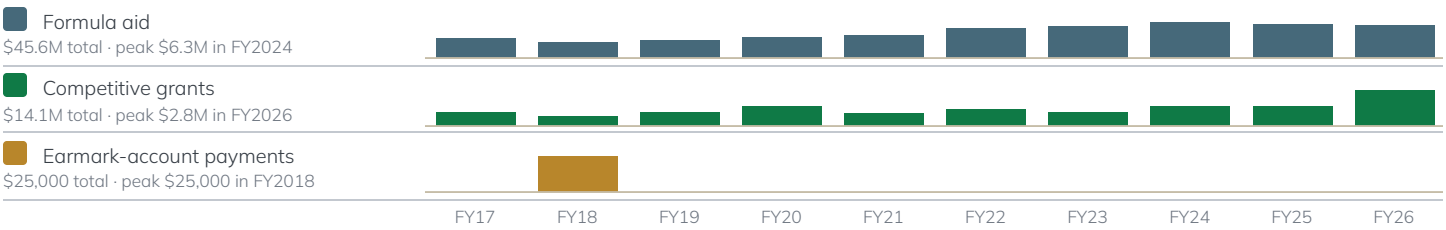
Oak Bluffs received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 96 stays between 95 and 96 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Oak Bluffs's town government and school districts received $45.6 million in formula aid and $14.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$45.6M** | **$14.1M** | **$25,000** |
| $8,440 per resident (237th of 351) · gross | $2,606 per resident (36th of 351) | $4.62 per resident (290th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Oak Bluffs peaked in FY2026 at $2.8 million, 20% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $31.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Oak Bluffs received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $505,000 placed in the city or town and $505,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$0** | **$505,000** | **$505,000** | **No** |
| enacted, ten budgets | $93.40 per resident (77th of 351) · all to organizations | $93.40 per resident (90th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2024. $0 went to Oak Bluffs's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $505,000 went to organizations in Oak Bluffs or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Oak Bluffs, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $125,000 | "the purposes defined in item 1599-2009 in section 2 of chapter 182 of the acts of 2008" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | "not less than $100,000, of which not less than $25,000 of said funds shall be expended to contract with Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc., to increase access to health and human services on the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket and such funds shall be used to cover feasible travel..." | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2024 | $65,000 | "the Oak Bluffs water district to conduct an island-wide assessment on the presence of polyfluoroalkyl substances in the Martha's Vineyard aquifer and to recommend strategies for remediation" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc. for increased access to health and human services on Martha's Vineyard" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "Martha's Vineyard Community Services for the purpose of increasing access to health and human services on Martha's Vineyard" | Enacted<br>organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Oak Bluffs received 3.64 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**36.3**<br>306th of 351 · 6.7 per 1,000 residents (167th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**7**<br>340th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**7.3 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**56%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**12,546**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**5.01**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 3.64; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**56 acres**<br>1.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$239,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$4,230**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$59,932**<br>FY2017–2025 · 25th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN OAK BLUFFS

## Oak Bluffs has 68 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 247 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**68 acres**<br>1.5% of Oak Bluffs's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**247 acres**<br>5.3% of Oak Bluffs's land · 15 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**31 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 12 | 68 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 57 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 2 | 22 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 13 | 225 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 32 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 31 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 55 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 2 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph Sylvia State Beach | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 59 | |
| Lobster Hatchery | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 9 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 45.0 miles of public road in Oak Bluffs, the state maintains 4.7 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.7 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 36.2 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.1 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Oak Bluffs $3.2 million and takes back $1.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $1.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.2 million** | **$1.4 million** | **$1.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 44% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $2.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $425,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $202,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $115,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $21,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $39,000 |
| State Owned Land | $245,000 |
| Public Libraries | $12,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $99,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,255 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $22,000 |
| Regional Transit | $161,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $176,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $943,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN OAK BLUFFS

## State programs also awarded $511,000 to organizations in Oak Bluffs other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Oak Bluffs. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Featherstone Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2027 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $103,000 |
| FY2027 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $101,000 |
| FY2025 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $98,000 |
| FY2023 | Featherstone Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $34,000 |
| FY2026 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $25,000 |
| FY2024 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $20,000 |
| FY2019 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,000 (shared seven ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.6% of Oak Bluffs's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.0%** | **5.3%** | **6.6%** | **3.7%** |
| $1.7M of $21M · median town 14.1% | $1.5M of $27.7M · median town 12.2% | $2.8M of $41.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.9% · median town 10.0% |

Oak Bluffs's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $994,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Oak Bluffs's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 5.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 5.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.7 million in FY2006 to $2.8 million in FY2025, +64.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $568,000 of Oak Bluffs's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+57.7%** | **+55.8%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $2.3M to $3.6M · all towns +54.0% | $3.5M to $5.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Oak Bluffs's health insurance would have been $2.85 million in FY2025; it was $3.60 million, $749,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.38 million in FY2025; it was $5.47 million, $1.09 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Oak Bluffs's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $1.32 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $505,000 | 38.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $505,000 | 38.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Oak Bluffs's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 83rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.1M** | **$8.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **+37%** |
| 83rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Oak Bluffs runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Martha's Vineyard for others; Oak Bluffs accounts for 28% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $21 million for schools serving Oak Bluffs, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Oak Bluffs's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$21M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,893 per resident (24th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Oak Bluffs's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Martha's Vineyard Regional High School | Marthas Vineyard | Core | $75.3M | $21M (28%) |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Oak Bluffs has $94,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.9M**<br>$538,000 of it one-time supplements | **$2.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$94,000**<br>annual program: 0.1 years of its yearly money · 328th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **0**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Oak Bluffs came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $195,000 | $0 | $542,000 | $195,000 |
| FY2018 | $196,000 | $0 | $16,000 | $391,000 |
| FY2019 | $196,000 | $39,000 | $334,000 | $329,000 |
| FY2020 | $195,000 | $19,000 | $494,000 | $50,000 |
| FY2021 | $194,000 | $0 | $125,000 | $119,000 |
| FY2022 | $193,000 | $121,000 | $88,000 | $345,000 |
| FY2023 | $195,000 | $0 | $151,000 | $389,000 |
| FY2024 | $195,000 | $119,000 | $307,000 | $396,000 |
| FY2025 | $199,000 | $55,000 | $296,000 | $354,000 |
| FY2026 | $323,000 | $185,000 | $170,000 | $691,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $322,000 | $0 | $597,000 | $416,000 |

The full list of the three bridges in Oak Bluffs in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | East Chop Drive Coastal Bank Protection source | $3M |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | East Chop Revetment Repair Access source | $100,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Oak Bluffs received $14.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 3.1 times the $4.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Oak Bluffs ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $505,000 in earmarks placed in Oak Bluffs went to organizations; none went to Oak Bluffs's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Oak Bluffs** this town | **51** | **$8,440** | **$2,606** | **$93.40**† | **3.64** | **3.0%** |
| Wenham peer | 29 | $6,869 | $147 | $69.20† | 0.80 | 2.5% |
| Upton peer | 56 | $14,491 | $622 | $40.72 | 1.73 | 2.8% |
| Boxborough peer | 34 | $8,257 | $231 | $43.67 | 0.36 | 2.8% |
| Bolton peer | 35 | $8,127 | $737 | $62.75 | 1.64 | 2.8% |
| Harvard peer | 39 | $8,662 | $563 | $18.05 | 0.96 | 2.1% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |
| Carlisle lowest in class of 30 | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

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**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Oakham

Town · Worcester County · 1,639 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Quabbin Regional School District**, shared with Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston and New Braintree

**Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, Ware and Warren

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Oakham scores 61 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 74 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**61** / 100

41st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | 65 | 53 | 62 |

Rank under other weightings: 33rd to 50th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Oakham received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 61 stays between 59 and 63 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**74** / 100

102nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 74 | 76 | 72 | 73 |

Rank under other weightings: 96th to 104th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

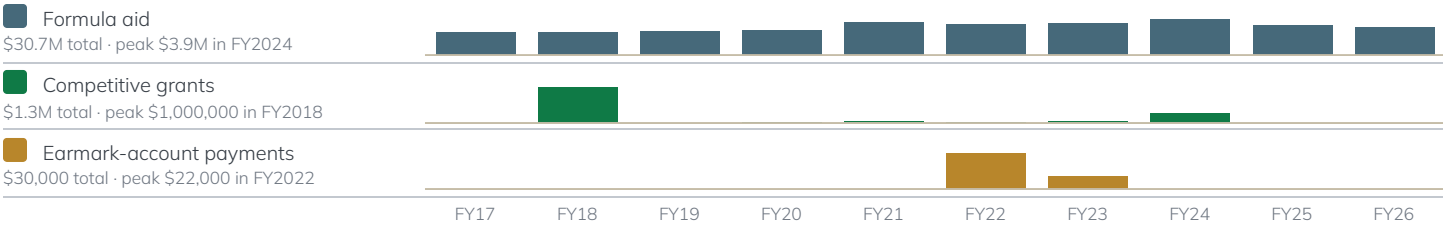
Oakham received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 74 stays between 73 and 74 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Oakham's town government and school districts received $30.7 million in formula aid and $1.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$30.7M** | **$1.3M** | **$30,000** |
| $18,722 per resident (38th of 351) · gross | $794 per resident (95th of 351) | $18.28 per resident (213th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Oakham peaked in FY2018 at $1,000,000, 77% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $946,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Oakham received $20,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$20,000** | **$20,000** | **$20,000** | **No** |
| $12.20 per resident (258th of 351) | $12.20 per resident (303rd of 351) | $12.20 per resident (304th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2022. All of it went to Oakham's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Oakham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $20,000 | "the police department in the town of Oakham" | Enacted to the city or town government |



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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Oakham received 1.24 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**44.1**<br>272nd of 351 · 26.9 per 1,000 residents (47th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2M**<br>scored exposure $788,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**85**<br>154th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.8 sq mi**<br>30% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,716**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.24; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,393 acres**<br>10.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$161,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$115**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,257**<br>FY2017–2025 · 249th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN OAKHAM

## Oakham has 4,037 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 730 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,037 acres**<br>30.3% of Oakham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**730 acres**<br>5.5% of Oakham's land · 32 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**53 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**28 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 40 | 4,037 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 26 | 3,919 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 16 | 494 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 11 | 194 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 43 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 11 | 437 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 53 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 28 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 7 | 2,762 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 11 | 700 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | 457 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ware River Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 2,537 | |
| Oakham WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 880 | |
| Oakham State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 621 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 49.7 miles of public road in Oakham, the state maintains 6.9 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.9 | 6% |
| DCR | 4.1 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 42.7 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.1 | 0% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Oakham $451,000 and takes back $4,202 in assessments and charges, a net $446,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$451,000** | **$4,202** | **$446,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $249,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $13,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $21,000 |
| State Owned Land | $161,000 |
| Public Libraries | $6,665 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $573 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $660 |
| Regional Transit | $2,969 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN OAKHAM

## State programs also awarded $45,000 to organizations in Oakham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Oakham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Oakham Historical Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $10,000 |
| FY2025 | Heart of New England BSA nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $9,490 (shared two ways) |
| FY2018 | Oakham Historical Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $19,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 8.6% of Oakham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 13.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.0%** | **8.0%** | **8.6%** | **8.5%** |
| $288,000 of $2.2M · median town 14.1% | $273,000 of $3.4M · median town 12.2% | $415,000 of $4.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.8% · median town 10.0% |

Oakham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Oakham's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 7.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 17.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $288,000 in FY2006 to $415,000 in FY2025, +44.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+391.0%** | **+205.5%** | **6 of 9** | **7 of 9** |
| $18,000 to $91,000 · all towns +54.0% | $92,000 to $280,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |


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Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Oakham's health insurance would have been $23,000 in FY2025; it was $91,000, $68,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $114,000 in FY2025; it was $280,000, $165,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+63%) and FY2023 (+81%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (–34%), FY2022 (+73%), FY2023 (+98%) and FY2024 (+30%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Oakham's government came to $20,000, 27.7% of the $72,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $20,000 | 27.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $20,000 | 27.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $20,000 | 27.7% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Oakham's required school contribution is 3.2% of median household income, 32nd highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$1.9M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$2.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.2%**<br>32nd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–8%**<br>after inflation |

Oakham has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Quabbin and Pathfinder; Oakham accounts for 12% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $191,000 for schools serving Oakham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Oakham's share<br>**$191,000**<br>$116 per resident (233rd of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Oakham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Hubbardston Center School | Quabbin | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.6M | $191,000 (12%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Oakham's share of the final cost was $293,000 against its share of the approved budget of $344,000 (under by $50,000); the local share moved from $153,000 to $120,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Oakham has $812,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.1M**<br>$789,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$812,000**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 132nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>one rated poor; likely about $898,000 of work on those ($431,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Oakham came on average 33 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Oakham owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $185,000 | $0 | $0 | $185,000 |
| FY2018 | $183,000 | $0 | $69,000 | $323,000 |
| FY2019 | $182,000 | $36,000 | $0 | $541,000 |
| FY2020 | $181,000 | $18,000 | $0 | $741,000 |
| FY2021 | $181,000 | $0 | $591,000 | $367,000 |
| FY2022 | $181,000 | $142,000 | $0 | $690,000 |
| FY2023 | $179,000 | $0 | $405,000 | $465,000 |
| FY2024 | $179,000 | $228,000 | $605,000 | $266,000 |
| FY2025 | $181,000 | $153,000 | $325,000 | $275,000 |
| FY2026 | $330,000 | $212,000 | $4,940 | $812,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $329,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |

The full list of the nine bridges in Oakham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Oakham received $1.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 40% of the $3.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Oakham ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Oakham** this town | **61** | **$18,722** | **$794** | **$12.20** | **1.24** | **3.2%** |
| Cummington peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $9,157 | $4,050 | $0 | 1.51 | 1.5% |
| Chester peer | 62 | $16,538 | $4,421 | $0 | 2.11 | 2.4% |
| Windsor peer | 53 | $9,357 | $3,955 | $23.47 | 1.38 | 1.5% |
| Millville peer | 56 | $14,661 | $545 | $114 | 1.93 | 2.0% |
| Peru peer | 62 | $22,437 | $3,220 | $39.68 | 1.98 | 2.8% |
| Chesterfield best in class of 30 | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Orange

Town · Franklin County · 7,573 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
2nd Franklin · Susannah M. Whipps

**STATE SENATE**
Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Orange Public Schools, the town's own district
Ralph C Mahar Regional School District, shared with New Salem, Petersham and Wendell
Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield and ten others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Orange scores 67 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 83 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

67 / 100

20th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 61 | 69 | 64 |

Rank under other weightings: 15th to 26th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Orange received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 67 stays between 64 and 69 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

83 / 100

72nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 86 | 79 | 85 | 81 |

Rank under other weightings: 62nd to 77th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

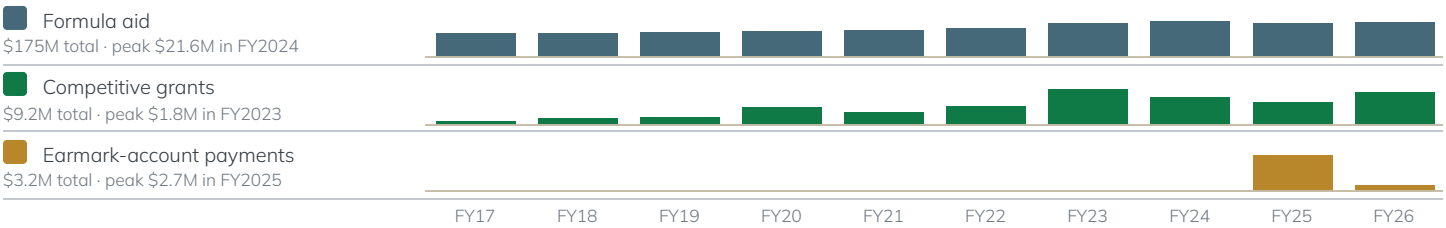
Orange received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 83 stays between 81 and 84 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Orange's town government and school districts received $175 million in formula aid and $9.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $175M | $9.2M | $3.2M |
| $23,109 per resident (14th of 351) · gross | $1,214 per resident (66th of 351) | $416 per resident (3rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Orange were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Orange received $220,000 in local earmarks to its government, $935,000 placed in the city or town and $935,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $220,000 | $935,000 | $935,000 | No |
| $29.05 per resident (165th of 351) | $123 per resident (44th of 351) · 76% to organizations | $123 per resident (51st of 351) · 76% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 12 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $220,000 went to Orange's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $715,000 went to organizations in Orange or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Orange, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (12 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $125,000 (split two ways) | "the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority for the Athol-Orange shuttle, the community transit services successor service, to maintain current transportation service in the towns of Athol and Orange" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the Quabbin Food Connector, Inc. in the town of Orange" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the town of Orange for demolition or repairs to unsafe buildings" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "veterans mediation services at Quabbin Mediation, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the Veterans Mediation program administered by Quabbin Mediation, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 12 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Orange received 2.59 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**87.0**<br>128th of 351 · 11.5 per 1,000 residents (91st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$21M**<br>scored exposure $5.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**97**<br>123rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**5**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**35.1 sq mi**<br>12% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,847**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.57**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.59; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,527 acres**<br>11.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$125,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$49.56**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$7,716**<br>FY2017–2025 · 343rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ORANGE

## Orange has 2,797 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,594 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,797 acres**<br>12.5% of Orange's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,594 acres**<br>20.5% of Orange's land · 110 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**412 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**3,979 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 40 | 2,797 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 50 | 3,121 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 68 | 3,279 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 33 | 965 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 350 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 51 | 2,838 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 6 | 412 |
| Conservation restriction | 80 | 3,979 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 21 | 1,583 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 17 | 915 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 4 | 352 |
| Public Health and Soldiers' Homes | 6 | 223 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 47 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tully Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 944 | |
| Orange State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 687 | |
| Orange WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 377 | |
| Warwick WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 217 | |
| Warwick State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 161 | |
| Erving State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 110 | |
| Fish Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 108 | |
| Wendell State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 98 | |
| Quabbin Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 83 | |
| Millers River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 9 | |
| Lake Rohunta Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3 | |
| Packard Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 103.2 miles of public road in Orange, the state maintains 12.3 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.3 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 86.9 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.4 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Orange $9.5 million and takes back $518,000 in assessments and charges, a net $9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.5 million** | **$518,000** | **$9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $7.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $2,138 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $30,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $42,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $65,000 |
| State Owned Land | $125,000 |
| Public Libraries | $26,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,963 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $14,000 |
| Regional Transit | $49,000 |
| Special Education | $7,374 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $430,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $15,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ORANGE

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | LaunchSpace nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $65,000 |
| FY2019 | Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $793,000 in 7 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 32.7% of Orange's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 39.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **39.9%** | **37.8%** | **32.7%** | **31.1%** |
| $7.2M of $18M · median town 14.1% | $7.3M of $19.3M · median town 12.2% | $9.2M of $28.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 39.9% · median town 10.0% |

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Gross state aid went from $7.2 million in FY2006 to $9.2 million in FY2025, +28.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $365,000 of Orange's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+10.0%** | **+27.0%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $1.9M to $2.1M · all towns +54.0% | $3.2M to $4.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Orange's health insurance would have been $2.33 million in FY2025; it was $2.06 million, $277,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.05 million in FY2025; it was $4.12 million, $70,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Orange's government came to $125,000, 66.7% of the $187,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $125,000 | 66.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $740,000 | 3.9 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $740,000 | 3.9 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Orange's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 84th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$14M** | **$5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **+13%** |
| 84th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Orange runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Ralph C Mahar and Franklin County for others; Orange accounts for 79% and 15% of their foundation budgets, in that order.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $51.6 million for schools serving Orange, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Orange's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$51.6M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $6,808 per resident (3rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Orange's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $16.9M (15%) |
| FY2020 | Dexter Park School | Orange | Core | $34.6M | $34.6M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Orange's share of the final cost was $55.9 million against its share of the approved budget of $57.7 million (under by $1.8 million); the local share moved from $23.1 million to $22.8 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Orange has $2.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and five high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.5M** | **$3.3M** | **$2.5M** |
| $1.4M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.6 years of its yearly money · 41st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **12** | **5** | **$600,000** |
| one rated poor; likely about $536,000 of work on those ($257,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of ten town-owned dams | bridges $500,000 · dams $75,000 · culverts $25,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Orange came on average 38 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $417,000 | $0 | $265,000 | $417,000 |
| FY2018 | $414,000 | $0 | $153,000 | $832,000 |
| FY2019 | $412,000 | $82,000 | $223,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2020 | $411,000 | $41,000 | $533,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $410,000 | $0 | $310,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $410,000 | $290,000 | $546,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $404,000 | $0 | $504,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | $404,000 | $369,000 | $951,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | $404,000 | $214,000 | $275,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $691,000 | $426,000 | $70,000 | $2.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $690,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.2M |

The full list of the 22 bridges in Orange in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Lake Mattawa South Dam Design source | $75,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Fairman Road over UNT to Lake Mattawa source | $25,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Orange received $10.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 91% of the $11.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Orange ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $935,000 in earmarks placed in Orange, $715,000 (76%) went to organizations rather than to Orange's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Orange** this town | **67** | **$23,109** | **$1,214** | **$123**† | **2.59** | **3.0%** |
| Adams peer | 64 | $19,320 | $1,327 | $27.87† | 2.22 | 2.2% |
| Athol peer | 69 | $23,699 | $853 | $117† | 1.25 | 1.4% |
| North Adams peer | 71 | $21,747 | $1,967 | $32.72 | 3.15 | 2.5% |
| Ware peer | 61 | $18,604 | $846 | $21.89† | 1.01 | 2.4% |
| Winchendon peer | 62 | $18,732 | $518 | $42.62 | 1.52 | 2.6% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Granville lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

FAIRNESS INDEX CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

STATE MONEY CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

EARMARKS General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

SCHOOLS DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

SCHOOL BUILDINGS Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Orleans

Town · Barnstable County · 6,415 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
4th Barnstable · Hadley Luddy

**STATE SENATE**
Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Orleans Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Nauset Regional School District**, shared with Brewster, Eastham and Wellfleet
**Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Mashpee, Provincetown and three others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Orleans scores 26 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 70 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**26** / 100

343rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 25 | 35 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 322nd to 345th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Orleans received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 23 and 28 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**70** / 100

116th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 79 | 53 | 73 |

Rank under other weightings: 97th to 124th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

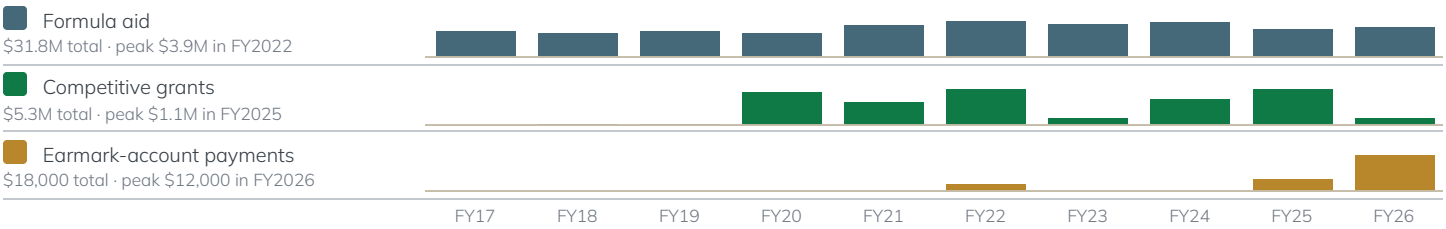
Orleans received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 70 stays between 66 and 75 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Orleans's town government and school districts received $31.8 million in formula aid and $5.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$31.8M** | **$5.3M** | **$18,000** |
| $4,954 per resident (347th of 351) · gross | $820 per resident (92nd of 351) | $2.86 per resident (307th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Orleans peaked in FY2025 at $1.1 million, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $18.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Orleans received $12,000 in local earmarks to its government, $737,000 placed in the city or town and $737,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$12,000** | **$737,000** | **$737,000** | **No** |
| $1.87 per resident (298th of 351) | $115 per resident (49th of 351) · 98% to organizations | $115 per resident (57th of 351) · 98% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 11 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $12,000 went to Orleans's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $725,000 went to organizations in Orleans or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Orleans, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the Lower Cape outreach council for a refrigerator truck and food pantry repairs" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the Homeless Prevention Council, Inc. of Cape Cod" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the Homeless Prevention Council of Cape Cod" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the Homeless Prevention Council of Cape Cod" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the Homeless Prevention Council of Lower Cape Cod" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 11 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Orleans received 1.26 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**50.1**<br>253rd of 351 · 7.8 per 1,000 residents (140th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**12**<br>335th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**43%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,418**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.03**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.26; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$36,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$17,858**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$60,170**<br>FY2017–2025 · 24th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ORLEANS

## Orleans has 2 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 273 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2 acres**<br>0.0% of Orleans's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**273 acres**<br>3.0% of Orleans's land · 20 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**265 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 2 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 2 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 2 | 6 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 18 | 266 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 8 | 246 |
| Conservation restriction | 88 | 265 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 2 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bakers Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |
| Namskaket Sea Path | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Nickerson State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 94.2 miles of public road in Orleans, the state maintains 10.1 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.1 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 50.1 | 53% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 33.7 | 36% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Orleans $894,000 and takes back $656,000 in assessments and charges, a net $237,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$894,000** | **$656,000** | **$237,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 73% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $517,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $244,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $40,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $40,000 |
| State Owned Land | $36,000 |
| Public Libraries | $16,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $362,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $152,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,641 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,980 |
| Regional Transit | $104,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $28,000 |

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| FY2026 | Orleans Conservation Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $24,000 |
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|---|---|---|---|
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SCHOOLS

## Orleans's required school contribution is 1.7% of median household income, 328th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.4M** | **$5.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.7%** | **+7%** |
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Nauset Regional High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Nauset | Core | $8.1M | $1.8M (22%) |
| FY2020 | Nauset Regional High School | Nauset | Core | $36.7M | $8.1M (22%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $101,000 (2%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $807,000 (2%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Orleans; Orleans's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.9 million, $1.8 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Orleans's share of the final cost was $2.2 million against its share of the approved budget of $2.4 million (under by $230,000); the local share moved from $1.6 million to $1.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Orleans has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.4M**<br>$953,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.4M**<br>annual program: 1.9 years of its yearly money · 84th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Orleans came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $290,000 | $0 | $555,000 | $167,000 |
| FY2018 | $288,000 | $0 | $370,000 | $330,000 |
| FY2019 | $285,000 | $57,000 | $490,000 | $182,000 |
| FY2020 | $283,000 | $28,000 | $194,000 | $299,000 |
| FY2021 | $282,000 | $0 | $383,000 | $199,000 |
| FY2022 | $279,000 | $167,000 | $339,000 | $305,000 |
| FY2023 | $279,000 | $0 | $215,000 | $370,000 |
| FY2024 | $278,000 | $269,000 | $646,000 | $271,000 |
| FY2025 | $275,000 | $178,000 | $39,000 | $686,000 |
| FY2026 | $440,000 | $254,000 | $0 | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $440,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.8M |

The full list of the five bridges in Orleans in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Orleans received $6.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 77% of the $8.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Orleans ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $737,000 in earmarks placed in Orleans, $725,000 (98%) went to organizations rather than to Orleans's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Orleans** this town | **26** | **$4,954** | **$820** | **$115**† | **1.26** | **1.7%** |
| Rockport peer | 29 | $6,385 | $408 | $88.56 | 1.27 | 2.1% |
| Lenox peer | 32 | $6,580 | $735 | $14.77 | 1.89 | 2.1% |
| Nahant peer | 30 | $5,917 | $268 | $131 | 0.69 | 1.6% |
| Wellfleet peer | 37 | $4,162 | $3,572 | $59.49 | 1.85 | 1.3% |
| Brewster peer | 35 | $6,965 | $860 | $28.79† | 2.03 | 2.6% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Tisbury lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Otis

Town · Berkshire County · 1,624 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis | Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark | Farmington River Regional School District, shared with Sandisfield | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission |

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Otis scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 93 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**43** / 100

185th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 52 | 34 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 153rd to 222nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Otis received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 38 and 47 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**93** / 100

34th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | 96 | 89 | 95 |

Rank under other weightings: 31st to 36th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

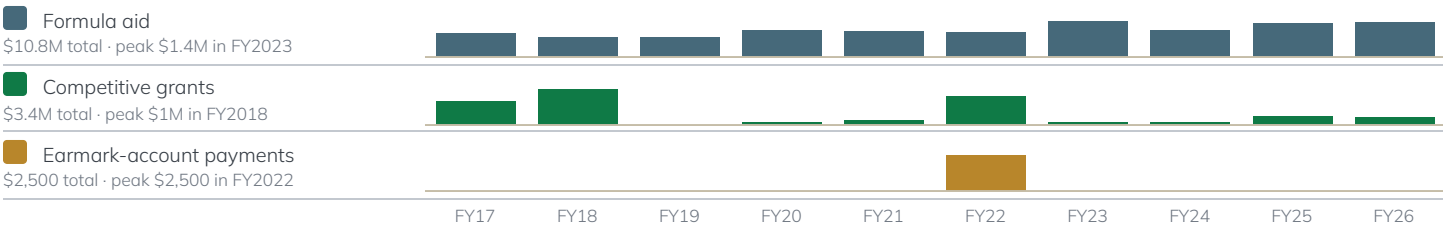
Otis received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 93 stays between 92 and 94 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Otis's town government and school districts received $10.8 million in formula aid and $3.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $10.8M | $3.4M | $2,500 |
| $6,679 per resident (305th of 351) · gross | $2,109 per resident (43rd of 351) | $1.54 per resident (321st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Otis peaked in FY2018 at $1 million, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.1 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in Otis in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,500 in payments to Otis's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Otis.

Otis is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Otis's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Otis's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Truro | $37,000 | $222,000 | $222,000 | $130 |
| Chilmark | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| New Marlborough | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Stockbridge | $0 | $288,000 | $288,000 | $140 |
| Monterey | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Otis received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**41.9**<br>285th of 351 · 25.8 per 1,000 residents (48th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.2M**<br>scored exposure $2.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**96**<br>126th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**35.6 sq mi**<br>29% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**51%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,558**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.64**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.01; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5,530 acres**<br>24.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$219,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$39.62**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$27,637**<br>FY2017–2025 · 120th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN OTIS

## Otis has 6,973 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 913 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**6,973 acres**<br>30.6% of Otis's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**913 acres**<br>4.0% of Otis's land · 31 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**490 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 65 | 6,973 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 69 | 5,434 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 22 | 812 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 24 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 77 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 10 | 904 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 490 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 46 | 3,289 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 23 | 2,145 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Otis State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,937 | |
| Farmington River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,718 | |
| Tolland State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,122 | |
| Long Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,017 | |
| Beartown State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 178 | |
| Benton Pond County Beach | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 63.7 miles of public road in Otis, the state maintains 19.6 (31%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 19.6 | 31% |
| Town-accepted | 41.9 | 66% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.9 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Otis $336,000 and takes back $35,000 in assessments and charges, a net $301,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$336,000** | **$35,000** | **$301,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $53,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $50,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $8,471 |
| State Owned Land | $219,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,841 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $33,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $881 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,200 |
| Regional Transit | $16 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN OTIS

## State programs also awarded $434,000 to organizations in Otis other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Otis. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Otis Historical Commission regional body | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | Otis Historical Commission regional body | Cultural Facilities Fund | $148,000 |
| FY2023 | Knox Trail Sno Riders nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $60,000 |
| FY2024 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $9,400 (shared five ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,100 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2022 | Knox Trail Sno-Riders nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $6,297 (shared six ways) |
| FY2026 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $1,500 (shared ten ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.0% of Otis's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 2.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2.6%** | **3.3%** | **4.0%** | **3.6%** |
| $95,000 of $3.6M · median town 14.1% | $162,000 of $4.9M · median town 12.2% | $302,000 of $7.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 1.7% · median town 10.0% |

Otis's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $327,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Otis's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 104.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 81.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $95,000 in FY2006 to $302,000 in FY2025, +216.9% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+3.5%** | **+35.3%** | **4 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $226,000 to $233,000 · all towns +54.0% | $438,000 to $592,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Otis's health insurance would have been $282,000 in FY2025; it was $233,000, $48,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $546,000 in FY2025; it was $592,000, $46,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+33%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Otis's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $7,891 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Otis's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 295th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$407,000** | **$1.6M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.2%** | **+44%** |
| 295th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Otis has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Farmington River; Otis accounts for 60% of that district's foundation budget. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Otis, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Otis has $354,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3M** | **$2.3M** | **$354,000** |
| $772,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 304th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **8** | **0** | **$100,000** |
| one rated poor; about $1M of work on those, by planning estimates | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $100,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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| FY2018 | $180,000 | $0 | $137,000 | $43,000 |
| FY2019 | $179,000 | $36,000 | $117,000 | $141,000 |
| FY2020 | $179,000 | $18,000 | $300,000 | $43,000 |
| FY2021 | $178,000 | $0 | $184,000 | $37,000 |
| FY2022 | $178,000 | $140,000 | $0 | $355,000 |
| FY2023 | $177,000 | $0 | $494,000 | $38,000 |
| FY2024 | $178,000 | $226,000 | $114,000 | $328,000 |
| FY2025 | $177,000 | $151,000 | $375,000 | $281,000 |
| FY2026 | $315,000 | $202,000 | $443,000 | $354,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $314,000 | $0 | $0 | $668,000 |

The full list of the 28 bridges in Otis in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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| Chilmark peer · lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $5,153 | $334 | $0 | 0.74 | 1.4% |
| New Marlborough peer | 49 | $8,719 | $3,098 | $0 | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Stockbridge peer | 42 | $6,979 | $1,448 | $140† | 2.33 | 1.5% |
| Monterey peer | 67 | $11,798 | $7,628 | $0 | 3.68 | 1.8% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Oxford

Town · Worcester County · 13,385 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**7th Worcester** · Paul K. Frost 51% of residents
**18th Worcester** · Joseph D. McKenna 49% of residents

Oxford is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Worcester and Hampden** · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Oxford Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District**, vocational, shared with Auburn, Charlton, Dudley, North Brookfield, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer and one other

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Oxford scores 52 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 59 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**52** / 100

107th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 49 | 54 | 52 |

Rank under other weightings: 94th to 122nd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Oxford received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 51 and 53 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**59** / 100

152nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | 56 | 60 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 145th to 162nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

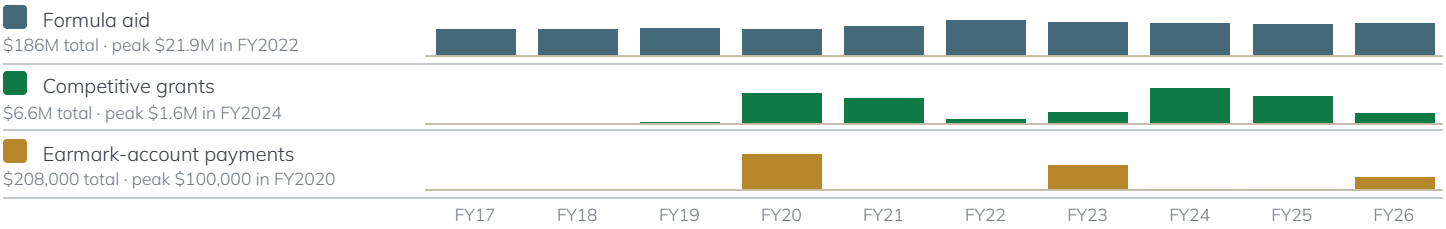
Oxford received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 58 and 60 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Oxford's town government and school districts received $186 million in formula aid and $6.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$186M** | **$6.6M** | **$208,000** |
| $13,864 per resident (96th of 351) · gross | $491 per resident (139th of 351) | $15.58 per resident (229th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Oxford peaked in FY2024 at $1.6 million, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $9.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Oxford received $185,000 in local earmarks to its government, $210,000 placed in the city or town and $210,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$185,000** | **$210,000** | **$210,000** | **No** |
| $13.82 per resident (250th of 351) | $15.69 per resident (287th of 351) · 12% to organizations | $15.69 per resident (288th of 351) · 12% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $185,000 went to Oxford's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Oxford or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Oxford, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $75,000 | "the purchase of public safety communications equipment in the town of Oxford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "an ADA-compliant ramp to improve accessibility of the town hall in the town of Oxford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $35,000 | "the town of Oxford for classroom chromebooks, software and security cameras in Oxford public schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "improvements and upgrades of the Oxford VFW Post 5663 in the town of Oxford" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $25,000 | "a public safety grant for the town of Oxford" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Oxford received 1.37 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**91.8**<br>117th of 351 · 6.9 per 1,000 residents (162nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$15.6M**<br>scored exposure $7.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**206**<br>10th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.5 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**13,425**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.72**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.37; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**334 acres**<br>2.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$17,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$50.88**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,821**<br>FY2017–2025 · 243rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN OXFORD

## Oxford has 363 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,230 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**363 acres**<br>2.1% of Oxford's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,230 acres**<br>13.1% of Oxford's land · 98 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**319 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**284 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 11 | 363 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 14 | 339 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 38 | 1,112 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 42 | 753 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 18 | 366 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 41 | 1,092 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 8 | 319 |
| Conservation restriction | 6 | 284 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 13 | 311 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 28 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Merrill Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 331 | |
| Oxford Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 30 | |
| Little River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 111.7 miles of public road in Oxford, the state maintains 16.2 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 16.2 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 91.4 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.0 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Oxford $16.2 million and takes back $852,000 in assessments and charges, a net $15.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$16.2 million** | **$852,000** | **$15.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $12.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $66,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $443,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $89,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $169,000 |
| State Owned Land | $17,000 |
| Public Libraries | $41,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,962 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $14,000 |
| Regional Transit | $98,000 |
| Special Education | $3,542 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $400,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $332,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN OXFORD

## State programs also awarded $531,000 to organizations in Oxford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Oxford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Chaubunagungamaug Band Of Nipmuck Indians tribal nation | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $525,000 |
| FY2025 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission - Charlton regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,875 (shared four ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 30.3% of Oxford's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 39.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **39.1%** | **35.1%** | **30.3%** | **28.4%** |
| $10.9M of $27.8M · median town 14.1% | $12.9M of $36.9M · median town 12.2% | $15.1M of $49.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 35.9% · median town 10.0% |

Oxford's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Oxford's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 10.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 20.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $10.9 million in FY2006 to $15.1 million in FY2025, +38.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.1 million of Oxford's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+12.0%** | **+30.8%** | **3 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $4.3M to $4.9M · all towns +54.0% | $6.9M to $9.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Oxford's health insurance would have been $5.41 million in FY2025; it was $4.85 million, $557,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $8.67 million in FY2025; it was $9.08 million, $412,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Oxford's government came to $150,000, 28.8% of the $521,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $150,000 | 28.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $175,000 | 33.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $175,000 | 33.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Oxford's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 168th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$13.9M** | **$13.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+9%** |
| 168th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Oxford runs its own school district and also belongs to Southern Worcester; Oxford accounts for 11% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Oxford, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Oxford has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.5M** | **$5.6M** | **$1.1M** |
| $1.4M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 259th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **15** | **3** | **$1.1M** |
| two rated poor; about $3.6M of work on those, by planning estimates | of three town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $1.1M · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Oxford came on average 15 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Oxford owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $511,000 | $0 | $554,000 | $321,000 |
| FY2018 | $508,000 | $0 | $606,000 | $222,000 |
| FY2019 | $511,000 | $102,000 | $1M | $95,000 |
| FY2020 | $514,000 | $51,000 | $0 | $661,000 |
| FY2021 | $510,000 | $0 | $947,000 | $275,000 |
| FY2022 | $508,000 | $302,000 | $770,000 | $314,000 |
| FY2023 | $501,000 | $0 | $802,000 | $14,000 |
| FY2024 | $505,000 | $303,000 | $793,000 | $29,000 |
| FY2025 | $504,000 | $138,000 | $367,000 | $304,000 |
| FY2026 | $807,000 | $465,000 | $434,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $802,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.9M |

The full list of the 48 bridges in Oxford in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | McKinstry Pond Dam Repair source | $1M |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | McKinstry Pond Dam Repair Design source | $55,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Oxford received $6.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $6.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Oxford ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $210,000 in earmarks placed in Oxford, $25,000 (12%) went to organizations rather than to Oxford's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Oxford** this town | **52** | **$13,864** | **$491** | **$15.69** | **1.37** | **2.7%** |
| Carver peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |
| Holbrook peer · best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Northbridge peer | 56 | $14,554 | $230 | $124† | 0.74 | 2.4% |
| Acushnet peer | 43 | $10,949 | $130 | $21.65 | 0.60 | 3.2% |
| Belchertown peer | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Palmer

City · Hampden County · 12,381 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Hampden · Todd M. Smola

STATE SENATE

Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester · Jacob R. Oliveira

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Palmer Public Schools**, the city's own district

**Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Oakham, Ware and Warren

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Palmer scores 58 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 71 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**58** / 100

57th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 50 | 62 | 62 |

Rank under other weightings: 43rd to 77th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Palmer received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 56 and 61 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**71** / 100

112th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 73 | 64 | 72 | 75 |

Rank under other weightings: 102nd to 124th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

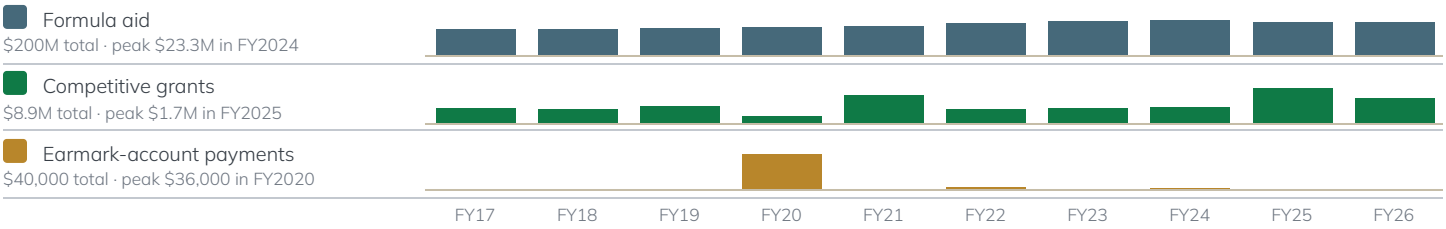
Palmer received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 71 stays between 69 and 73 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Palmer's town government and school districts received $200 million in formula aid and $8.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$200M** | **$8.9M** | **$40,000** |
| $16,159 per resident (58th of 351) · gross | $720 per resident (110th of 351) | $3.24 per resident (304th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Palmer were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Palmer received $85,000 in local earmarks to its government, $370,000 placed in the city or town and $370,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$85,000** | **$370,000** | **$370,000** | **No** |
| $6.87 per resident (281st of 351) | $29.88 per resident (237th of 351) · 77% to organizations | $29.88 per resident (241st of 351) · 77% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $85,000 went to Palmer's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $285,000 went to organizations in Palmer or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Palmer, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the town of Palmer for the animal center program to purchase a specialized vehicle" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "Baystate Wing Hospital Corporation in the town of Palmer to ensure health equity by creating open access hours for emergency department mental health patient follow-up services in the hospital and to establish an open walk-in clinic for patients with mental health issues" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Baystate Wing Hospital Corporation in the town of Palmer to ensure health equity by creating open access hours for emergency department mental health patient follow-up services in the hospital and to establish an open walk-in clinic for patients with mental health issues" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "Baystate Health Eastern Region for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioids and related substances" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2021 | $50,000 | "Baystate Health Eastern Region for a grant program to prevent and treat addiction to opioid and related substances" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Palmer received 54% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**86.8**<br>129th of 351 · 7.0 per 1,000 residents (158th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$43.1M**<br>scored exposure $14.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**112**<br>92nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**31.6 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**12,426**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.31**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.54; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,712 acres**<br>8.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$135,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$78.93**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$8,479**<br>FY2017–2025 · 335th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PALMER

## Palmer has 1,695 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,763 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,695 acres**<br>8.4% of Palmer's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,763 acres**<br>8.7% of Palmer's land · 53 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**61 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**175 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 26 | 1,695 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 13 | 862 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 25 | 767 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 23 | 773 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 223 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 262 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 61 |
| Conservation restriction | 5 | 175 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 12 | 862 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 1 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Palmer WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,358 | |
| Reed Hatchery | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 270 | |
| Forest Lake WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 36 | |
| Red Bridge State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 32 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 117.8 miles of public road in Palmer, the state maintains 23.2 (20%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 23.2 | 20% |
| Town-accepted | 86.9 | 74% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.8 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Palmer $15.6 million and takes back $1.9 million in assessments and charges, a net $13.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.6 million** | **$1.9 million** | **$13.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 12% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $12.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $32,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $94,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $249,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $142,000 |
| State Owned Land | $135,000 |
| Public Libraries | $47,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,194 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $28,000 |
| Regional Transit | $75,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.3M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $468,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PALMER

## State programs also awarded $12,000 to organizations in Palmer other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Palmer. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Bondsville Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $6,250 |
| FY2019 | Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council. (CRC sponsor) nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $4,167 (shared three ways) |
| FY2025 | Three Rivers Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $1,290 |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 38.0% of Palmer's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 46.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **46.6%** | **40.5%** | **38.0%** | **33.7%** |
| $14.4M of $30.9M · median town 14.1% | $13.1M of $32.2M · median town 12.2% | $15M of $39.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 45.8% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+2.8%** | **+39.5%** | **6 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $4.5M to $4.6M · all towns +54.0% | $6M to $8.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Palmer's health insurance would have been $5.63 million in FY2025; it was $4.64 million, $995,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $7.46 million in FY2025; it was $8.33 million, $870,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Palmer's government came to $85,000, 66.8% of the $127,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $85,000 | 66.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $295,000 | 2.3 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $295,000 | 2.3 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Palmer's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 284th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$14.8M** | **$9.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.2%** | **+2%** |
| 284th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Palmer runs its own school district and also belongs to Pathfinder; Palmer accounts for 31% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Palmer, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Palmer has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7M** | **$5.2M** | **$1.1M** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 213th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **9**<br>one rated poor; about $3.9M of work on those, by planning estimates | **1**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$227,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $227,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Palmer came on average 29 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Palmer owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

**Palmer owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $484,000 | $0 | $637,000 | $484,000 |
| FY2018 | $477,000 | $0 | $141,000 | $924,000 |
| FY2019 | $476,000 | $95,000 | $299,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2020 | $475,000 | $47,000 | $750,000 | $969,000 |
| FY2021 | $473,000 | $0 | $722,000 | $720,000 |
| FY2022 | $471,000 | $290,000 | $95,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $467,000 | $0 | $1.3M | $572,000 |
| FY2024 | $465,000 | $284,000 | $386,000 | $936,000 |
| FY2025 | $463,000 | $127,000 | $358,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $750,000 | $437,000 | $1.2M | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $747,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.9M |

The full list of the 33 bridges in Palmer in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Bacon Rd over Unknown Tributary to the Ware River / West Ware Rd over Unknown Tributary to Ware River source | $88,000 |
| FY2025 | Culvert training site (DER) award | Ware River Tributary Culvert Replacements source | $105,000 |
| FY2020 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | RT 181 Culvert Replacement & Culvert Infrastructure Assessment source | $26,000 |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Palmer Street (Route 181) over Moores Brook source | $34,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Palmer received $9.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 46% more than the $6.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Palmer ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $370,000 in earmarks placed in Palmer, $285,000 (77%) went to organizations rather than to Palmer's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Palmer** this town | **58** | **$16,159** | **$720** | **$29.88**† | **0.54** | **2.2%** |
| Templeton peer | 61 | $18,577 | $420 | $27.27 | 0.60 | 2.0% |
| Spencer peer | 59 | $16,090 | $675 | $55.46 | 0.85 | 2.5% |
| Clinton peer | 53 | $14,443 | $344 | $28.88 | 1.51 | 2.4% |
| Webster peer | 56 | $14,621 | $927 | $27.75 | 0.46 | 2.8% |
| Montague peer | 55 | $14,528 | $1,282 | $26.53 | 2.38 | 2.7% |
| Greenfield best in class of 30 | 53 | $14,180 | $1,705 | $134† | 4.81 | 2.9% |
| North Brookfield lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Paxton

Town · Worcester County · 5,002 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Worcester · Kimberly N. Ferguson

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Wachusett Regional School District, shared with Holden, Princeton, Rutland and Sterling
Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District, vocational, shared with Auburn, Charlton, Dudley, North Brookfield, Oxford, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer and one other

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Paxton scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 17 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**40** / 100

214th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 39 | 48 | 38 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 210th to 230th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Paxton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 37 and 42 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**17** / 100

323rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 21 | 18 | 13 |

Rank under other weightings: 319th to 325th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

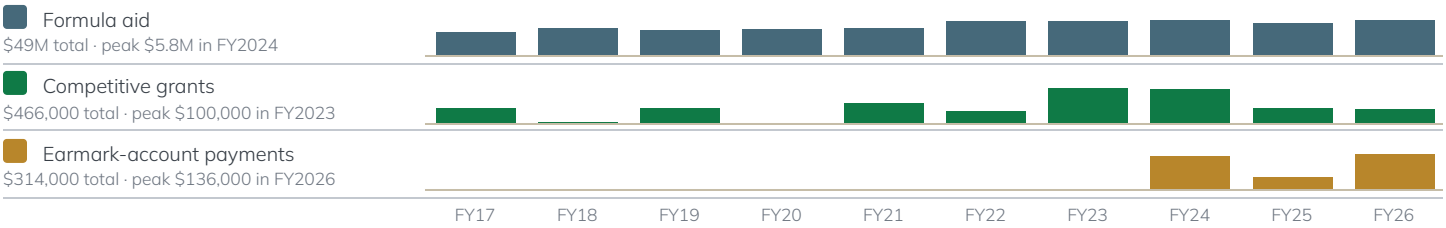
Paxton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 17 stays between 16 and 19 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Paxton's town government and school districts received $49 million in formula aid and $466,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$49M** | **$466,000** | **$314,000** |
| $9,789 per resident (185th of 351) · gross | $93.21 per resident (330th of 351) | $62.84 per resident (49th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Paxton peaked in FY2023 at $100,000, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Paxton received $157,000 in local earmarks to its government, $165,000 placed in the city or town and $215,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$157,000** | **$165,000** | **$215,000** | **No** |
| $31.39 per resident (153rd of 351) | $32.99 per resident (223rd of 351) · 5% to organizations | $42.98 per resident (190th of 351) · 4% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $157,000 went to Paxton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $8,000 went to organizations in Paxton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Paxton but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $50,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $50,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Paxton (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Paxton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the town of Paxton for wireless internet upgrades and enhancements" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "a design, feasibility and traffic study for a town common or town center in the town of Paxton" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "the operation and rehabilitation of Moore State Park in the town of Paxton" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2024 | $27,000 | "enhancements to recreation areas in the town of Paxton" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "commercial driver's license training programs in the town of Paxton" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Paxton received 11% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**38.7**<br>297th of 351 · 7.7 per 1,000 residents (142nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.7M**<br>scored exposure $826,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**52**<br>254th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.7 sq mi**<br>11% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,002**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.03**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.11; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,043 acres**<br>11.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$143,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$138**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,249**<br>FY2017–2025 · 319th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

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| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 4 | 68 |
| Conservation restriction | 12 | 353 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 6 | 193 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | 794 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 239 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Moore State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 737 | |
| Moose Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 311 | |


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### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $50,000 | “the operation and rehabilitation of Moore State Park in the town of Paxton” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $701,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $3,739 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $29,000 |
| State Owned Land | $144,000 |
| Public Libraries | $16,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $243 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,475 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,680 |
| MBTA | $36,000 |
| Regional Transit | $2,850 |

### COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.3% of Paxton’s general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.6% in FY2006.

### STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.6%** | **8.1%** | **5.3%** | **5.0%** |
| $1M of $8.7M · median town 14.1% | $964,000 of $11.8M · median town 12.2% | $845,000 of $16M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.6% · median town 10.0% |

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| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+28.1%** | **+112.3%** | **8 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $449,000 to $575,000 · all towns +54.0% | $783,000 to $1.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |


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Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Paxton's health insurance would have been $560,000 in FY2025; it was $575,000, $15,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $978,000 in FY2025; it was $1.66 million, $685,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Paxton's government came to $132,000, 104.6% of the $126,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $132,000 | 104.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $140,000 | 110.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $190,000 | 150.5% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Paxton's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 213th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$3.5M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$5.8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.5%**<br>213th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+17%**<br>after inflation |

Paxton has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Wachusett and Southern Worcester; Paxton accounts for 9% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Paxton, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Paxton has $939,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.1M**<br>$761,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$939,000**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 135th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**5**<br>one rated poor; likely about $971,000 of work on those ($466,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$37,000**<br>bridges $37,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Paxton owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $195,000 | $0 | $79,000 | $116,000 |
| FY2018 | $194,000 | $0 | $352,000 | $52,000 |
| FY2019 | $193,000 | $39,000 | $248,000 | $52,000 |
| FY2020 | $192,000 | $19,000 | $276,000 | $40,000 |
| FY2021 | $192,000 | $0 | $113,000 | $119,000 |
| FY2022 | $193,000 | $129,000 | $230,000 | $211,000 |
| FY2023 | $191,000 | $0 | $216,000 | $187,000 |
| FY2024 | $191,000 | $226,000 | $360,000 | $243,000 |
| FY2025 | $190,000 | $156,000 | $11,000 | $578,000 |
| FY2026 | $318,000 | $192,000 | $150,000 | $939,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $318,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the nine bridges in Paxton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Paxton received $759,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 36% of the $2.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Paxton ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $165,000 in earmarks placed in Paxton, $8,000 (5%) went to organizations rather than to Paxton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Paxton** this town | **40** | **$9,789** | **$93.21** | **$32.99** | **0.11** | **2.5%** |
| Berkley peer | 51 | $12,903 | $95.35 | $13.91 | 0.18 | 2.7% |
| Rutland peer | 59 | $17,290 | $124 | $22.03 | 0.61 | 2.2% |
| Ashby peer | 56 | $15,057 | $337 | $62.29 | 0.63 | 2.3% |
| Southampton peer | 49 | $11,984 | $317 | $22.65 | 1.74 | 2.9% |
| Georgetown peer | 46 | $10,873 | $155 | $26.52 | 0.60 | 2.7% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Shutesbury lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $14,882 | $4,462 | $0 | 0.50 | 2.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Peabody

City · Essex County · 54,695 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

12th Essex · Thomas P. Walsh 83% of residents
13th Essex · Sally P. Kerans 17% of residents

Peabody is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Second Essex · Joan B. Lovely

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Peabody Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Peabody scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 20 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**39** / 100

228th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 35 | 40 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 194th to 263rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Peabody received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 37 and 41 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**20** / 100

313th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 18 | 22 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 303rd to 319th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

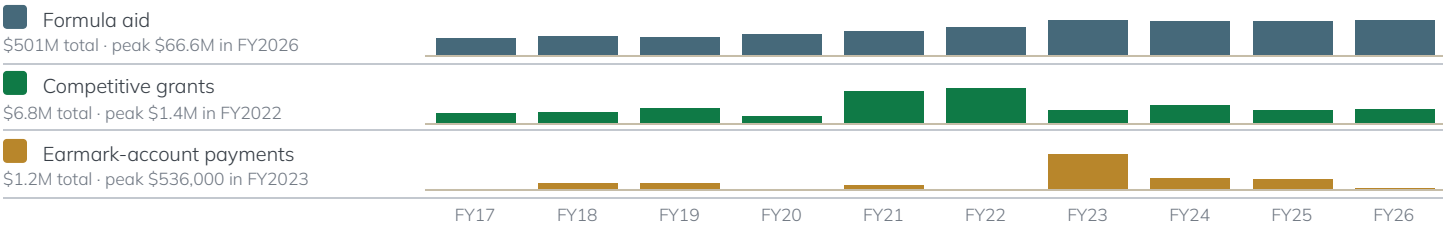
Peabody received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 20 stays between 19 and 22 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Peabody's town government and school districts received $501 million in formula aid and $6.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$501M** | **$6.8M** | **$1.2M** |
| $9,164 per resident (211th of 351) · gross | $124 per resident (306th of 351) | $21.60 per resident (193rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Peabody peaked in FY2022 at $1.4 million, 20% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $56.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Peabody received $1.5 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.1 million placed in the city or town and $2.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.5M** | **$2.1M** | **$2.1M** | **No** |
| $26.84 per resident (181st of 351) | $37.54 per resident (210th of 351) · 28% to organizations | $37.72 per resident (216th of 351) · 28% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 36 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.5 million went to Peabody's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $585,000 went to organizations in Peabody or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Peabody but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $10,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $10,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Peabody (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Peabody, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (37 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the Fidelity Post 1011 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Inc. in the city of Peabody for repairs" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "improvements to the Portuguese American War Veterans' Post 1 in the city of Peabody" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the city of Peabody to provide assistance in planning for the departure of Rousselot Peabody Inc., including, but not limited to, land use planning, water and natural resource impact, job loss, legal representation, financial analysis, assessment of hazardous materials conditions and real estate..." | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the Peabody Children's Museum" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the lighting and facade improvement of the Lowell street and Route 128 underpass at exit number 39 in the city of Peabody" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 37 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Peabody received 34% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**161.9**<br>27th of 351 · 3.0 per 1,000 residents (318th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.8M**<br>scored exposure $393,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**149**<br>41st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**6**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**55,148**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.53**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.34; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**10 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$19,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$1,803**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,449**<br>FY2017–2025 · 298th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PEABODY

## Peabody has 31 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 310 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**31 acres**<br>0.3% of Peabody's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**310 acres**<br>3.0% of Peabody's land · 10 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**98 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 31 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 8 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 13 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 298 |
| Conservation restriction | 14 | 98 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 8 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ipswich River Access – Peabody | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 24 | |
| James E McVann and Louis F OKeefe Memorial Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 178.7 miles of public road in Peabody, the state maintains 12.1 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.1 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 161.9 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.8 | 3% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $10,000 | “the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to conduct a comprehensive traffic study of Lynnfield Street in the city of Peabody” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Peabody $50.8 million and takes back $6.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $44.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$50.8 million** | **$6.7 million** | **$44.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 13% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $39M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.6M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $330,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $9.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $1,004 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $369,000 |
| State Owned Land | $19,000 |
| Public Libraries | $148,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $101,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $18,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $34,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $65,000 |
| MBTA | $1.4M |
| Special Education | $4,010 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $658,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $4.4M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PEABODY

## State programs also awarded $569,000 to organizations in Peabody other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Peabody. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $569,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family’s name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 23.2% of Peabody’s general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 21.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **21.6%** | **16.3%** | **23.2%** | **20.8%** |
| $27.4M of $127M · median town 14.1% | $26.2M of $160M · median town 12.2% | $48.1M of $207M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.8% · median town 10.0% |


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Peabody's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.3 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Peabody's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 13.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 0.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $27.4 million in FY2006 to $48.1 million in FY2025, +75.6% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+20.2%** | **+31.7%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $23.1M to $27.8M · all towns +54.0% | $34.7M to $45.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Peabody's health insurance would have been $28.8 million in FY2025; it was $27.8 million, $1.09 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $43.4 million in FY2025; it was $45.8 million, $2.37 million above the path.

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## SCHOOLS

## Peabody's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 60th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$41.8M** | **$66.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **+48%** |
| 60th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Peabody runs its own school district and also belongs to Essex North Shore; Peabody accounts for 31% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $20 million for schools serving Peabody, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Peabody's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$20M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $365 per resident (198th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Peabody's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | William A. Welch Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Peabody | Core | $452,000 | $452,000 |
| FY2022 | William A. Welch Elementary School | Peabody | Core | $17.6M | $17.6M |
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $199,000 (31%) |
| FY2017 | Veterans Memorial High School | Peabody | Accelerated Repair | $1.7M | $1.7M |

Not counted: West Memorial Elementary School (Peabody), approved FY2022 for up to $349,000. It lapsed or was withdrawn after approval.

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Peabody; Peabody's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $452,000, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Peabody's share of the final cost was $1.9 million against its share of the approved budget of $3.5 million (under by $1.7 million); the local share moved from $1.7 million to $898,000. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
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| Town-owned bridges<br>**4**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**6**<br>of nine town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$845,000**<br>bridges $600,000 · dams $245,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.2M | $637,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.1M | $806,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.3M | $251,000 | $1.1M | $1.4M |
| FY2020 | $1.2M | $125,000 | $1M | $1.8M |
| FY2021 | $1.2M | $0 | $2.2M | $840,000 |
| FY2022 | $1.2M | $538,000 | $1.7M | $922,000 |
| FY2023 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.8M | $311,000 |
| FY2024 | $1.2M | $642,000 | $716,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2025 | $1.2M | $342,000 | $1.3M | $1.7M |
| FY2026 | $1.8M | $889,000 | $1.6M | $2.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.8M | $0 | $0 | $4.5M |

The full list of the 37 bridges in Peabody in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Sidney's Pond Dam Repair Design 2 source | $84,000 |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Sidney's Pond Dam source | $62,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Elginwood Pond Dam Repair source | $98,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Peabody received $12.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 72% of the $17.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Peabody ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.1 million in earmarks placed in Peabody, $585,000 (28%) went to organizations rather than to Peabody's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Peabody** this town | **39** | **$9,164** | **$124** | **$37.54** | **0.34** | **3.1%** |
| Weymouth peer | 39 | $8,687 | $450 | $104 | 2.15 | 2.8% |
| Framingham peer | 54 | $14,513 | $248 | $157† | 0.72 | 3.1% |
| Wareham peer | 47 | $10,699 | $733 | $18.13 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Stoughton peer | 43 | $10,942 | $402 | $41.94 | 0.88 | 3.0% |
| Norwood peer | 34 | $7,831 | $166 | $22.99 | 0.33 | 3.0% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Yarmouth lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Pelham

Town · Hampshire County · 1,335 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
7th Hampden · Aaron L. Saunders

**STATE SENATE**
Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Pelham Public Schools, the town's own district
Amherst-Pelham Regional School District, shared with Amherst, Leverett and Shutesbury

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Pelham scores 47 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 60 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

47 / 100

148th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 49 | 45 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 129th to 163rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Pelham received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 45 and 49 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

60 / 100

149th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 62 | 59 | 54 |

Rank under other weightings: 143rd to 159th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

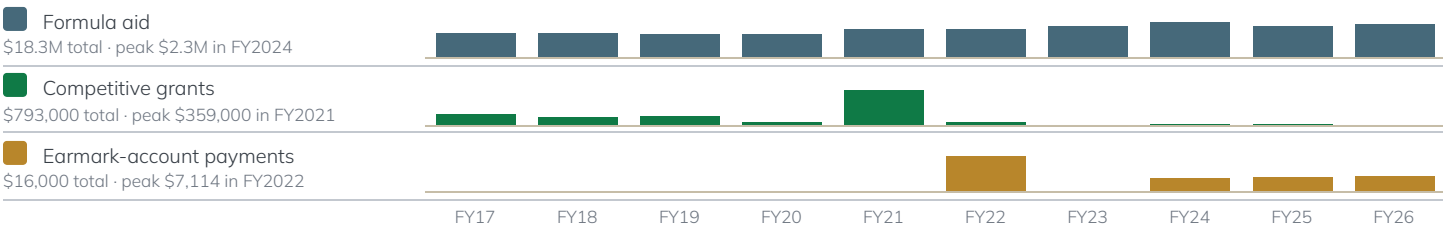
Pelham received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 60 stays between 58 and 62 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Pelham's town government and school districts received $18.3 million in formula aid and $793,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $18.3M | $793,000 | $16,000 |
| $13,701 per resident (101st of 351) · gross | $594 per resident (123rd of 351) | $11.93 per resident (246th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Pelham peaked in FY2021 at $359,000, 45% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $605,000, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Pelham received $16,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $16,000 | $16,000 | $16,000 | No |
| $11.86 per resident (260th of 351) | $11.86 per resident (304th of 351) | $11.86 per resident (305th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2022. All of it went to Pelham's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Pelham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $8,333 (split three ways) | "the development and implementation of a plan for an inter-municipal community choice aggregation 3.0 partnership between Amherst, Pelham, and Northampton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $7,500 (split two ways) | "the Amherst senior center to support a physical exercise program for Amherst and Pelham seniors" | Enacted to the city or town government |


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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Pelham received 2.69 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**22.8**<br>334th of 351 · 17.0 per 1,000 residents (66th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5.5M**<br>scored exposure $2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**47**<br>275th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**25.1 sq mi**<br>41% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,362**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.93**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.69; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,196 acres**<br>7.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$60,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$50.42**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,145**<br>FY2017–2025 · 253rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PELHAM

## Pelham has 7,021 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,595 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**7,021 acres**<br>43.7% of Pelham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,595 acres**<br>16.2% of Pelham's land · 47 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**107 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,699 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 10 | 7,021 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 7,977 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 35 | 2,330 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 4 | 150 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 115 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 107 |
| Conservation restriction | 25 | 1,699 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 6,820 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 5 | 1,157 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quabbin Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 5,943 | |
| Cadwell Memorial Forest | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1,077 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 45.8 miles of public road in Pelham, the state maintains 20.3 (44%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.7 | 13% |
| DCR | 14.6 | 32% |
| Town-accepted | 22.8 | 50% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.9 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Pelham $1.3 million and takes back $220,000 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $1.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.3 million** | **$220,000** | **$1.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 17% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $358,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $13,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $603,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $206,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $31,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $6,285 |
| State Owned Land | $62,000 |
| Public Libraries | $7,152 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $420 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $100 |
| Regional Transit | $4,929 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $145,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $69,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PELHAM

## State programs also awarded $15,000 to organizations in Pelham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Pelham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Amherst and Pelham schools nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $11,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

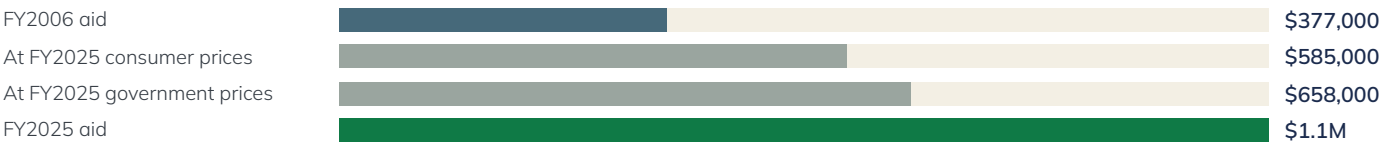
## State aid covered 19.9% of Pelham's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 11.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.1%** | **19.0%** | **19.9%** | **18.6%** |
| $377,000 of $3.4M · median town 14.1% | $819,000 of $4.3M · median town 12.2% | $1.1M of $5.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 17.2% · median town 10.0% |

Pelham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $665,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Pelham's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 83.0% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 62.7% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $377,000 in FY2006 to $1.1 million in FY2025, +183.8% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+61.4%** | **+74.2%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $126,000 to $204,000 · all towns +54.0% | $357,000 to $622,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |


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Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Pelham's health insurance would have been $158,000 in FY2025; it was $204,000, $46,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $446,000 in FY2025; it was $622,000, $176,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Pelham's government came to $16,000, 20.4% of the $77,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $16,000 | 20.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $16,000 | 20.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $16,000 | 20.4% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Pelham's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 222nd highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$1,000,000**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$1.5M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.5%**<br>222nd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+13%**<br>after inflation |

Pelham runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Amherst-Pelham for others; Pelham accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $373,000 for schools serving Pelham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Pelham's share<br>**$373,000**<br>$279 per resident (216th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Pelham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Amherst Regional Middle School | Amherst Pelham | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $6M | $373,000 (6%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Pelham has $585,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$1.8M**<br>$516,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$995,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$585,000**<br>annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 181st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Pelham came on average 32 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $100,000 | $0 | $108,000 | $87,000 |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | $0 | $70,000 | $134,000 |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | $20,000 | $62,000 | $191,000 |
| FY2020 | $99,000 | $9,936 | $58,000 | $243,000 |
| FY2021 | $99,000 | $0 | $94,000 | $248,000 |
| FY2022 | $99,000 | $76,000 | $0 | $423,000 |
| FY2023 | $98,000 | $0 | $195,000 | $326,000 |
| FY2024 | $98,000 | $171,000 | $241,000 | $353,000 |
| FY2025 | $98,000 | $130,000 | $128,000 | $454,000 |
| FY2026 | $173,000 | $110,000 | $151,000 | $585,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $173,000 | $0 | $0 | $758,000 |

The full list of the four bridges in Pelham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

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PEERS

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| **Pelham** this town | **47** | **$13,701** | **$594** | **$11.86** | **2.69** | **2.5%** |
| Russell peer | 73 | $25,758 | $6,140 | $113 | 1.29 | 2.4% |
| Westhampton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 42 | $11,067 | $887 | $0 | 0.62 | 3.3% |
| Petersham peer | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |
| Chesterfield peer | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |
| New Braintree peer · best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Pembroke

Town · Plymouth County · 18,382 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

6th Plymouth · Kenneth P. Sweezey
81% of residents

12th Plymouth · Kathleen R. LaNatra
19% of residents

Pembroke is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Plymouth and Barnstable · Dylan A. Fernandes

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Pembroke Public Schools, the town's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Old Colony Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Pembroke scores 45 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 13 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**45** / 100

166th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 54 | 41 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 154th to 180th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Pembroke received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 43 and 47 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**13** / 100

337th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 17 | 13 | 11 |

Rank under other weightings: 335th to 340th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

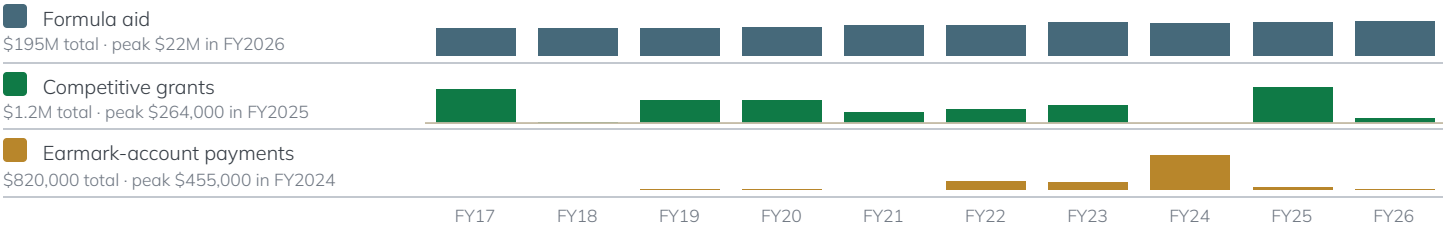
Pembroke received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 13 stays between 12 and 14 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Pembroke's town government and school districts received $195 million in formula aid and $1.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$195M** | **$1.2M** | **$820,000** |
| $10,627 per resident (161st of 351) · gross | $65.81 per resident (341st of 351) | $44.61 per resident (90th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Pembroke peaked in FY2025 at $264,000, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.4 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Pembroke received $660,000 in local earmarks to its government, $735,000 placed in the city or town and $735,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$660,000** | **$735,000** | **$735,000** | **No** |
| $35.92 per resident (133rd of 351) | $40 per resident (200th of 351) · 10% to organizations | $40 per resident (205th of 351) · 10% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 22 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $660,000 went to Pembroke's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $75,000 went to organizations in Pembroke or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Pembroke, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (22 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $125,000 | "improvements at the Mattakeesett street fields complex in the town of Pembroke" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $53,000 | "the town of Pembroke for library repairs" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the town of Pembroke for local infrastructure improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "improvements at the Mattakeesett street fields complex in the town of Pembroke" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "technology upgrades in the Pembroke Public Schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 22 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Pembroke received 27% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**95.1**<br>106th of 351 · 5.2 per 1,000 residents (221st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.5M**<br>scored exposure $412,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**65**<br>208th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.8 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**18,424**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.48**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.27; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,576**<br>FY2017–2025 · 245th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PEMBROKE

## Pembroke has 3 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 209 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3 acres**<br>0.0% of Pembroke's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**209 acres**<br>1.5% of Pembroke's land · 13 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**31 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 3 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 83 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 125 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 34 | 714 |
| Conservation restriction | 5 | 31 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Comm Of Mass Land | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 3 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 116.8 miles of public road in Pembroke, the state maintains 7.5 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.5 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 94.5 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 14.9 | 13% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Pembroke $17.7 million and takes back $1.4 million in assessments


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## and charges, a net $16.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$17.7 million** | **$1.4 million** | **$16.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $15M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $120,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $68,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $213,000 |
| Public Libraries | $50,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $63,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $80,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,239 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $11,000 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $7,737 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $18,000 |
| Regional Transit | $178,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $151,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $921,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PEMBROKE

## State programs also awarded $29,000 to organizations in Pembroke other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Pembroke. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Wildlands Trust Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $19,000 |
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 22.5% of Pembroke's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 27.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **27.2%** | **26.9%** | **22.5%** | **20.4%** |
| $10.8M of $39.5M · median town 14.1% | $15M of $55.7M · median town 12.2% | $17M of $75.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 29.2% · median town 10.0% |

**Pembroke's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 1.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 9.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $10.8 million in FY2006 to $17 million in FY2025, +58.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $476,000 of Pembroke's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+38.6%** | **+49.0%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $6.4M to $8.9M · all towns +54.0% | $9.9M to $14.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Pembroke's health insurance would have been $7.98 million in FY2025; it was $8.86 million, $874,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $12.4 million in FY2025; it was $14.8 million, $2.39 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Pembroke's government came to $610,000, 24.8% of the $2.46 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $610,000 | 24.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $685,000 | 27.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $685,000 | 27.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Pembroke's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 180th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$14.6M** | **$26.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+3%** |
| 180th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Pembroke runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Pembroke, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Pembroke has $449,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.2M** | **$6.9M** | **$449,000** |
| $1.4M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 320th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **1** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | of two town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Pembroke came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $555,000 | $0 | $897,000 | $96,000 |
| FY2018 | $555,000 | $0 | $682,000 | $63,000 |
| FY2019 | $556,000 | $111,000 | $486,000 | $245,000 |
| FY2020 | $565,000 | $57,000 | $617,000 | $249,000 |
| FY2021 | $565,000 | $0 | $638,000 | $176,000 |
| FY2022 | $561,000 | $315,000 | $71,000 | $981,000 |
| FY2023 | $559,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $5,724 |
| FY2024 | $555,000 | $325,000 | $839,000 | $46,000 |
| FY2025 | $555,000 | $154,000 | $451,000 | $305,000 |
| FY2026 | $868,000 | $488,000 | $1.2M | $449,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $868,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the five bridges in Pembroke in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Pembroke received $2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 42% of the $4.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Pembroke ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $735,000 in earmarks placed in Pembroke, $75,000 (10%) went to organizations rather than to Pembroke's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pembroke** this town | **45** | **$10,627** | **$65.81** | **$40.00** | **0.27** | **2.6%** |
| Uxbridge peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $11,199 | $436 | $15.55 | 1.22 | 2.8% |
| Swansea peer | 40 | $9,140 | $526 | $72.01 | 1.42 | 2.6% |
| Holden peer | 50 | $13,276 | $103 | $15.70 | 0.39 | 2.6% |
| Mansfield peer | 46 | $11,457 | $163 | $30.37 | 0.28 | 3.4% |
| Tewksbury peer | 38 | $8,861 | $181 | $59.49 | 0.24 | 2.8% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

FAIRNESS INDEX CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

REPRESENTATION Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

STATE MONEY CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

EARMARKS General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

SCHOOLS DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

SCHOOL BUILDINGS Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Pepperell

Town · Middlesex County · 11,663 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Middlesex · Margaret R. Scarsdale

**STATE SENATE**
First Middlesex · Vanna Howard (since March 2026) and Edward J. Kennedy (until October 2025)

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
North Middlesex Regional School District, shared with Ashby and Townsend
Nashoba Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ayer, Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Shirley, Townsend and Westford

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Northern Middlesex Council Of Governments

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Pepperell scores 51 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 44 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**51** / 100

116th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 53 | 50 | 48 |

Rank under other weightings: 106th to 124th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Pepperell received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 50 and 52 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**44** / 100

211th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 43 | 51 | 39 |

Rank under other weightings: 200th to 222nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

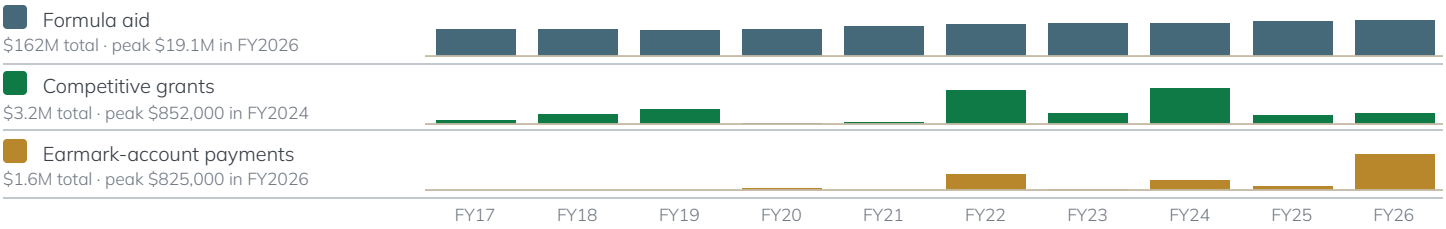
Pepperell received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 42 and 46 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Pepperell's town government and school districts received $162 million in formula aid and $3.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $162M | $3.2M | $1.6M |
| $13,867 per resident (95th of 351) · gross | $271 per resident (220th of 351) | $136 per resident (14th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Pepperell peaked in FY2024 at $852,000, 27% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Pepperell received $658,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $658,000 | $658,000 | $658,000 | No |
| $56.38 per resident (64th of 351) | $56.38 per resident (149th of 351) | $56.38 per resident (157th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 11 clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Pepperell's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Pepperell, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $250,000 | "the town of Pepperell for equipment necessary for the regional food hub located at 20 Mill street in the town" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "municipal improvements in the town of Pepperell" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the town of Pepperell for municipal improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $60,000 | "the town of Pepperell for technology improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $35,000 | "the Pepperell council on aging for new kitchen equipment and security upgrades to the reception area" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 11 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Pepperell received 1.79 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**83.7**<br>144th of 351 · 7.2 per 1,000 residents (153rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$15.6M**<br>scored exposure $3.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**84**<br>157th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.6 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,773**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.13**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.79; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**564 acres**<br>3.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$77,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$137**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,072**<br>FY2017–2025 · 268th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PEPPERELL

## Pepperell has 749 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 906 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**749 acres**<br>5.2% of Pepperell's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**906 acres**<br>6.3% of Pepperell's land · 45 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**444 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**618 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 58 | 749 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 27 | 539 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 17 | 424 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 16 | 261 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 12 | 221 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 40 | 1,014 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 20 | 444 |
| Conservation restriction | 27 | 618 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 22 | 481 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 59 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nissitissit River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 453 | |
| Squannacook River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 83 | |
| Unkety Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 80 | |
| J. Harry Rich State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 44 | |
| Townsend Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 42 | |
| Nashua River Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 29 | |
| Nashua River Access - Pepperell | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 18 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 87.8 miles of public road in Pepperell, the state maintains 3.8 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.8 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 83.7 | 95% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.3 | 0% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Pepperell $2.2 million and takes back $34,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.2 million** | **$34,000** | **$2.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $67,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $138,000 |
| State Owned Land | $77,000 |
| Public Libraries | $34,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,567 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $8,360 |
| Regional Transit | $22,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PEPPERELL

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | The Fitzpatrick Collaborative, Inc. regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $30,000 |
| FY2025 | Northern Middlesex Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $12,000 (shared eight ways) |

A further $112,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.7% of Pepperell's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8.4% | 7.1% | 5.7% | 5.7% |
| $1.3M of $16M · median town 14.1% | $1.6M of $22.3M · median town 12.2% | $2.1M of $35.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.4% · median town 10.0% |

Pepperell's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $10.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Pepperell's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 1.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 12.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.3 million in FY2006 to $2.1 million in FY2025, +53.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +94.6% | +97.8% | 7 of 9 | 6 of 9 |
| $643,000 to $1.3M · all towns +54.0% | $1.6M to $3.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Pepperell's health insurance would have been $803,000 in FY2025; it was $1.25 million, $448,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.00 million in FY2025; it was $3.17 million, $1.17 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Pepperell's government came to $298,000, 48.9% of the $608,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $298,000 | 48.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $298,000 | 48.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $298,000 | 48.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Pepperell's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 189th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $11.1M | $14M |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.6% | –9% |
| 189th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Pepperell has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend North Middlesex and Nashoba Valley; Pepperell accounts for 49% and 20% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.6 million for schools serving Pepperell, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Pepperell's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $3.6M | 4 | $8.66B |
| $310 per resident (215th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Pepperell's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Nashoba Valley Technical High School | Nashoba Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Windows/Doors) | $1.6M | $324,000 (20%) |
| FY2017 | Varnum Brook Elementary School | North Middlesex | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Window/Door) | $4.1M | $2M (49%) |
| FY2017 | Squannacook Early Childhood Center | North Middlesex | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.2M | $592,000 (49%) |
| FY2017 | Hawthorne Brook Middle School | North Middlesex | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $1.4M | $694,000 (49%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Pepperell's share of the final cost was $690,000 against its share of the approved budget of $732,000 (under by $42,000); the local share moved from $409,000 to $390,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Pepperell has $465,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.3M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$465,000**<br>annual program: 0.1 years of its yearly money · 330th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**7**<br>two rated poor; likely about $809,000 of work on those ($476,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$779,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $779,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Pepperell came on average 11 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Pepperell owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $418,000 | $0 | $815,000 | $86,000 |
| FY2018 | $416,000 | $0 | $504,000 | $2,987 |
| FY2019 | $419,000 | $84,000 | $315,000 | $191,000 |
| FY2020 | $419,000 | $42,000 | $632,000 | $127,000 |
| FY2021 | $418,000 | $0 | $526,000 | $19,000 |
| FY2022 | $417,000 | $279,000 | $301,000 | $414,000 |
| FY2023 | $413,000 | $0 | $658,000 | $169,000 |
| FY2024 | $413,000 | $265,000 | $718,000 | $128,000 |
| FY2025 | $412,000 | $115,000 | $475,000 | $180,000 |
| FY2026 | $689,000 | $415,000 | $818,000 | $465,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $687,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The full list of the ten bridges in Pepperell in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Sheffield Street over Sucker Brook / Sartelle Street over Sucker Brook source | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Sartelle Street over Sucker Brook source | $120,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Heald Street over Sucker Brook source | $373,000 |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Heald Street over Sucker Brook source | $86,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Pepperell received $3.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 91% of the $4.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Pepperell ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pepperell** this town | **51** | **$13,867** | **$271** | **$56.38** | **1.79** | **2.6%** |
| East Longmeadow peer | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |
| Ashburnham peer | 54 | $16,359 | $402 | $26.50† | 0.70 | 2.5% |
| Auburn peer | 43 | $11,124 | $134 | $47.46 | 0.32 | 2.6% |
| Rockland peer | 52 | $13,816 | $523 | $41.44 | 1.27 | 2.5% |
| Somerset peer | 47 | $11,729 | $136 | $41.53 | 0.73 | 2.4% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Deerfield lowest in class of 30 | 44 | $9,461 | $1,195 | $6.46 | 2.83 | 2.4% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Peru

Town · Berkshire County · 630 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Central Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Washington and Windsor

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Peru scores 62 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 93 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**62** / 100

39th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 69 | 72 | 47 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 19th to 71st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Peru received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 62 stays between 56 and 67 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**93** / 100

35th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | 95 | 89 | 92 |

Rank under other weightings: 33rd to 39th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

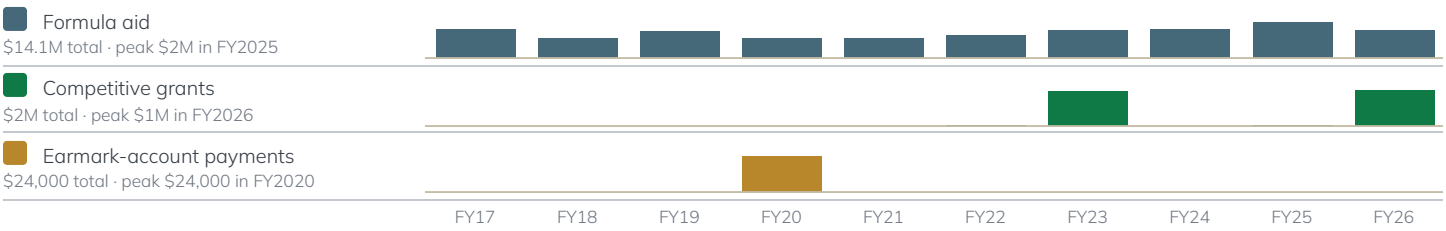
Peru received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 93 stays between 91 and 94 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Peru's town government and school districts received $14.1 million in formula aid and $2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.1M** | **$2M** | **$24,000** |
| $22,437 per resident (16th of 351) · gross | $3,220 per resident (29th of 351) | $37.81 per resident (119th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Peru peaked in FY2026 at $1 million, 49% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 630 residents, a single payment moves Peru's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $596,000, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Peru received $25,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$25,000** | **$25,000** | **$25,000** | **No** |
| $39.68 per resident (109th of 351) | $39.68 per resident (201st of 351) | $39.68 per resident (207th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2020. All of it went to Peru's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Peru, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $25,000 | "the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the town of Peru" | Enacted to the city or town government |


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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Peru received 1.98 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**35.2**<br>313th of 351 · 55.9 per 1,000 residents (17th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.1M**<br>scored exposure $277,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**27**<br>320th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**25.9 sq mi**<br>40% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**9%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**694**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**5.10**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.98; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**6,131 acres**<br>36.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$87,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$14.12**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$26,090**<br>FY2017–2025 · 132nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PERU

## Peru has 6,675 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,436 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**6,675 acres**<br>40.2% of Peru's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,436 acres**<br>8.7% of Peru's land · 35 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,017 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 60 | 6,675 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 31 | 6,183 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 32 | 1,378 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 57 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 26 | 1,583 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 1,017 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 25 | 3,413 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 2,770 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Peru WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3,563 | |
| Peru State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,480 | |
| Middlefield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,238 | |
| Tracy Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 370 | |
| Ashmere Lake State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 25 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 38.6 miles of public road in Peru, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 35.2 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.4 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Peru $337,000 and takes back $1,131 in assessments and charges, a


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net $336,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$337,000** | **$1,131** | **$336,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 0% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $91,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $147,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $7,844 |
| State Owned Land | $87,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,106 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $234 |
| Regional Transit | $897 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PERU

## State programs also awarded $8,696 to organizations in Peru other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.0% of Peru's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 11.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.3%** | **13.0%** | **12.0%** | **12.0%** |
| $181,000 of $1.6M · median town 14.1% | $259,000 of $2M · median town 12.2% | $330,000 of $2.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.4% · median town 10.0% |

Peru's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $742,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

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Gross state aid went from $181,000 in FY2006 to $330,000 in FY2025, +82.5% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+91.6%** | **+54.9%** | **3 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $63,000 to $120,000 · all towns +54.0% | $151,000 to $234,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Peru's health insurance would have been $78,000 in FY2025; it was $120,000, $42,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $189,000 in FY2025; it was $234,000, $45,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (+32%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Peru's government came to $25,000, 43.5% of the $58,000 rise in its health insurance.


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|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
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| Everything placed | $25,000 | 43.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Peru's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 125th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$911,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$700,000**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.8%**<br>125th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+4%**<br>after inflation |

Peru has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Peru and Central Berkshire; Peru accounts for 100% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2 million for schools serving Peru, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Peru's share<br>**$2M**<br>$3,172 per resident (47th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Peru's share |
| FY2019 | Wahconah Regional High School | Central Berkshire | Core | $31.3M | $2M (6%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Peru has $809,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.5M**<br>$675,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$809,000**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 126th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**4**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $146,000 | $0 | $519,000 | $146,000 |
| FY2018 | $145,000 | $0 | $0 | $291,000 |
| FY2019 | $145,000 | $29,000 | $410,000 | $54,000 |
| FY2020 | $144,000 | $14,000 | $9,117 | $213,000 |
| FY2021 | $144,000 | $0 | $0 | $356,000 |
| FY2022 | $144,000 | $118,000 | $0 | $618,000 |
| FY2023 | $143,000 | $0 | $331,000 | $450,000 |
| FY2024 | $142,000 | $204,000 | $134,000 | $662,000 |
| FY2025 | $142,000 | $142,000 | $563,000 | $382,000 |
| FY2026 | $258,000 | $168,000 | $0 | $809,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $258,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |

The full list of the four bridges in Peru in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Peru received $2.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 56% of the $3.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Peru ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Peru** this town | **62** | **$22,437** | **$3,220** | **$39.68** | **1.98** | **2.8%** |
| Washington peer | 56 | $15,534 | $6,984 | $95.06 | 1.16 | 2.6% |
| Cummington peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $9,157 | $4,050 | $0 | 1.51 | 1.5% |
| Oakham peer | 61 | $18,722 | $794 | $12.20 | 1.24 | 3.2% |
| Whately peer | 46 | $9,968 | $1,484 | $28.91 | 1.02 | 2.4% |
| Montgomery peer | 42 | $9,334 | $283 | $45.37 | 0.27 | 2.3% |
| Chesterfield best in class of 30 | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |

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**7th Hampden** · Aaron L. Saunders

STATE SENATE

**Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester** · Joanne M. Comerford

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REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

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FAIRNESS INDEX

## Petersham scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 58 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**56** / 100

75th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 63 | 39 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 44th to 106th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Petersham received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 51 and 60 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**58** / 100

155th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 64 | 43 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 144th to 174th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

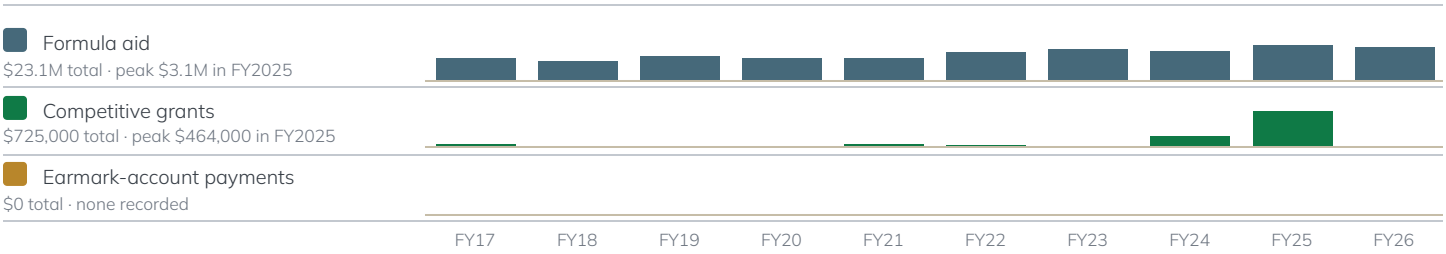
Petersham received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 54 and 62 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Petersham's town government and school districts received $23.1 million in formula aid and $725,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$23.1M** | **$725,000** | **$0** |
| $19,509 per resident (29th of 351) · gross | $612 per resident (121st of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Petersham peaked in FY2025 at $464,000, 64% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $844,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Petersham in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **Yes** |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

Petersham is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Petersham's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Petersham's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Braintree | $290,000 | $290,000 | $290,000 | $298 |
| Florida | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Leyden | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $157 |
| Phillipston | $50,000 | $150,000 | $150,000 | $79.16 |
| Pelham | $16,000 | $16,000 | $16,000 | $11.86 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Petersham received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**61.6**<br>212th of 351 · 52.0 per 1,000 residents (23rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7M**<br>scored exposure $2.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**74**<br>185th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**54.2 sq mi**<br>36% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**7%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,277**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.38**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.99; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,990 acres**<br>5.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$112,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$56.35**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,354**<br>FY2017–2025 · 169th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PETERSHAM

## Petersham has 15,807 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 3,007 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**15,807 acres**<br>45.5% of Petersham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**3,007 acres**<br>8.7% of Petersham's land · 116 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,942 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 126 | 15,807 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 80 | 14,714 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 69 | 1,922 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 30 | 850 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 17 | 236 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 23 |
| Conservation restriction | 52 | 2,942 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 60 | 3,783 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 25 | 11,924 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 50 | 2,290 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 499 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quabbin Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 12,550 | |
| Federation of Women's Clubs State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 995 | |
| Phillipston WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 969 | |
| Popple Camp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 684 | |
| Petersham State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 477 | |
| Raccoon Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 73 | |
| Sputtermill Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 61 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 79.1 miles of public road in Petersham, the state maintains 13.9 (18%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.8 | 16% |
| DCR | 1.2 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 61.6 | 78% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Petersham $1.3 million and takes back $33,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.3 million** | **$33,000** | **$1.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $727,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $292,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $149,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $14,000 |
| State Owned Land | $115,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,564 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $396 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,720 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $30,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PETERSHAM

## State programs also awarded $69,000 to organizations in Petersham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Petersham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Petersham Art Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $62,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 21.0% of Petersham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 21.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21.7% | 27.8% | 21.0% | 20.2% |
| $562,000 of $2.6M · median town 14.1% | $990,000 of $3.6M · median town 12.2% | $1.1M of $5.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 23.0% · median town 10.0% |

Petersham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $526,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Petersham's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 30.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 16.2% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $562,000 in FY2006 to $1.1 million in FY2025, +102.8% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +29.4% | +54.9% | 7 of 9 | 6 of 9 |
| $82,000 to $106,000 · all towns +54.0% | $306,000 to $474,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Petersham's health insurance would have been $102,000 in FY2025; it was $106,000, $3,694 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $382,000 in FY2025; it was $474,000, $92,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (+32%), FY2020 (–54%) and FY2021 (+65%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Petersham's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $24,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Petersham's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 167th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $1.2M | $1.4M |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.7% | +1% |
| 167th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Petersham runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Ralph C Mahar and Montachusett for others; Petersham accounts for 9% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Petersham, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Petersham has $944,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| $4.2M | $2.8M | $944,000 |
| $1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.8 years of its yearly money · 245th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **8**<br>two rated poor; likely about $2.1M of work on those ($1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$606,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $106,000 |

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| FY2018 | $252,000 | $0 | $36,000 | $423,000 |
| FY2019 | $251,000 | $50,000 | $382,000 | $343,000 |
| FY2020 | $251,000 | $25,000 | $178,000 | $441,000 |
| FY2021 | $250,000 | $0 | $10,000 | $682,000 |
| FY2022 | $250,000 | $206,000 | $334,000 | $804,000 |
| FY2023 | $249,000 | $0 | $493,000 | $560,000 |
| FY2024 | $248,000 | $279,000 | $225,000 | $863,000 |
| FY2025 | $248,000 | $170,000 | $675,000 | $605,000 |
| FY2026 | $452,000 | $294,000 | $408,000 | $944,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $451,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Glen Valley Road over Silver Brook source | $106,000 |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

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| Leyden peer | 52 | $13,247 | $3,201 | $157 | 2.17 | 2.2% |
| Phillipston peer | 50 | $12,743 | $1,191 | $79.16† | 1.39 | 2.9% |
| Pelham peer | 47 | $13,701 | $594 | $11.86 | 2.69 | 2.5% |


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Rank under other weightings: 114th to 141st.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Phillipston received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 50 stays between 48 and 51 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**83** / 100

67th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 84 | 83 | 82 | 84 |

Rank under other weightings: 66th to 70th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

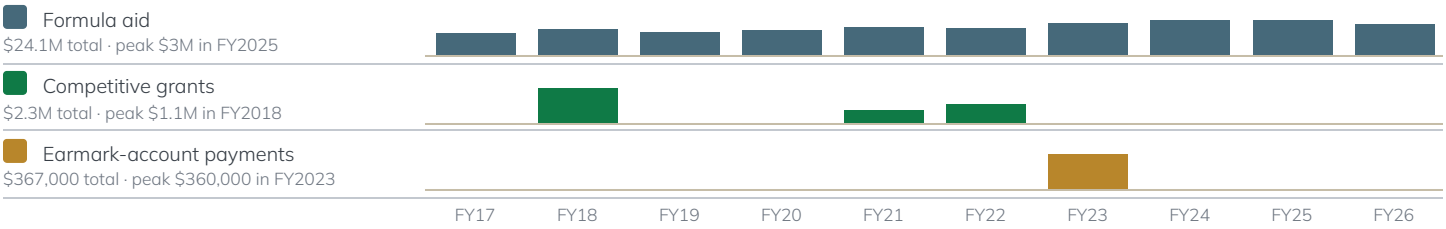
Phillipston received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 83 stays between 83 and 84 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Phillipston's town government and school districts received $24.1 million in formula aid and $2.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$24.1M** | **$2.3M** | **$367,000** |
| $12,743 per resident (116th of 351) · gross | $1,191 per resident (68th of 351) | $194 per resident (6th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Phillipston peaked in FY2018 at $1.1 million, 49% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Phillipston received $50,000 in local earmarks to its government, $150,000 placed in the city or town and $150,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$50,000** | **$150,000** | **$150,000** | **No** |
| $26.39 per resident (184th of 351) | $79.16 per resident (95th of 351) · 67% to organizations | $79.16 per resident (106th of 351) · 67% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $50,000 went to Phillipston's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $100,000 went to organizations in Phillipston or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Phillipston, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $100,000 | "repairs to the state highway route 101 bridge in the town of Phillipston" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "paving needs in the town of Phillipston" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Phillipston received 1.39 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**44.8**<br>269th of 351 · 23.6 per 1,000 residents (50th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.3M**<br>scored exposure $258,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**49**<br>266th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**24.3 sq mi**<br>29% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**17%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,290**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.39; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,784 acres**<br>24.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$83,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$22.04**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,050**<br>FY2017–2025 · 225th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PHILLIPSTON

## Phillipston has 4,537 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,530 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,537 acres**<br>29.2% of Phillipston's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,530 acres**<br>9.9% of Phillipston's land · 41 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**60 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,376 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 51 | 4,537 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 21 | 1,832 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 31 | 1,285 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 200 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 44 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 60 |
| Conservation restriction | 28 | 1,376 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 3 | 176 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 17 | 1,558 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 152 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 85 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 37 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Phillipston WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,985 | |
| Popple Camp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 817 | |
| Millers River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 626 | |
| Ware River Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 384 | |
| Norcross Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 337 | |
| Stone Bridge WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 301 | |
| Hubbardston State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 77 | |
| Ware River Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 53.0 miles of public road in Phillipston, the state maintains 6.2 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.2 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 44.7 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.1 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Phillipston $352,000 and takes back $3,892 in assessments and charges, a net $348,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$352,000** | **$3,892** | **$348,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $239,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $22,000 |
| State Owned Land | $84,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,909 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $556 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,460 |
| Regional Transit | $876 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PHILLIPSTON

## State programs also awarded $88,000 to organizations in Phillipston other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Phillipston. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $88,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.0% of Phillipston's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.7%** | **6.5%** | **6.0%** | **5.9%** |
| $203,000 of $2.1M · median town 14.1% | $240,000 of $3.7M · median town 12.2% | $324,000 of $5.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.5% · median town 10.0% |

Phillipston's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Phillipston's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 2.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 8.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $203,000 in FY2006 to $324,000 in FY2025, +59.3% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+139.8%** | **+80.8%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $65,000 to $156,000 · all towns +54.0% | $187,000 to $338,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Phillipston's health insurance would have been $81,000 in FY2025; it was $156,000, $75,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $233,000 in FY2025; it was $338,000, $104,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+35%), FY2021 (+42%) and FY2023 (+48%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Phillipston's government came to $50,000, 55.0% of the $91,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $50,000 | 55.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $150,000 | 165.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $150,000 | 165.0% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Phillipston's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 101st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.7M** | **$1.9M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **+0%** |
| 101st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Phillipston has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Narragansett and Montachusett; Phillipston accounts for 15% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $943,000 for schools serving Phillipston, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Phillipston's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$943,000** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $497 per resident (185th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Phillipston's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Narragansett Regional High School | Narragansett | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $5.4M | $797,000 (15%) |
| FY2026 | Narragansett Middle School | Narragansett | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $994,000 | $146,000 (15%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Phillipston has $928,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.2M**<br>$808,000 of it one-time supplements | **$1.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$928,000**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 129th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **4**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Phillipston came on average 31 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Phillipston owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $190,000 | $0 | $32,000 | $190,000 |
| FY2018 | $187,000 | $0 | $265,000 | $288,000 |
| FY2019 | $190,000 | $38,000 | $40,000 | $475,000 |
| FY2020 | $189,000 | $19,000 | $189,000 | $495,000 |
| FY2021 | $189,000 | $0 | $333,000 | $351,000 |
| FY2022 | $188,000 | $149,000 | $20,000 | $668,000 |
| FY2023 | $187,000 | $0 | $338,000 | $517,000 |
| FY2024 | $186,000 | $233,000 | $579,000 | $357,000 |
| FY2025 | $186,000 | $154,000 | $316,000 | $381,000 |
| FY2026 | $334,000 | $215,000 | $2,427 | $928,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $334,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 11 bridges in Phillipston in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Phillipston received $2.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 85% of the $2.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Phillipston ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $150,000 in earmarks placed in Phillipston, $100,000 (67%) went to organizations rather than to Phillipston's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Phillipston** this town | **50** | **$12,743** | **$1,191** | **$79.16**† | **1.39** | **2.9%** |
| Holland peer | 45 | $10,480 | $1,150 | $38.71 | 0.46 | 2.7% |
| Lanesborough peer · lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |
| Petersham peer | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |
| Bernardston peer | 55 | $15,799 | $1,227 | $0 | 0.44 | 2.9% |
| East Brookfield peer | 55 | $15,885 | $104 | $94.64 | 0.06 | 3.2% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Pittsfield

City · Berkshire County · 43,457 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
2nd Berkshire · Tricia Farley-Bouvier

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Pittsfield Public Schools, the city's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Pittsfield scores 59 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 54 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

59 / 100

53rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 61 | 49 | 61 | 64 |

Rank under other weightings: 40th to 70th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Pittsfield received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 57 and 61 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

54 / 100

172nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 44 | 55 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 160th to 185th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

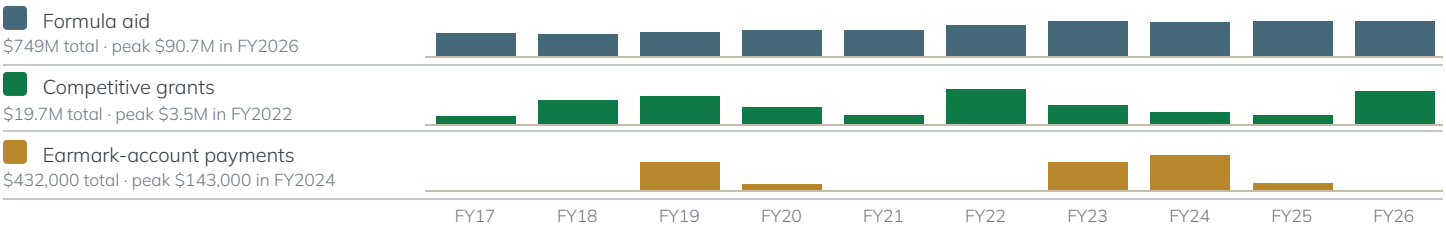
Pittsfield received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 51 and 57 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Pittsfield's town government and school districts received $749 million in formula aid and $19.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $749M | $19.7M | $432,000 |
| $17,230 per resident (48th of 351) · gross | $454 per resident (151st of 351) | $9.95 per resident (260th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Pittsfield were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $61.1 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Pittsfield received $472,000 in local earmarks to its government, $5.7 million placed in the city or town and $5.7 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $472,000 | $5.7M | $5.7M | No |
| $10.86 per resident (267th of 351) | $131 per resident (38th of 351) · 92% to organizations | $131 per resident (44th of 351) · 92% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 65 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $472,000 went to Pittsfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $5.2 million went to organizations in Pittsfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Pittsfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (65 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $350,000 | "the Berkshire Flyer for continued operations" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2020 | $270,000 | "the pilot season of the Berkshire Flyer, a weekend passenger rail service connecting New York city and the Berkshires between Memorial Day and Columbus Day in calendar year 2020, deemed economically viable and beneficial by the study conducted pursuant to section 137 of chapter 47 of the acts of..." | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "the Berkshire county opioid education and awareness task force" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "the Berkshire county opioid education and awareness task force" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $200,000 | "the Berkshire county opioid education and awareness task force" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 65 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Pittsfield received 1.56 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**196.2**<br>17th of 351 · 4.5 per 1,000 residents (259th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$88.8M**<br>scored exposure $30.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**180**<br>20th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**6**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**40.5 sq mi**<br>9% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**44,188**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.87**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.56; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,481 acres**<br>9.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$157,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$63.17**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,974**<br>FY2017–2025 · 307th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PITTSFIELD

## Pittsfield has 2,555 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,637 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,555 acres**<br>9.9% of Pittsfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,637 acres**<br>6.3% of Pittsfield's land · 63 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**216 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**921 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 76 | 2,555 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 17 | 1,896 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 160 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 54 | 1,342 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 136 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 42 | 1,810 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 11 | 216 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 921 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 12 | 1,888 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 2 | 4 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 4 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,756 | |
| October Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 393 | |
| George L. Darey Housatonic Valley WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 314 | |
| West Region Headquarters | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 79 | |
| Berkshire Community College | State: Board of Regional Community Colleges | 10 | |
| Western District - Old HQ | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2 | |
| Chalet WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 227.6 miles of public road in Pittsfield, the state maintains 11.4 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.4 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 196.0 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 15.8 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Pittsfield $82.5 million and takes back $9 million in assessments and charges, a net $73.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$82.5 million** | **$9 million** | **$73.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $69.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $537,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $398,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $11M |
| Veterans Benefits | $693,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $230,000 |
| State Owned Land | $157,000 |
| Public Libraries | $148,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $192,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $56,000 |
| Regional Transit | $505,000 |
| Special Education | $76,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $4.5M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $3.7M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PITTSFIELD

## State programs also awarded $13.1 million to organizations in Pittsfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Pittsfield Economic Development Authority nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $3M |
| FY2026 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | Allegrone Companies nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $627,000 |
| FY2023 | Allegrone Companies nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $525,000 |
| FY2025 | Pittsfield Economic Development Authority nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2026 | Allegrone Companies nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2026 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $445,000 |
| FY2027 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $397,000 |
| FY2027 | Allegrone Companies nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $350,000 |
| FY2027 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $349,000 |
| FY2022 | scarafoni associates nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $250,000 |
| FY2019 | Hancock Shaker Village nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Berkshire Environmental Action Team nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative regional body | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Hancock Shaker Village nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 51 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $2 million in 10 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 37.5% of Pittsfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 38.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **38.9%** | **37.8%** | **37.5%** | **33.2%** |
| $40.5M of $104M · median town 14.1% | $53.1M of $141M · median town 12.2% | $76.5M of $204M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 37.4% · median town 10.0% |

**Pittsfield's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 22.0% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 8.4% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $40.5 million in FY2006 to $76.5 million in FY2025, +89.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $3.2 million of Pittsfield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+53.7%** | **+55.0%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $20.6M to $31.6M · all towns +54.0% | $33.7M to $52.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Pittsfield's health insurance would have been $25.7 million in FY2025; it was $31.6 million, $5.93 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $42.1 million in FY2025; it was $52.2 million, $10.2 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Pittsfield's government came to $372,000, 3.4% of the $11 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $372,000 | 3.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $4.9M | 44.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $4.9M | 44.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Pittsfield's required school contribution is 2.6% of


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## median household income, 198th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$68.5M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$35.6M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.6%**<br>198th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+38%**<br>after inflation |

Pittsfield runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Pittsfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Pittsfield has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns 12 bridges rated poor and six high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$19.3M**<br>$3.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$16.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 305th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**44**<br>12 rated poor; likely about $24.2M of work on those ($22.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**6**<br>of 13 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$3M**<br>bridges $754,000 · dams $1.5M · culverts $815,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Pittsfield came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.4M | $0 | $2.9M | $1 |
| FY2018 | $1.4M | $0 | $1.7M | $11 |
| FY2019 | $1.4M | $275,000 | $2.5M | $1.6M |
| FY2020 | $1.4M | $137,000 | $2.3M | $1.4M |
| FY2021 | $1.4M | $0 | $1.6M | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $1.4M | $653,000 | $1.6M | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | $1.3M | $0 | $2M | $894,000 |
| FY2024 | $1.3M | $721,000 | $2.4M | $507,000 |
| FY2025 | $1.3M | $361,000 | $2.1M | $71,000 |
| FY2026 | $2M | $1M | $1.2M | $1.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2M | $0 | $747,000 | $3.1M |

The full list of the 66 bridges in Pittsfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | Sandwash Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation Project Design & Permitting source | $250,000 |
| FY2022 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2020 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2020 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Mill Street (Tel-Electric) Dam Removal Project source | $99,000 |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Mill Street Dam Removal 2 source | $150,000 |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Wild Acres No. 2 Dam Removal Design source | $64,000 |
| FY2019 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Churchill Brook and West Street Culvert Replacement Project source | $815,000 |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Mill Street (Tel-Electric) Dam Removal source | $400,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Upper Sackett Reservoir Dam Repair source | $500,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Pittsfield received $33.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 93% of the $36.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Pittsfield ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $5.7 million in earmarks placed in Pittsfield, $5.2 million (92%) went to organizations rather than to Pittsfield's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pittsfield** this town | **59** | **$17,230** | **$454** | **$131**† | **1.56** | **2.6%** |
| Chelsea peer | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Fitchburg peer | 68 | $22,494 | $765 | $118† | 2.33 | 2.1% |
| Holyoke peer | 78 | $31,543 | $801 | $77.35† | 1.95 | 1.7% |
| Chicopee peer · lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |
| Amherst peer | 36 | $8,017 | $722 | $75.58† | 2.44 | 3.7% |
| Springfield best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Plainfield

Town · Hampshire County · 616 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Hampshire · Lindsay N. Sabadosa

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Mohawk Trail Regional School District, shared with Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath and Shelburne

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Plainfield scores 52 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 94 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**52** / 100

103rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 61 | 54 | 50 | 45 |

Rank under other weightings: 79th to 124th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Plainfield received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 49 and 56 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**94** / 100

30th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 96 | 95 | 91 | 93 |

Rank under other weightings: 24th to 34th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

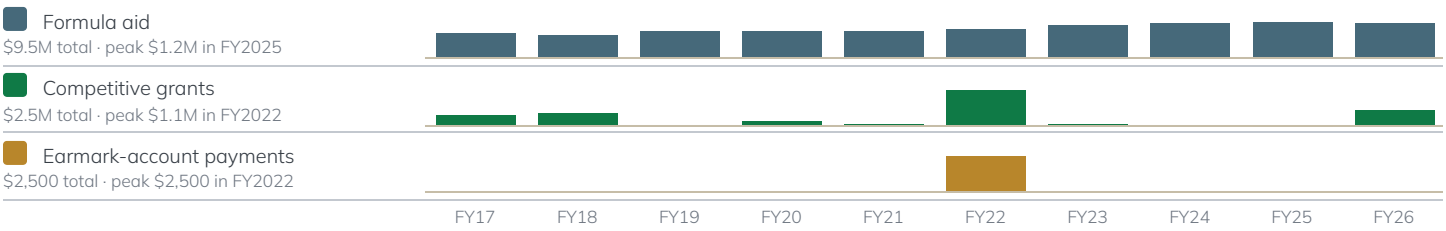
Plainfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 94 stays between 93 and 95 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Plainfield's town government and school districts received $9.5 million in formula aid and $2.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $9.5M | $2.5M | $2,500 |
| $15,369 per resident (70th of 351) · gross | $4,077 per resident (20th of 351) | $4.06 per resident (299th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Plainfield peaked in FY2022 at $1.1 million, 42% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 616 residents, a single payment moves Plainfield's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $607,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Plainfield in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,500 in payments to Plainfield's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Plainfield.

Plainfield is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Plainfield's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Plainfield's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Salem | $106,000 | $106,000 | $106,000 | $101 |
| Charlemont | $165,000 | $165,000 | $165,000 | $148 |
| Wendell | $40,000 | $90,000 | $90,000 | $106 |
| Savoy | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Shelburne | $85,000 | $285,000 | $285,000 | $182 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Plainfield received 1.79 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**47.3**<br>264th of 351 · 76.8 per 1,000 residents (8th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3.6M**<br>scored exposure $986,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**45**<br>283rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.1 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**6%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**658**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.79; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,830 acres**<br>13.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$82,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$44.64**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$66,801**<br>FY2017–2025 · 19th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PLAINFIELD

## Plainfield has 1,830 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,698 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,830 acres**<br>13.5% of Plainfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,698 acres**<br>12.6% of Plainfield's land · 68 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**620 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,086 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 31 | 1,830 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 27 | 1,853 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 43 | 1,059 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 19 | 499 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 140 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 49 | 2,201 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 14 | 620 |
| Conservation restriction | 21 | 1,086 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 20 | 1,374 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 479 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kenneth Dubuque Memorial State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,247 | |
| Swift River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 338 | |
| Deer Hill State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 203 | |
| Upper Westfield River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 22 | |
| Meadow Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 21 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 48.1 miles of public road in Plainfield, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 47.3 | 98% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Plainfield $239,000 and takes back $966 in assessments and charges, a net $238,000.

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| FY2027 cherry sheet | 0% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $84,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $66,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $3,062 |
| State Owned Land | $82,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,845 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $202 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $540 |
| Regional Transit | $224 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PLAINFIELD

## State programs also awarded $288,000 to organizations in Plainfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Earthdance Creative Living Project nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $87,000 |
| FY2022 | Earthdance Creative Living Project nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2016 | Earthdance Creative Living Project nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $77,000 |
| FY2019 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2020 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2023 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobiling Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,557 (shared four ways) |
| FY2022 | Savoy Kanary Kats nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $4,428 (shared four ways) |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |
| FY2021 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,500 (shared four ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.6% of Plainfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.2%** | **6.8%** | **5.6%** | **5.5%** |
| $82,000 of $1.1M · median town 14.1% | $117,000 of $1.7M · median town 12.2% | $188,000 of $3.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.4% · median town 10.0% |

Plainfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $411,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Plainfield's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 48.1% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 31.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $82,000 in FY2006 to $188,000 in FY2025, +129.6% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–27.1%** | **+49.8%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $52,000 to $38,000 · all towns +54.0% | $160,000 to $240,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Plainfield's health insurance would have been $64,000 in FY2025; it was $38,000, $27,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $200,000 in FY2025; it was $240,000, $40,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (–33%); fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+52%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Plainfield's reported health insurance fell from $52,000 in FY2016 to $38,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | no increase | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Plainfield's required school contribution is 4.5% of median household income, 3rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$503,000** | **$705,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **4.5%** | **+2%** |
| 3rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Plainfield has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Plainfield and Mohawk Trail; Plainfield accounts for 100% and 8% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Plainfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Plainfield has $173,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.2M** | **$2.7M** | **$173,000** |
| $833,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 341st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **15** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Plainfield came on average 14 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $193,000 | $0 | $248,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $191,000 | $0 | $175,000 | $16,000 |
| FY2019 | $191,000 | $38,000 | $179,000 | $124,000 |
| FY2020 | $191,000 | $19,000 | $264,000 | $71,000 |
| FY2021 | $191,000 | $0 | $154,000 | $107,000 |
| FY2022 | $191,000 | $158,000 | $205,000 | $251,000 |
| FY2023 | $190,000 | $0 | $390,000 | $50,000 |
| FY2024 | $189,000 | $238,000 | $317,000 | $160,000 |
| FY2025 | $188,000 | $154,000 | $329,000 | $173,000 |
| FY2026 | $345,000 | $225,000 | $157,000 | $586,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $344,000 | $0 | $413,000 | $516,000 |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Plainfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Plainfield received $2.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 55% of the $4.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Plainfield is one of three municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Plainfield** this town | **52** | **$15,369** | **$4,077** | **$0** | **1.79** | **4.5%** |
| New Salem peer | 55 | $19,167 | $1,900 | $101 | 0.36 | 2.6% |
| Charlemont peer | 65 | $19,209 | $6,110 | $148 | 2.68 | 3.8% |
| Wendell peer | 65 | $24,634 | $5,863 | $106† | 0.54 | 3.0% |
| Savoy peer · lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $18,956 | $1,027 | $0 | 1.10 | 2.7% |
| Shelburne peer | 66 | $14,126 | $8,461 | $182† | 2.94 | 3.0% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Plainville

Town · Norfolk County · 9,943 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
9th Norfolk · Marcus S. Vaughn

**STATE SENATE**
Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex · Rebecca L. Rausch

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Plainville Public Schools**, the town's own district
**King Philip Regional School District**, shared with Norfolk and Wrentham
**Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Seekonk, Sherborn and two others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Plainville scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 28 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**39** / 100

227th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 38 | 39 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 204th to 252nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Plainville received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 39 and 40 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**28** / 100

274th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 27 | 29 | 29 |

Rank under other weightings: 267th to 287th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

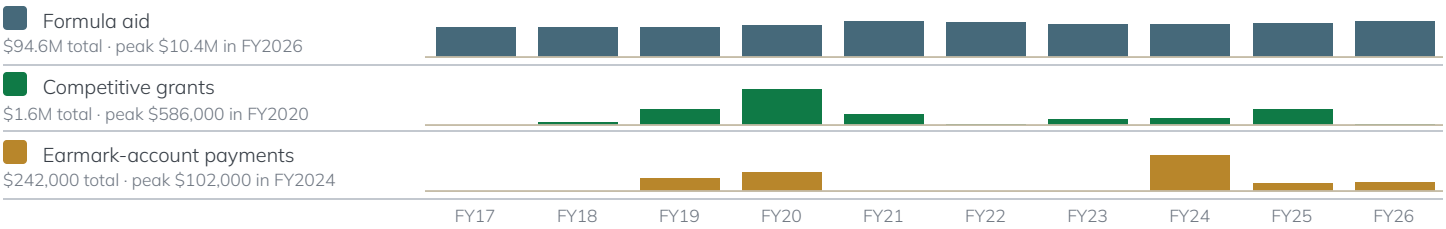
Plainville received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 27 and 29 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Plainville's town government and school districts received $94.6 million in formula aid and $1.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $94.6M | $1.6M | $242,000 |
| $9,512 per resident (194th of 351) · gross | $160 per resident (275th of 351) | $24.37 per resident (178th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Plainville peaked in FY2020 at $586,000, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $9.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Plainville received $408,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $408,000 | $408,000 | $408,000 | No |
| $41.02 per resident (105th of 351) | $41.02 per resident (198th of 351) | $41.02 per resident (203rd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Plainville's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Plainville, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (14 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the installation of upgraded water meters in the town of Plainville" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "a new water pumping and treatment station to access a new water source in the town of Plainville" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "the town of Plainville for public safety improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $45,000 | "portable radio replacements and upgrades in the fire department in the town of Plainville" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $30,000 | "the town of Plainville for improvements to municipal networking and information technology infrastructure and security including, but not limited to, wireless networking and general information technology development" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 14 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Plainville received 68% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**49.1**<br>257th of 351 · 4.9 per 1,000 residents (237th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.3M**<br>scored exposure $420,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**42**<br>288th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**11.0 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,943**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.07**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.68; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**70 acres**<br>1.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$51,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$728**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$44,973**<br>FY2017–2025 · 45th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PLAINVILLE

## Plainville has 47 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 175 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**47 acres**<br>0.7% of Plainville's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**175 acres**<br>2.5% of Plainville's land · 12 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**72 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 47 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 75 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 21 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 124 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 30 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 10 | 275 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 72 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 75 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wrentham State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 47 | |
| Angle Tree Monument Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 54.4 miles of public road in Plainville, the state maintains 4.4 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.4 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 46.9 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.1 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Plainville $4.7 million and takes back $1.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $3.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.7 million** | **$1.1 million** | **$3.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 23% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $3.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $165,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $996,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $52,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $69,000 |
| State Owned Land | $52,000 |
| Public Libraries | $30,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $82,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $260,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $52,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,452 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $9,980 |
| Regional Transit | $34,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $146,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $486,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PLAINVILLE

## State programs also awarded $67,000 to organizations in Plainville other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Plainville. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Southeast Regional Planning & Economic Development District regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $39,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2020 | Towns of Foxborough, Plainville and Wrentham nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $25,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.0% of Plainville's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 23.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **23.8%** | **14.9%** | **10.0%** | **7.7%** |
| $4.7M of $19.8M · median town 14.1% | $4.3M of $29.2M · median town 12.2% | $4.4M of $44.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 18.8% · median town 10.0% |

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**Plainville's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 39.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 46.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $4.7 million in FY2006 to $4.4 million in FY2025, –6.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.1 million of Plainville's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+69.5%** | **+79.0%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $2.1M to $3.5M · all towns +54.0% | $3.5M to $6.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Plainville's health insurance would have been $2.58 million in FY2025; it was $3.50 million, $922,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.38 million in FY2025; it was $6.27 million, $1.90 million above the path.

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LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $383,000 | 26.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $383,000 | 26.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $383,000 | 26.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Plainville's required school contribution is 3.3% of median household income, 29th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$6.2M** | **$14.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.3%** | **–15%** |
| 29th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Plainville runs its own district for some grades and belongs to King Philip, Tri County and Norfolk County for others; Plainville accounts for 26%, 11% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $11.5 million for schools serving Plainville, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Plainville's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.5M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,159 per resident (142nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Plainville's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $2.2M (11%) |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $9.2M (11%) |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $39,000 (2%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Plainville; Plainville's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $2.2 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Plainville has $73,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.3M**<br>$747,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$73,000**<br>annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 344th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>one rated poor; likely about $370,000 of work on those ($177,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$600,000**<br>bridges $600,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $271,000 | $0 | $578,000 | $166,000 |
| FY2018 | $292,000 | $0 | $216,000 | $373,000 |
| FY2019 | $292,000 | $58,000 | $79,000 | $718,000 |
| FY2020 | $290,000 | $29,000 | $601,000 | $436,000 |
| FY2021 | $291,000 | $0 | $309,000 | $418,000 |
| FY2022 | $291,000 | $156,000 | $266,000 | $599,000 |
| FY2023 | $296,000 | $0 | $156,000 | $738,000 |
| FY2024 | $296,000 | $167,000 | $211,000 | $990,000 |
| FY2025 | $294,000 | $81,000 | $690,000 | $675,000 |
| FY2026 | $464,000 | $255,000 | $1.2M | $203,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $463,000 | $0 | $130,000 | $536,000 |

The full list of the six bridges in Plainville in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Plainville received $2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 45% of the $4.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Plainville ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Plainville** this town | **39** | **$9,512** | **$160** | **$41.02** | **0.68** | **3.3%** |
| Maynard peer | 40 | $10,015 | $584 | $105 | 2.79 | 2.5% |
| West Boylston peer | 35 | $8,612 | $157 | $148 | 0.30 | 3.0% |
| Great Barrington peer | 42 | $9,461 | $2,113 | $175† | 2.92 | 3.7% |
| Merrimac peer | 48 | $12,597 | $215 | $48.54 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| Salisbury peer | 38 | $7,912 | $1,047 | $37.77 | 1.32 | 2.7% |
| Chatham best in class of 30 | 23 | $4,225 | $743 | $246† | 0.70 | 1.8% |
| Sheffield lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Plymouth

Town · Plymouth County · 63,953 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**1st Plymouth** · Michelle L. Badger
72% of residents

**12th Plymouth** · Kathleen R. LaNatra
28% of residents

Plymouth is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Plymouth and Barnstable** · Dylan A. Fernandes

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Plymouth Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Plymouth scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 37 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

320th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 33 | 31 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 308th to 331st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Plymouth received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 26 and 30 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**37** / 100

239th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 42 | 39 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 234th to 244th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

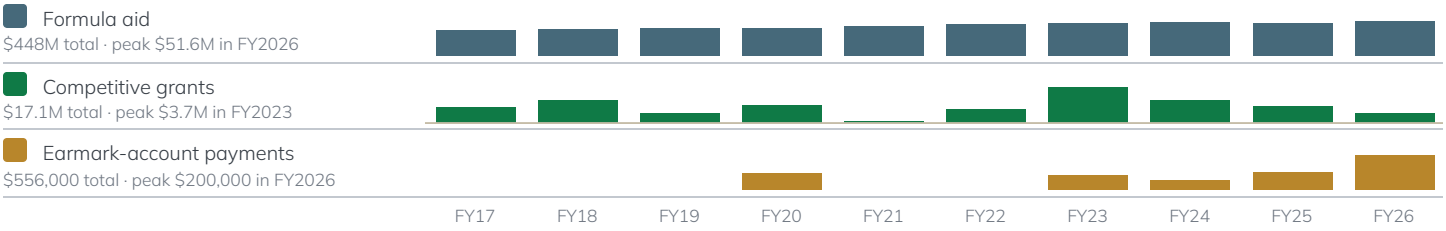
Plymouth received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 37 stays between 35 and 39 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Plymouth's town government and school districts received $448 million in formula aid and $17.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$448M** | **$17.1M** | **$556,000** |
| $7,006 per resident (289th of 351) · gross | $268 per resident (222nd of 351) | $8.70 per resident (266th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Plymouth peaked in FY2023 at $3.7 million, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $76.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Plymouth received $680,000 in local earmarks to its government, $3.4 million placed in the city or town and $3.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$680,000** | **$3.4M** | **$3.5M** | **No** |
| $10.63 per resident (268th of 351) | $52.98 per resident (162nd of 351) · 80% to organizations | $55.26 per resident (159th of 351) · 77% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 50 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $680,000 went to Plymouth's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2.7 million went to organizations in Plymouth or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Plymouth but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $146,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $146,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Plymouth (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Plymouth, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (52 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $500,000 | "Plymouth 400, Inc. for its 400th commemoration of the landing of the Mayflower in 1620 and the founding of Plymouth Colony" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $250,000 | "Plymouth 400, Inc. for the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Plymouth" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $200,000 | "Plymouth 400, Inc. for the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of the United States" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $200,000 | "Plymouth 400, Inc. for the commemoration of the four-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the United States" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "the Plymouth housing authority for the repair and renovation of affordable housing in the town of Plymouth" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 52 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Plymouth received 73% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**236.6**<br>9th of 351 · 3.7 per 1,000 residents (291st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.6M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**236**<br>5th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**96.4 sq mi**<br>20% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**6%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**68,062**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.66**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.73; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**12,491 acres**<br>20.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$1.3M**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$108**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$38,723**<br>FY2017–2025 · 60th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PLYMOUTH

## Plymouth has 13,081 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,917 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**13,081 acres**<br>21.2% of Plymouth's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,917 acres**<br>4.7% of Plymouth's land · 170 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**114 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**4,491 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 108 | 13,081 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 84 | 22,640 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 77 | 1,717 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 61 | 904 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 32 | 296 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 81 | 2,714 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 114 |
| Conservation restriction | 147 | 4,491 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 53 | 11,733 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 1 | 9,663 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 28 | 1,232 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 10 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 2 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Myles Standish State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10,573 | |
| SE Pine Barrens WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 799 | |
| Myles Standish State Forest | DCR and Fish and Game | 695 | |
| Halfway Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 371 | |
| Red Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 211 | |
| Sly Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 196 | |
| Ellisville Harbor State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 99 | |
| Cooks Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 68 | |
| Plymouth Grassy Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 32 | |
| Pilgrim Memorial State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 18 | |
| South Triangle Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 9 | |
| John A Armstrong Memorial Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Plymouth Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Big Sandy Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 499.7 miles of public road in Plymouth, the state maintains 38.6 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 38.6 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 237.1 | 47% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 160.8 | 32% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $86,000 | “Cape Cod Community College for an inter-campus transit program to provide bus service between Cape Cod Community College, Bridgewater State…” |
| FY2018 | $60,000 | “the secretary of the commonwealth to fund a portion of the costs associated with the Plymouth 400th Anniversary Celebration, which may include new…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Plymouth $41.1 million and takes back $11 million in assessments and charges, a net $30.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$41.1 million** | **$11 million** | **$30.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 27% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $31.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.7M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $5.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $325,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $1M |
| State Owned Land | $1.4M |
| Public Libraries | $165,000 |


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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $264,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $346,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $24,000 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $28,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $175,000 |
| MBTA | $5,475 |
| Regional Transit | $502,000 |
| Special Education | $58,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $934,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $8.6M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PLYMOUTH

## State programs also awarded $2.1 million to organizations in Plymouth other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Plymouth. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Plimoth Plantation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | General Society of Mayflower Descendants nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Spire Center for Performing Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe tribal nation | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $196,000 |
| FY2025 | Plymouth Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $185,000 |
| FY2020 | Plymouth Guild for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2026 | Plimoth Patuxet Museums nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $135,000 |
| FY2025 | Plymouth Regional Economic Development Foundation nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | Old Colony Planning Council nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2020 | Pilgrim Hall Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2019 | Mass Audubon nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 |
| FY2016 | General Society of Mayflower Descendants nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2023 | Southeastern Massachusetts Pine Barrens Alliance nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $25,000 |
| FY2024 | Pinewoods Camp nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $21,000 |
| FY2025 | Wildlands Trust nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $16,000 (shared three ways) |

Printed: the 15 largest of 20 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $337,000 in 10 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.7% of Plymouth's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.2%** | **14.7%** | **12.7%** | **9.2%** |
| $24M of $132M · median town 14.1% | $32M of $218M · median town 12.2% | $37.1M of $291M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.8% · median town 10.0% |


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**Plymouth's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 0.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 11.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $24 million in FY2006 to $37.1 million in FY2025, +54.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.7 million of Plymouth's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+39.5%** | **+29.9%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $37.1M to $51.8M · all towns +54.0% | $53.9M to $70.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Plymouth's health insurance would have been $46.4 million in FY2025; it was $51.8 million, $5.41 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $67.4 million in FY2025; it was $70.1 million, $2.69 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Plymouth's government came to $525,000, 3.6% of the $14.7 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $525,000 | 3.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.1M | 21.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.2M | 22.0% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Plymouth's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 79th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$30.2M** | **$92.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **+0%** |
| 79th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Plymouth runs its own school district.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.8 million for schools serving Plymouth, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Plymouth's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.8M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $59.08 per resident (250th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Plymouth's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | West Elementary School | Plymouth | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | Indian Brook Elementary School | Plymouth | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.3M | $1.3M |
| FY2022 | Federal Furnace Elementary School | Plymouth | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.3M | $1.3M |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Plymouth has $2.8 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$22.6M** | **$17.4M** | **$2.8M** |
| $3.8M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 279th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **13**<br>none rated poor | **2**<br>of ten town-owned dams | **$3.7M**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $3.1M · culverts $100,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Plymouth came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.5M | $0 | $2M | $581,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.5M | $0 | $2M | $1.1M |
| FY2019 | $1.5M | $305,000 | $991,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2020 | $1.6M | $156,000 | $1.1M | $2.6M |
| FY2021 | $1.6M | $0 | $1.9M | $2.2M |
| FY2022 | $1.6M | $791,000 | $2.2M | $2.4M |
| FY2023 | $1.6M | $0 | $1.2M | $2.8M |
| FY2024 | $1.6M | $876,000 | $2M | $3.3M |
| FY2025 | $1.6M | $441,000 | $1.5M | $3.8M |
| FY2026 | $2.4M | $1.3M | $4M | $3.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2.4M | $0 | $626,000 | $5.2M |

The full list of the 53 bridges in Plymouth in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Plymouth Beach Seawall Phase 2 Repair Design source | $112,000 |
| FY2024 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Bartlett Road Dam Removal, Culvert Resiliency, and Stormwater Improvements source | $2M |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | FY23 Jenney Pond Dam Repair Design source | $114,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Bartlett Road over UNT to Beaver Dam Brook source | $100,000 |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Jenney Pond Dam Repair Design source | $38,000 |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Warren Cove Seawall Repair source | $3M |
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Holmes Playground Dam Removal source | $1M |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Long Beach Seawall Repair Design source | $94,000 |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Warren's Cove Revetment Repair source | $811,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Plymouth received $21.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 7% more than the $20.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Plymouth ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3.4 million in earmarks placed in Plymouth, $2.7 million (80%) went to organizations rather than to Plymouth's government.


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| Medford peer | 32 | $6,237 | $331 | $44.47† | 2.03 | 1.9% |
| Waltham peer | 28 | $6,149 | $102 | $54.73† | 0.45 | 2.8% |
| Somerville peer | 40 | $7,819 | $474 | $26.26† | 2.18 | 1.7% |
| Woburn peer | 31 | $6,812 | $255 | $85.34† | 0.44 | 3.5% |
| Braintree peer | 39 | $9,109 | $142 | $117 | 0.55 | 3.4% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |

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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Plympton

Town · Plymouth County · 2,935 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**12th Plymouth** · Kathleen R. LaNatra

STATE SENATE

**Plymouth and Barnstable** · Dylan A. Fernandes

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Plympton Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Silver Lake Regional School District**, shared with Halifax and Kingston

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Plympton scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 43 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**35** / 100

257th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 39 | 41 | 33 | 29 |

Rank under other weightings: 245th to 276th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Plympton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 33 and 38 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**43** / 100

217th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 52 | 32 | 39 |

Rank under other weightings: 206th to 227th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

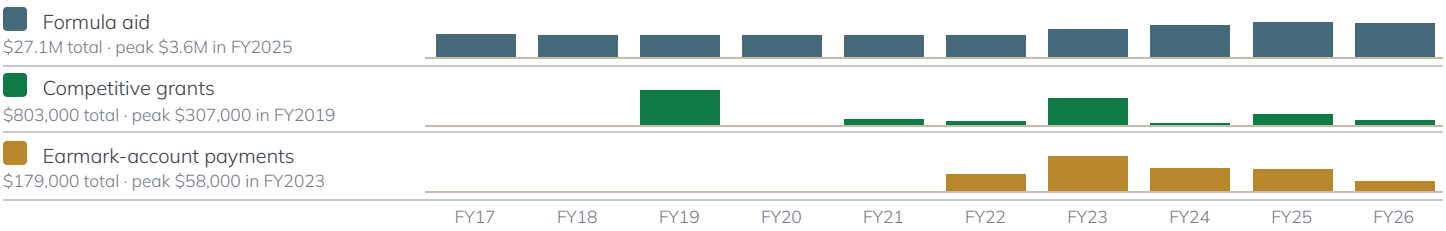
Plympton received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 39 and 48 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Plympton's town government and school districts received $27.1 million in formula aid and $803,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$27.1M** | **$803,000** | **$179,000** |
| $9,237 per resident (207th of 351) · gross | $274 per resident (218th of 351) | $60.89 per resident (53rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Plympton peaked in FY2019 at $307,000, 38% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Plympton received $335,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$335,000** | **$335,000** | **$335,000** | **No** |
| $114 per resident (16th of 351) | $114 per resident (50th of 351) | $114 per resident (58th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 11 clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Plympton's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Plympton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $95,000 | "the installation of a lift-type elevator and to complete construction in the Plympton council on Aging in the town of Plympton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the town of Plympton for water infrastructure improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $37,000 | "the town of Plympton for HVAC upgrades and replacements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $35,000 | "HVAC upgrades at Dennett Elementary School in Plympton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the town of Plympton for infrastructure improvements at the town center complex" | Enacted to the city or town government |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Plympton received 71% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**34.8**<br>315th of 351 · 11.9 per 1,000 residents (88th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3M**<br>scored exposure $654,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**29**<br>317th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.7 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,984**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.92**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.71; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**44 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$2,751**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$62.32**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$22,821**<br>FY2017–2025 · 154th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PLYMPTON

## Plympton has 44 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 791 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**44 acres**<br>0.5% of Plympton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**791 acres**<br>8.4% of Plympton's land · 40 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**31 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 44 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 44 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 12 | 298 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 25 | 457 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 37 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 46 | 1,840 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 31 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 44 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Winnetuxet River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 44 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 35.5 miles of public road in Plympton, the state maintains 0.6 (2%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.6 | 2% |
| Town-accepted | 34.9 | 98% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Plympton $1.7 million and takes back $123,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.7 million** | **$123,000** | **$1.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 7% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $4,329 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $311,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $56,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $44,000 |
| State Owned Land | $2,818 |
| Public Libraries | $7,594 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $11,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $35,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,062 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $1,244 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,560 |
| Regional Transit | $27,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $9,077 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $33,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PLYMPTON

## State programs also awarded $101,000 to organizations in Plympton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Plympton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $101,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.8% of Plympton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 10.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.8%** | **10.5%** | **9.8%** | **9.0%** |
| $757,000 of $7M · median town 14.1% | $1M of $9.7M · median town 12.2% | $1.5M of $15.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.4% · median town 10.0% |

Plympton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $945,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Plympton's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 26.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 12.4% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $757,000 in FY2006 to $1.5 million in FY2025, +96.2% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+93.7%** | **+93.6%** | **5 of 9** | **7 of 9** |
| $281,000 to $543,000 · all towns +54.0% | $820,000 to $1.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Plympton's health insurance would have been $350,000 in FY2025; it was $543,000, $193,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.02 million in FY2025; it was $1.59 million, $564,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Plympton's government came to $280,000, 106.6% of the $263,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $280,000 | 106.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $280,000 | 106.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $280,000 | 106.6% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Plympton's required school contribution is 3.4% of median household income, 23rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2M** | **$4.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.4%** | **+16%** |
| 23rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Plympton runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Silver Lake for others; Plympton accounts for 10% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Plympton, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Plympton has $115,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.8M** | **$2.4M** | **$115,000** |
| $698,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 340th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **5** | **1** | **$228,000** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $228,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Plympton came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Plympton owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $172,000 | $0 | $362,000 | $80,000 |
| FY2018 | $170,000 | $0 | $248,000 | $19,000 |
| FY2019 | $169,000 | $34,000 | $181,000 | $42,000 |
| FY2020 | $169,000 | $17,000 | $184,000 | $44,000 |
| FY2021 | $169,000 | $0 | $0 | $213,000 |
| FY2022 | $167,000 | $116,000 | $0 | $496,000 |
| FY2023 | $166,000 | $0 | $345,000 | $317,000 |
| FY2024 | $167,000 | $211,000 | $366,000 | $330,000 |
| FY2025 | $167,000 | $149,000 | $583,000 | $63,000 |
| FY2026 | $281,000 | $172,000 | $309,000 | $207,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $281,000 | $0 | $92,000 | $396,000 |

The full list of the six bridges in Plympton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Plympton received $1.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 40% of the $2.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Plympton ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Plympton** this town | **35** | **$9,237** | **$274** | **$114** | **0.71** | **3.4%** |
| Northfield peer | 53 | $12,644 | $1,336 | $3.48 | 1.74 | 2.7% |
| Sheffield peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |
| Hinsdale peer | 44 | $9,786 | $1,790 | $0 | 2.54 | 3.6% |
| Leverett peer | 47 | $11,884 | $1,674 | $134 | 1.95 | 2.9% |
| Blandford peer | 52 | $10,142 | $5,405 | $0 | 0.80 | 2.6% |
| Chesterfield best in class of 30 | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Princeton

Town · Worcester County · 3,529 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Worcester · Kimberly N. Ferguson

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Wachusett Regional School District, shared with Holden, Paxton, Rutland and Sterling
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden and nine others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Princeton scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 59 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**39** / 100

231st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 48 | 31 | 39 |

Rank under other weightings: 203rd to 246th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Princeton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 36 and 42 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**59** / 100

151st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 69 | 48 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 143rd to 164th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

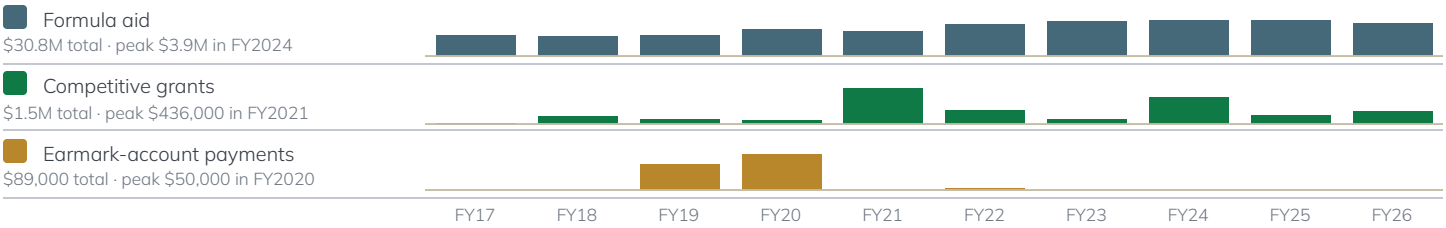
Princeton received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 56 and 62 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Princeton's town government and school districts received $30.8 million in formula aid and $1.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$30.8M** | **$1.5M** | **$89,000** |
| $8,727 per resident (228th of 351) · gross | $417 per resident (162nd of 351) | $25.17 per resident (173rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Princeton peaked in FY2021 at $436,000, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Princeton received $240,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.1 million placed in the city or town and $1.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$240,000** | **$1.1M** | **$1.1M** | **No** |
| $68.01 per resident (47th of 351) | $299 per resident (4th of 351) · 77% to organizations | $299 per resident (7th of 351) · 77% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $240,000 went to Princeton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $815,000 went to organizations in Princeton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Princeton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (14 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "identification of the number of households that receive drinking water from a private well and may require testing for polyfluoroalkyl substances, PFAS, and to cover the costs of testing and remediation on properties that would otherwise not qualify for funding under existing PFAS programs in the..." | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $85,000 | "the NEADS, Inc. Service Dogs for Veterans program to train service dogs for veterans" | Enacted organization based here |
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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Princeton received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**79.5**<br>159th of 351 · 22.5 per 1,000 residents (52nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.7M**<br>scored exposure $2.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**73**<br>186th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**35.4 sq mi**<br>31% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,658**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.95**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.96; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,063 acres**<br>17.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$338,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$83.19**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,251**<br>FY2017–2025 · 222nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PRINCETON

## Princeton has 7,015 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,873 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**7,015 acres**<br>30.9% of Princeton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,873 acres**<br>8.3% of Princeton's land · 64 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**271 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**785 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 191 | 7,015 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 139 | 7,060 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 33 | 1,298 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 15 | 355 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 16 | 220 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 792 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 12 | 271 |
| Conservation restriction | 28 | 785 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 23 | 1,100 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 28 | 3,456 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 104 | 3,083 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 7 | 521 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wachusett Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 3,146 | |
| Wachusett Mountain State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,551 | |
| Leominster State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,507 | |
| Savage Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 419 | |
| Ware River Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 244 | |
| Susan B. Minns Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 148 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 82.7 miles of public road in Princeton, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 79.1 | 96% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.4 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Princeton $812,000 and takes back $31,000 in assessments and charges, a net $781,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$812,000** | **$31,000** | **$781,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $387,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $26,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $50,000 |
| State Owned Land | $340,000 |
| Public Libraries | $9,558 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,195 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,080 |
| MBTA | $26,000 |
| Regional Transit | $944 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PRINCETON

## State programs also awarded $98,000 to organizations in Princeton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Appalachian Mountain Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $57,000 |

A further $41,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.9% of Princeton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.5%** | **5.2%** | **5.9%** | **5.6%** |
| $887,000 of $7.7M · median town 14.1% | $469,000 of $9M · median town 12.2% | $775,000 of $13.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.0% · median town 10.0% |

Princeton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.3 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Princeton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 43.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 49.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $887,000 in FY2006 to $775,000 in FY2025, −12.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $388,000 of Princeton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+10.0%** | **+44.0%** | **3 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $279,000 to $307,000 · all towns +54.0% | $701,000 to $1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Princeton's health insurance would have been $348,000 in FY2025; it was $307,000, $42,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $876,000 in FY2025; it was $1.01 million, $134,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Princeton's government came to $240,000, 8.6 times the $28,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $240,000 | 8.6 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $970,000 | 34.9 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $970,000 | 34.9 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Princeton's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 278th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.5M** | **$4.8M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **+52%** |
| 278th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Princeton has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Wachusett and Montachusett; Princeton accounts for 6% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Princeton, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Princeton has $1.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.5M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | **$3.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.9M**<br>annual program: 2.0 years of its yearly money · 81st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **18**<br>two rated poor; likely about $3.2M of work on those ($3M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$601,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $101,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Princeton came on average 36 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $346,000 | $0 | $273,000 | $153,000 |
| FY2018 | $341,000 | $0 | $137,000 | $357,000 |
| FY2019 | $341,000 | $68,000 | $20,000 | $746,000 |
| FY2020 | $341,000 | $34,000 | $749,000 | $812,000 |
| FY2021 | $340,000 | $0 | $115,000 | $1M |
| FY2022 | $340,000 | $264,000 | $277,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $338,000 | $0 | $465,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $337,000 | $335,000 | $839,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | $337,000 | $195,000 | $718,000 | $886,000 |
| FY2026 | $598,000 | $382,000 | $0 | $1.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $601,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.5M |

The full list of the 21 bridges in Princeton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Ball Hill Rd over South Wachusett Brook source | $23,000 |
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Ball Hill Rd over South Wachusett Brook source | $79,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Princeton received $2.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 65% more than the $1.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Princeton ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.1 million in earmarks placed in Princeton, $815,000 (77%) went to organizations rather than to Princeton's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Princeton** this town | **39** | **$8,727** | **$417** | **$299**† | **0.96** | **2.3%** |
| Groveland peer | 52 | $13,007 | $476 | $36.55 | 0.95 | 2.5% |
| Rowley peer | 41 | $9,213 | $259 | $26.57 | 0.42 | 2.7% |
| Stow peer | 33 | $7,771 | $488 | $90.02 | 2.17 | 2.4% |
| Wenham peer | 29 | $6,869 | $147 | $69.20† | 0.80 | 2.5% |
| Oak Bluffs peer | 51 | $8,440 | $2,606 | $93.40† | 3.64 | 3.0% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Provincetown

Town · Barnstable County · 3,703 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

4th Barnstable · Hadley Luddy

STATE SENATE

Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Provincetown Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Provincetown scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 90 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**39** / 100

232nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 40 | 56 | 29 |

Rank under other weightings: 177th to 273rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Provincetown received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 33 and 45 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**90** / 100

45th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | 96 | 78 | 93 |

Rank under other weightings: 40th to 52nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

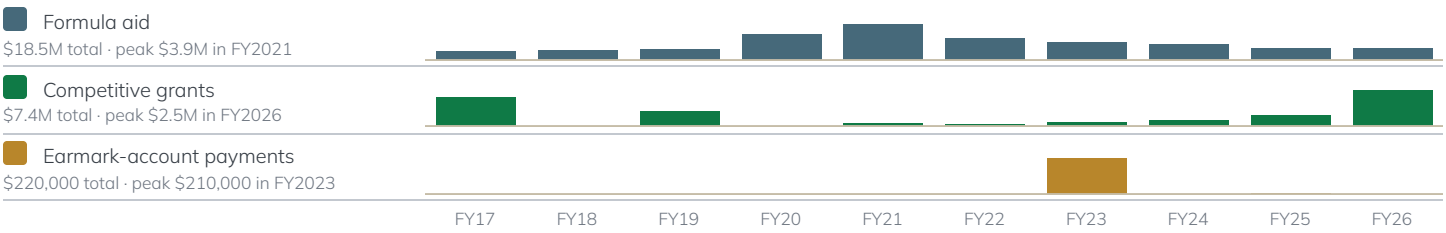
Provincetown received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 90 stays between 87 and 92 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Provincetown's town government and school districts received $18.5 million in formula aid and $7.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.5M** | **$7.4M** | **$220,000** |
| $4,983 per resident (346th of 351) · gross | $2,004 per resident (45th of 351) | $59.37 per resident (57th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Provincetown peaked in FY2026 at $2.5 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $53.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Provincetown received $212,000 in local earmarks to its government, $572,000 placed in the city or town and $572,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$212,000** | **$572,000** | **$572,000** | **No** |
| $57.25 per resident (63rd of 351) | $154 per resident (21st of 351) · 63% to organizations | $154 per resident (29th of 351) · 63% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $212,000 went to Provincetown's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $360,000 went to organizations in Provincetown or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Provincetown, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "T1 lines from route 6 to the Provincetown airport and National Seashore visitor center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the Center for Coastal Studies, Inc. for the shark ecology program" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $80,000 | "the Center for Coastal Studies, Inc. to aid in the investigation of the behavior of gray seals and white sharks in nearshore waters" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "the Center for Coastal Studies, Inc. to conduct an ecosystem-based study of white shark presence and behavior within the nearshore areas of Cape Cod" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the Provincetown Theater for deferred maintenance costs" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Provincetown received 1.92 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**20.2**<br>338th of 351 · 5.5 per 1,000 residents (213th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**0**<br>346th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**9.7 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**50%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,847**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.24**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.92; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**68 acres**<br>1.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$157,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$2,302**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$106,238**<br>FY2017–2025 · 9th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN PROVINCETOWN

## Provincetown has 191 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**191 acres**<br>3.1% of Provincetown's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**77 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 19 | 191 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 69 |
| Conservation restriction | 25 | 77 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 69 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Provincetown Corridor WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 123 | |
| Clapps Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 68 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 31.9 miles of public road in Provincetown, the state maintains 2.1 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.1 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 19.5 | 61% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.9 | 16% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Provincetown $1.2 million and takes back $755,000 in assessments and charges, a net $469,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.2 million** | **$755,000** | **$469,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 62% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $341,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $94,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $385,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $190,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $33,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $12,000 |
| State Owned Land | $161,000 |
| Public Libraries | $7,492 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $315,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $132,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,554 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| Regional Transit | $125,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $74,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $94,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN PROVINCETOWN

## State programs also awarded $2.3 million to organizations in Provincetown other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association of Provincetown nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $198,000 |
| FY2017 | Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $174,000 |
| FY2025 | Provincetown Film Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $172,000 |
| FY2026 | Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $137,000 |
| FY2022 | Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $130,000 |
| FY2016 | Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2022 | Entrepreneurship for All - Cape Cod nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | Provincetown Commons nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | Entrepreneurship for All - Cape Cod nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Entrepreneurship for All - Cape Cod nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2025 | Entrepreneurship for All - Cape Cod nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2019 | Lower Cape Communications nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $95,000 |
| FY2016 | Provincetown Film Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $69,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 19 awards; the web page lists all of them.


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A further $206,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 2.8% of Provincetown's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 4.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.3%** | **3.3%** | **2.8%** | **1.2%** |
| $930,000 of $21.7M · median town 14.1% | $834,000 of $25.4M · median town 12.2% | $1.2M of $43.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 0.3% · median town 10.0% |

Provincetown's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $25,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Provincetown's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 13.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 23.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $930,000 in FY2006 to $1.2 million in FY2025, +34.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+10.2%** | **+49.3%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $3.6M to $3.9M · all towns +54.0% | $6.1M to $9.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Provincetown's health insurance would have been $4.47 million in FY2025; it was $3.94 million, $525,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $7.58 million in FY2025; it was $9.06 million, $1.48 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Provincetown's government came to $212,000, 58.1% of the $365,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $212,000 | 58.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $572,000 | 156.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $572,000 | 156.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Provincetown's required school contribution is 0.5% of median household income, the fourth-lowest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$354,000** | **$1.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **0.5%** | **+21%** |
| 348th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Provincetown runs its own school district and also belongs to Cape Cod; Provincetown accounts for 1% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $419,000 for schools serving Provincetown, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Provincetown's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$419,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $113 per resident (235th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Provincetown's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $47,000 (1%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $373,000 (1%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Provincetown; Provincetown's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $47,000. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Provincetown's share of the final cost was $1 million against its share of the approved budget of $1.1 million (under by $106,000); the local share moved from $749,000 to $616,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Provincetown has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.1M**<br>$522,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$706,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.2M**<br>annual program: 4.0 years of its yearly money · 11th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Provincetown came on average 59 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $127,000 | $0 | $24,000 | $127,000 |
| FY2018 | $130,000 | $0 | $0 | $258,000 |
| FY2019 | $129,000 | $26,000 | $0 | $413,000 |
| FY2020 | $130,000 | $13,000 | $121,000 | $555,000 |
| FY2021 | $129,000 | $0 | $534,000 | $428,000 |
| FY2022 | $126,000 | $65,000 | $236,000 | $383,000 |
| FY2023 | $128,000 | $0 | $65,000 | $446,000 |
| FY2024 | $129,000 | $174,000 | $65,000 | $685,000 |
| FY2025 | $130,000 | $139,000 | $0 | $953,000 |
| FY2026 | $195,000 | $105,000 | $85,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $199,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Provincetown received $8.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 30% more than the $6.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Provincetown ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $572,000 in earmarks placed in Provincetown, $360,000 (63%) went to organizations rather than to Provincetown's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Provincetown** this town | **39** | **$4,983** | **$2,004** | **$154**† | **1.92** | **0.5%** |
| Edgartown peer · lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |
| Stockbridge peer | 42 | $6,979 | $1,448 | $140† | 2.33 | 1.5% |
| Truro peer | 56 | $7,537 | $7,483 | $130† | 1.62 | 1.6% |
| Otis peer | 43 | $6,679 | $2,109 | $0 | 1.01 | 2.2% |
| Mattapoisett peer | 33 | $6,007 | $1,477 | $18.09 | 2.08 | 2.2% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Quincy

City · Norfolk County · 102,114 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Norfolk · Tackey Chan 45% of residents
1st Norfolk · Bruce J. Ayers 34% of residents
3rd Norfolk · Ronald Mariano 21% of residents

Quincy is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Norfolk and Plymouth · John F. Keenan

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Quincy Public Schools, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Quincy scores 32 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 26 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**32** / 100

286th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 28 | 39 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 250th to 314th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Quincy received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 32 stays between 30 and 34 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**26** / 100

287th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 24 | 30 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 274th to 298th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

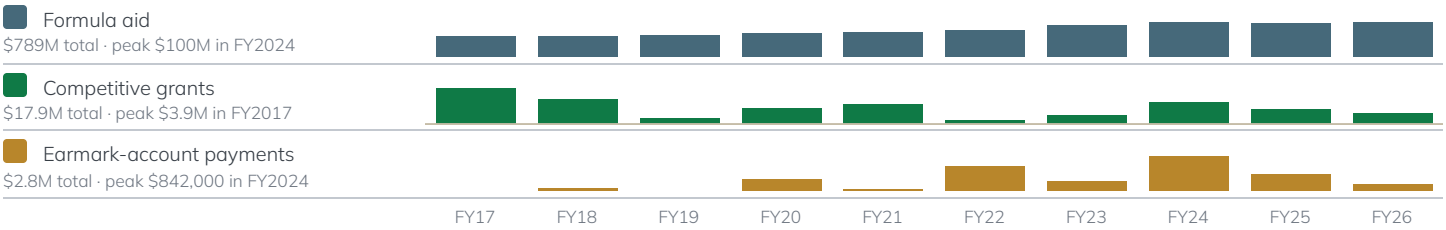
Quincy received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 25 and 27 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Quincy's town government and school districts received $789 million in formula aid and $17.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $789M | $17.9M | $2.8M |
| $7,723 per resident (267th of 351) · gross | $176 per resident (267th of 351) | $27.72 per resident (157th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Quincy peaked in FY2017 at $3.9 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $84.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Quincy received $2.3 million in local earmarks to its government, $10.5 million placed in the city or town and $11.8 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $2.3M | $10.5M | $11.8M | No |
| $22.38 per resident (200th of 351) | $103 per resident (63rd of 351) · 78% to organizations | $116 per resident (55th of 351) · 69% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 100 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $2.3 million went to Quincy's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $8.2 million went to organizations in Quincy or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Quincy but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $1.4 million, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $1.4 million in 13 clauses for state facilities located in Quincy (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Quincy, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (113 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $500,000 | "the Adams Presidential Center in the city of Quincy" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $500,000 (split two ways) | "the New England Aquarium Corporation for the operation of facilities they operate in the cities of Boston and Quincy" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $500,000 | "the Adams Presidential Center in Quincy" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $500,000 (split two ways) | "the New England Aquarium Corporation for upgrades and other improvements including those necessary for the operation of facilities operated by the New England Aquarium Corporation in the cities of Boston and Quincy" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $500,000 (split two ways) | "the New England Aquarium Corporation in the cities of Boston and Quincy for upgrades and other improvements, including those necessary for the operation of facilities operated by the New England Aquarium Corporation in the cities of Boston and Quincy" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 113 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Quincy received 82% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**187.1**<br>22nd of 351 · 1.8 per 1,000 residents (338th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$48.7M**<br>scored exposure $11.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**91**<br>138th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.6 sq mi**<br>26% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**102,436**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.67**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.82; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,023 acres**<br>9.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$701,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$685**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$33,294**<br>FY2017–2025 · 89th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN QUINCY

## Quincy has 2,875 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,875 acres**<br>27.1% of Quincy's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**25 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 54 | 2,875 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 11 | 2,448 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 25 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | 2,439 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 10 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blue Hills Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,562 | |
| Neponset River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 102 | |
| Quincy Shore Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 83 | |
| Furnace Brook Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 51 | |
| Squantum Point Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 46 | |
| Nut Island | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 14 | |
| Quincy Shore Drive | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | |
| Boston Harbor Islands State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Town Brook Flood Control | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Dorothy Quincy Homestead | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Don Kent Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 226.9 miles of public road in Quincy, the state maintains 16.2 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.4 | 3% |
| DCR | 9.8 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 187.3 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 23.4 | 10% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2026 | $95,000 | “additional patrols for the summer season at Wollaston beach and Furnace Brook parkway in the city of Quincy” |
| FY2025 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2025 | $95,000 | “designated seasonal state police patrols in the Wollaston beach, Quincy shore drive and Furnace Brook parkway areas of Quincy” |
| FY2024 | $95,000 | “designated seasonal state police patrols in the Wollaston beach and Quincy Shore drive area and Furnace Brook parkway of Quincy from May 31 to…” |
| FY2023 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere, Winthrop and Quincy, the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of…” |
| FY2023 | $95,000 | “designated seasonal State Police patrols in the Wollaston beach and Quincy Shore drive area and Furnace Brook parkway of Quincy from May 31 to…” |
| FY2022 | $95,000 | “designated seasonal state police patrols in the Wollaston beach and Quincy Shore drive area and Furnace Brook parkway in the city of Quincy from May…” |
| FY2021 | $95,000 | “additional patrols for the summer season at Wollaston Beach and Furnace Brook Parkway in the city of Quincy” |
| FY2020 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the Dorchester, East Boston and South Boston sections of the city of Boston, in the cities of Lynn, Quincy and Revere…” |
| FY2019 | $95,000 | “additional patrols for the summer season at Wollaston Beach and Furnace Brook Parkway in Quincy” |
| FY2018 | $95,000 | “additional patrols for the summer season at Wollaston Beach and Furnace Brook Parkway in Quincy; and” |
| FY2017 | $90,000 | “additional patrols for the summer season at Wollaston beach and Furnace Brook parkway in the city of Quincy” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Quincy $76.7 million and takes back $6.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $70.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$76.7 million** | **$6.1 million** | **$70.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $49.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $622,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $24.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $1M |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $571,000 |
| State Owned Land | $701,000 |
| Public Libraries | $270,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $822,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $199,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $35,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $63,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $156,000 |
| MBTA | $2.6M |
| Special Education | $13,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $432,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.8M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN QUINCY

## State programs also awarded $509,000 to organizations in Quincy other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Quincy. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Affordable Housing and Services Collaborative, Inc. regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $250,000 |
| FY2022 | United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |

A further $209,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 15.0% of Quincy's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 14.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.2%** | **16.7%** | **15.0%** | **13.9%** |
| $36.6M of $258M · median town 14.1% | $46.9M of $281M · median town 12.2% | $71.9M of $479M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.4% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

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|---|---|---|---|
| **+222.5%** | **+69.2%** | **3 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $39.9M to $129M · all towns +54.0% | $71.5M to $121M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Quincy's health insurance would have been $49.8 million in FY2025; it was $129 million, $78.8 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $89.3 million in FY2025; it was $121 million, $31.7 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+45%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+117%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost. Flag: in FY2022, FY2023 and FY2025 reported health insurance exceeded all general-fund fixed costs; the health-insurance report includes the employee share for self-insured towns.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Quincy's government came to $2.1 million, 2.3% of the $88.7 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $2.1M | 2.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $8.4M | 9.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $9.5M | 10.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Quincy's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 72nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$47.7M** | **$135M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **+23%** |
| 72nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Quincy runs its own school district and also belongs to Norfolk County; Quincy accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $74.8 million for schools serving Quincy, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Quincy's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$74.8M** | **11** | **$8.66B** |
| $733 per resident (163rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Quincy's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Squantum Elementary School | Quincy | Core | $40M | $40M |
| FY2024 | Wollaston School | Quincy | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $670,000 | $670,000 |
| FY2024 | Montclair School | Quincy | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $673,000 | $673,000 |
| FY2024 | Francis W. Parker School | Quincy | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $798,000 | $798,000 |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $111,000 (6%) |
| FY2018 | North Quincy High School | Quincy | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.1M | $1.1M |
| FY2017 | Wollaston Elementary School | Quincy | Accelerated Repair (Partial Boiler) | $563,000 | $563,000 |
| FY2017 | Merrymount Elementary School | Quincy | Accelerated Repair (Partial Boiler) | $627,000 | $627,000 |
| FY2017 | Beechwood Knoll Elementary School | Quincy | Accelerated Repair (Partial Boiler) | $475,000 | $475,000 |
| FY2017 | Atherton Hough Elementary School | Quincy | Accelerated Repair (Partial Boiler) | $606,000 | $606,000 |
| FY2017 | Reay E. Sterling Middle School | Quincy | Core | $29.3M | $29.3M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the five projects closed with a final audit, Quincy's share of the final cost was $5.1 million against its share of the approved budget of $5.3 million (under by $249,000); the local share moved from $2 million to $2.1 million. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Quincy has $3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$25.8M**<br>$3.7M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$20.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3M**<br>annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 260th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**9**<br>one rated poor; about $653,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Quincy came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.9M | $0 | $771,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2018 | $1.9M | $0 | $1.5M | $1.7M |
| FY2019 | $1.9M | $384,000 | $1.2M | $2.8M |
| FY2020 | $1.9M | $192,000 | $2.1M | $2.8M |
| FY2021 | $1.9M | $0 | $3.8M | $921,000 |
| FY2022 | $1.9M | $625,000 | $126,000 | $3.3M |
| FY2023 | $1.9M | $0 | $625,000 | $4.6M |
| FY2024 | $1.9M | $887,000 | $4.6M | $2.8M |
| FY2025 | $1.9M | $525,000 | $3.2M | $1.9M |
| FY2026 | $2.5M | $1.1M | $2M | $3.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2.5M | $0 | $495,000 | $5.5M |

The full list of the 45 bridges in Quincy in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Manet Avenue and Babcock Street Seawall Repair source | $3M |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Adams Shore Seawall Repair source | $3M |
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Houghs Neck Seawalls Design Phase 2 source | $225,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Houghs Neck Seawalls Design source | $225,000 |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Adams Shore Houghs Neck Seawall Repair Design source | $441,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Quincy received $31.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 36% more than the $23.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Quincy ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $10.5 million in earmarks placed in Quincy, $8.2 million (78%) went to organizations rather than to Quincy's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Quincy** this town | **32** | **$7,723** | **$176** | **$103**† | **0.82** | **3.0%** |
| Weymouth peer | 39 | $8,687 | $450 | $104 | 2.15 | 2.8% |
| Barnstable peer | 27 | $6,526 | $289 | $69.38† | 0.74 | 3.6% |
| Beverly peer | 27 | $6,643 | $218 | $69.85 | 0.97 | 3.1% |
| Peabody peer | 39 | $9,164 | $124 | $37.54 | 0.34 | 3.1% |
| Norwood peer | 34 | $7,831 | $166 | $22.99 | 0.33 | 3.0% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Yarmouth lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Randolph

City · Norfolk County · 34,878 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

7th Norfolk · Richard G. Wells, Jr. 67% of residents
1st Norfolk · Bruce J. Ayers 33% of residents

Randolph is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol · William J. Driscoll, Jr. 59% of residents
Second Plymouth and Norfolk · Michael D. Brady 41% of residents

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Randolph Public Schools, the city's own district
Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Avon, Braintree, Canton, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Norwood and Westwood

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Randolph scores 46 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 22 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**46** / 100

155th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 40 | 52 | 48 |

Rank under other weightings: 130th to 191st.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Randolph received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 46 stays between 44 and 48 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**22** / 100

306th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 17 | 29 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 287th to 315th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

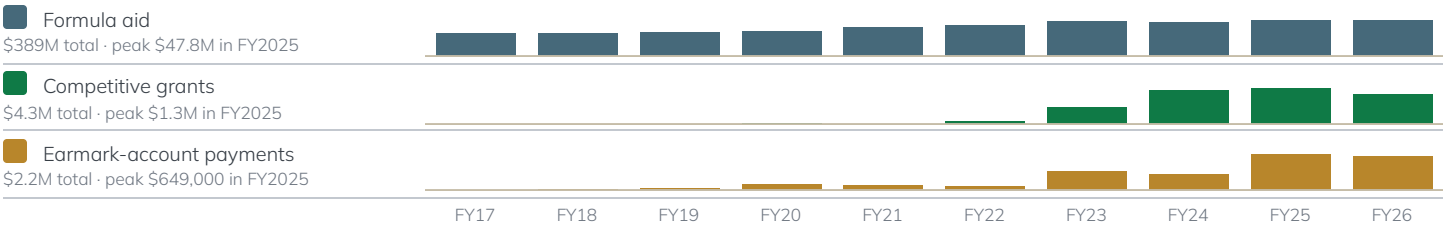
Randolph received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 22 stays between 20 and 24 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Randolph's town government and school districts received $389 million in formula aid and $4.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$389M** | **$4.3M** | **$2.2M** |
| $11,148 per resident (141st of 351) · gross | $123 per resident (309th of 351) | $63.48 per resident (47th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Randolph peaked in FY2025 at $1.3 million, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $43.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Randolph received $1.2 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.2 million placed in the city or town and $1.2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **$1.2M** | **$1.2M** | **No** |
| $33.68 per resident (145th of 351) | $35.83 per resident (217th of 351) · 6% to organizations | $35.83 per resident (223rd of 351) · 6% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 31 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.2 million went to Randolph's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $75,000 went to organizations in Randolph or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Randolph, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (31 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the Randolph community programs department in the town of Randolph for continuation of a full-time town social worker" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the Randolph community programs department in the town of Randolph for continuation of a full-time town social worker" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the Randolph community programs department in the city known as the town of Randolph for the hiring of a full-time community social worker" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $93,000 | "new lockers in the men's and women's locker rooms at the high school in the city known as the town of Randolph" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the Randolph fire department for obtaining personal protective equipment in the town of Randolph" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 31 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Randolph received 23% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**99.5**<br>96th of 351 · 2.9 per 1,000 residents (321st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**65**<br>208th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**9.8 sq mi**<br>12% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**35,054**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.50**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.23; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**726 acres**<br>11.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$159,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$219**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$7,941**<br>FY2017–2025 · 339th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN RANDOLPH

## Randolph has 801 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**801 acres**<br>12.7% of Randolph's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of Randolph's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**3 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 22 | 801 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 18 | 862 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 1 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 28 |
| Conservation restriction | 2 | 3 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 17 | 860 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 3 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blue Hills Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 801 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 116.8 miles of public road in Randolph, the state maintains 8.7 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.7 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 98.5 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 9.4 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Randolph $40.1 million and takes back $8.9 million in assessments and charges, a net $31.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$40.1 million** | **$8.9 million** | **$31.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 22% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $32M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $900,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $6.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $167,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $106,000 |
| State Owned Land | $161,000 |
| Public Libraries | $102,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $210,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $84,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $21,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $80,000 |
| MBTA | $896,000 |
| Special Education | $24,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $803,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $6.8M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN RANDOLPH

## State programs also awarded $161,000 to organizations in Randolph other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Randolph. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Randolph Women's Club nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $161,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 26.6% of Randolph's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 24.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **24.9%** | **25.1%** | **26.6%** | **19.8%** |
| $17.5M of $70.5M · median town 14.1% | $21.7M of $86.5M · median town 12.2% | $33.6M of $127M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 19.9% · median town 10.0% |

Randolph's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Randolph's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 23.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 9.9% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $17.5 million in FY2006 to $33.6 million in FY2025, +91.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $847,000 of Randolph's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+96.5%** | **+53.4%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $6.8M to $13.3M · all towns +54.0% | $15.6M to $24M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Randolph's health insurance would have been $8.47 million in FY2025; it was $13.3 million, $4.86 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $19.5 million in FY2025; it was $24 million, $4.45 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+49%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Randolph's government came to $1.1 million, 16.5% of the $6.55 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
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## SCHOOLS

## Randolph's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 270th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$33.9M** | **$32.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **+41%** |
| 270th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Randolph runs its own school district and also belongs to Blue Hills and Norfolk County; Randolph accounts for 30% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $51 million for schools serving Randolph, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Randolph's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$51M** | **5** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,461 per resident (114th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Randolph's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Elizabeth G. Lyons Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Randolph | Core | $4.6M | $4.6M |
| FY2022 | Elizabeth G. Lyons Elementary School | Randolph | Core | $27.6M | $27.6M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $59,000 (3%) |
| FY2018 | Martin E. Young Elementary School | Randolph | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $1.8M | $1.8M |
| FY2018 | Margaret L. Donovan Elementary School | Randolph | Accelerated Repair (Bolier; Window/Door) | $3.7M | $3.7M |
| FY2018 | Blue Hills Regional Technical High School | Blue Hills | Core | $44.4M | $13.3M (30%) |


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**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Randolph; Randolph's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $4.6 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the three projects closed with a final audit, Randolph's share of the final cost was $32.8 million against its share of the approved budget of $33.3 million (under by $517,000); the local share moved from $14.5 million to $15.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Randolph has $2.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$10M**<br>$1.6M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.1M**<br>annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 131st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Randolph came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $703,000 | $0 | $1.7M | $428,000 |
| FY2018 | $700,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $385,000 |
| FY2019 | $700,000 | $140,000 | $639,000 | $585,000 |
| FY2020 | $701,000 | $70,000 | $1.1M | $258,000 |
| FY2021 | $700,000 | $0 | $507,000 | $451,000 |
| FY2022 | $696,000 | $326,000 | $603,000 | $871,000 |
| FY2023 | $695,000 | $0 | $337,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $695,000 | $379,000 | $1.1M | $1.2M |
| FY2025 | $699,000 | $199,000 | $0 | $2.1M |
| FY2026 | $1M | $535,000 | $1.6M | $2.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1M | $0 | $0 | $3.1M |

The full list of the ten bridges in Randolph in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Randolph received $6.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 61% of the $10.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Randolph ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.2 million in earmarks placed in Randolph, $75,000 (6%) went to organizations rather than to Randolph's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Randolph** this town | **46** | **$11,148** | **$123** | **$35.83** | **0.23** | **2.3%** |
| Dracut peer | 46 | $11,847 | $125 | $51.31 | 0.50 | 2.5% |
| Stoughton peer | 43 | $10,942 | $402 | $41.94 | 0.88 | 3.0% |
| Milford peer | 54 | $15,901 | $146 | $36.10 | 0.26 | 3.1% |
| Agawam peer | 45 | $11,619 | $247 | $23.34 | 0.39 | 2.7% |
| Middleborough peer | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Raynham

Town · Bristol County · 15,505 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
8th Plymouth · Dennis C. Gallagher

**STATE SENATE**
Third Bristol and Plymouth · Kelly A. Dooner

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District**, shared with Bridgewater
**Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berkley, Bridgewater, Dighton, Freetown, Middleborough, Rehoboth and Taunton

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Raynham scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 12 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**43** / 100

177th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 46 | 38 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 167th to 207th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Raynham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 42 and 45 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**12** / 100

339th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | 14 | 10 | 14 |

Rank under other weightings: 336th to 343rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

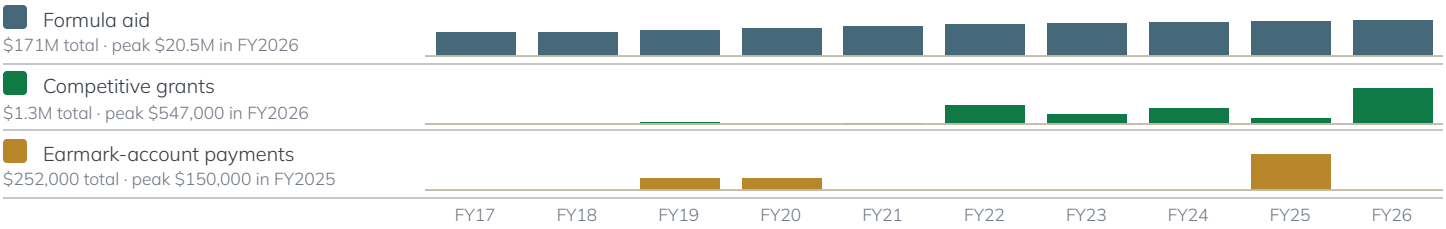
Raynham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 12 stays between 12 and 13 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Raynham's town government and school districts received $171 million in formula aid and $1.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$171M** | **$1.3M** | **$252,000** |
| $11,019 per resident (146th of 351) · gross | $86.59 per resident (332nd of 351) | $16.26 per resident (225th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Raynham peaked in FY2026 at $547,000, 41% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $16.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Raynham received $355,000 in local earmarks to its government, $890,000 placed in the city or town and $890,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$355,000** | **$890,000** | **$890,000** | **No** |
| $22.90 per resident (195th of 351) | $57.40 per resident (146th of 351) · 60% to organizations | $57.40 per resident (153rd of 351) · 60% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $355,000 went to Raynham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $535,000 went to organizations in Raynham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Raynham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (14 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $175,000 | "the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, Incorporated to provide law enforcement officers with access to critical incident stress management and peer support programs" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2018 | $160,000 | "the Raynham Housing Authority for public safety improvements" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, Incorporated to provide mental health, wellness and suicide prevention services to emergency service providers in southeastern Massachusetts" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, Incoporated , to provide mental health, wellness and suicide prevention services to emergency service providers in southeastern Massachusetts" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the purpose of emergency roadway repairs in Raynham" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 14 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Raynham received 94% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**76.7**<br>169th of 351 · 4.9 per 1,000 residents (236th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.2M**<br>scored exposure $4.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**50**<br>260th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.5 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**15,505**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.76**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.94; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**134 acres**<br>1.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$29,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$215**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,162**<br>FY2017–2025 · 213th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN RAYNHAM

## Raynham has 144 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 209 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**144 acres**<br>1.1% of Raynham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**209 acres**<br>1.6% of Raynham's land · 10 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**314 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**65 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 10 | 144 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 11 | 323 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 10 | 209 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 12 | 166 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 6 | 314 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 65 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 306 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 16 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 1 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hockomock Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 127 | |
| Raynham State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 94.3 miles of public road in Raynham, the state maintains 16.1 (17%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 16.1 | 17% |
| Town-accepted | 75.7 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.5 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Raynham $1.9 million and takes back $477,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.9 million** | **$477,000** | **$1.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 26% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $130,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $159,000 |
| State Owned Land | $29,000 |
| Public Libraries | $44,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $266,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $68,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,132 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $16,000 |
| Regional Transit | $123,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN RAYNHAM

## State programs also awarded $354,000 to organizations in Raynham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Raynham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $351,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.3% of Raynham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.4%** | **3.7%** | **3.3%** | **2.4%** |
| $1.9M of $25.9M · median town 14.1% | $1.3M of $36M · median town 12.2% | $1.7M of $50.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.0% · median town 10.0% |

Raynham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $13.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Raynham's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 43.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 49.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.9 million in FY2006 to $1.7 million in FY2025, −12.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+18.5%** | **+53.0%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $1.9M to $2.2M · all towns +54.0% | $3.8M to $5.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Raynham's health insurance would have been $2.33 million in FY2025; it was $2.21 million, $118,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.73 million in FY2025; it was $5.79 million, $1.07 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Raynham's government came to $330,000, 95.5% of the $345,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $330,000 | 95.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $690,000 | 2.0 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $690,000 | 2.0 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Raynham's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 129th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$14.8M** | **$20.7M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+10%** |
| 129th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Raynham has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Bridgewater-Raynham, Bristol Plymouth and Bristol County; Raynham accounts for 38%, 14% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $34.8 million for schools serving Raynham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Raynham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$34.8M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,246 per resident (80th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Raynham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $20.2M | $2.8M (14%) |
| FY2022 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $126M | $17.5M (14%) |
| FY2020 | George H. Mitchell Elementary School | Bridgewater Raynham | Core | $33.8M | $13M (38%) |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$5,455 (3%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $1.5M (3%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Raynham; Raynham's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $2.8 million, $2.8 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed


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with a final audit, Raynham's share of the final cost was $3 million against its share of the approved budget of $3 million (over by $76,000); the local share moved from $1.4 million to $1.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Raynham has $1.8 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.2M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.8M**<br>annual program: 1.9 years of its yearly money · 83rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>two rated poor; likely about $8.7M of work on those ($8.4M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.3M**<br>bridges $100,000 · dams $1.2M · culverts $75,000 |

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| FY2018 | $482,000 | $0 | $0 | $967,000 |
| FY2019 | $479,000 | $96,000 | $673,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2020 | $485,000 | $49,000 | $629,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2021 | $502,000 | $0 | $749,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2022 | $505,000 | $252,000 | $973,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2023 | $507,000 | $0 | $392,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $499,000 | $274,000 | $251,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2025 | $504,000 | $137,000 | $615,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2026 | $757,000 | $405,000 | $1.1M | $1.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $755,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.6M |

The full list of the 32 bridges in Raynham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Kings Pond Dam Repairs source | $1M |
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Pine Street over Bassett Brook source | $75,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Kings Pond Dam Repair Design source | $168,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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| Millbury peer | 44 | $9,909 | $648 | $53.29 | 1.09 | 2.5% |
| Bellingham peer | 39 | $9,082 | $546 | $23.24 | 1.24 | 3.0% |
| Seekonk peer | 31 | $7,825 | $53.68 | $16.99 | 1.67 | 3.0% |
| Tyngsborough peer | 42 | $10,115 | $758 | $44.22 | 2.20 | 3.2% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Reading

Town · Middlesex County · 25,612 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**30th Middlesex** · Richard M. Haggerty
62% of residents
**20th Middlesex** · Bradley H. Jones, Jr.
38% of residents
Reading is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Fifth Middlesex** · Jason M. Lewis

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Reading Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Wakefield and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Reading scores 36 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 24 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**36** / 100
255th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 52 | 30 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 242nd to 270th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Reading received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 32 and 39 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**24** / 100
301st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 34 | 27 | 16 |

Rank under other weightings: 284th to 312th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

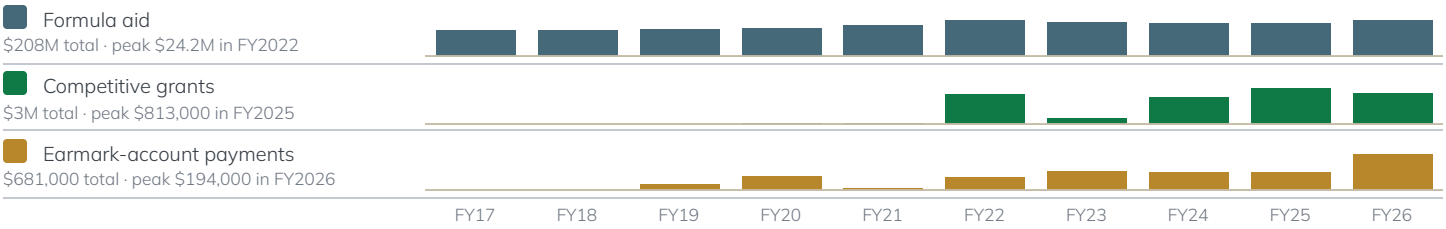
Reading received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 24 stays between 20 and 27 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Reading's town government and school districts received $208 million in formula aid and $3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$208M** | **$3M** | **$681,000** |
| $8,102 per resident (249th of 351) · gross | $118 per resident (317th of 351) | $26.60 per resident (165th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Reading peaked in FY2025 at $813,000, 27% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $13 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Reading received $800,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$800,000** | **$800,000** | **$800,000** | **No** |
| $31.24 per resident (155th of 351) | $31.24 per resident (234th of 351) | $31.24 per resident (238th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 20 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Reading's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Reading, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (20 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "the town of Reading school district to provide accessible school transportation for students with special needs" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $75,000 | "safety improvements at Reading Memorial High School" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $60,000 | "the town of Reading for the purchase of an elder and human services van" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the town of Reading for townwide traffic intersection improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "equipment acquisitions for Reading memorial high school in the town of Reading" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 20 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Reading received 1.27 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**92.5**<br>116th of 351 · 3.6 per 1,000 residents (294th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.3M**<br>scored exposure $280,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**40**<br>295th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.0 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**25,830**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.41**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.27; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**282 acres**<br>4.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$65,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$230**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$22,668**<br>FY2017–2025 · 155th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN READING

## No state conservation land is mapped in Reading; 85 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**85 acres**<br>1.3% of Reading's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**66 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 281 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 85 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 60 |
| Conservation restriction | 34 | 66 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Military Division | 1 | 281 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 102.4 miles of public road in Reading, the state maintains 6.8 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.8 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 92.5 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.0 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Reading $18.1 million and takes back $919,000 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $17.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.1 million** | **$919,000** | **$17.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $12.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $28,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $505,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $47,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $228,000 |
| State Owned Land | $65,000 |
| Public Libraries | $68,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $10,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $16,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| MBTA | $664,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $126,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $91,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.1% of Reading's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.7%** | **15.5%** | **13.1%** | **12.4%** |
| $12.2M of $65.2M · median town 14.1% | $13.5M of $87.3M · median town 12.2% | $16.3M of $124M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 16.7% · median town 10.0% |

Reading's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $150,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Reading's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 13.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 23.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $12.2 million in FY2006 to $16.3 million in FY2025, +34.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $424,000 of Reading's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+43.3%** | **+42.8%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $9.5M to $13.6M · all towns +54.0% | $16.4M to $23.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Reading's health insurance would have been $11.8 million in FY2025; it was $13.6 million, $1.74 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $20.5 million in FY2025; it was $23.5 million, $2.95 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+34%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Reading's government came to $625,000, 15.2% of the $4.10 million rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $625,000 | 15.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $625,000 | 15.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $625,000 | 15.2% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Reading's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 205th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$12.5M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$41.3M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.6%**<br>205th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+1%**<br>after inflation |

Reading runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Reading accounts for 4% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $51 million for schools serving Reading, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Reading's share<br>**$51M**<br>$1,992 per resident (87th of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Reading's share |
| FY2025 | J. Warren Killam Elementary School | Reading | Core | $45M | $45M |
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $832,000 (4%) |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $5.2M (4%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Reading; Reading's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $832,000, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Reading has $2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$8.6M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2M**<br>annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 159th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**2**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$596,000**<br>bridges $596,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Reading came on average 28 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $596,000 | $0 | $522,000 | $122,000 |
| FY2018 | $594,000 | $0 | $410,000 | $306,000 |
| FY2019 | $593,000 | $119,000 | $870,000 | $833,000 |
| FY2020 | $593,000 | $59,000 | $717,000 | $869,000 |
| FY2021 | $595,000 | $0 | $626,000 | $838,000 |
| FY2022 | $605,000 | $309,000 | $483,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2023 | $599,000 | $0 | $361,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2024 | $594,000 | $336,000 | $1.1M | $1.4M |
| FY2025 | $593,000 | $167,000 | $94,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2026 | $901,000 | $486,000 | $1.5M | $2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $898,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.9M |

The full list of the eight bridges in Reading in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Reading received $4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 62% of the $6.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Reading ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Reading** this town | **36** | **$8,102** | **$118** | **$31.24** | **1.27** | **2.6%** |
| Walpole peer | 30 | $6,864 | $139 | $32.09 | 0.61 | 2.6% |
| Acton peer | 40 | $9,929 | $351 | $53.20† | 2.12 | 3.1% |
| Sharon peer | 35 | $8,474 | $593 | $38.45 | 1.92 | 3.1% |
| Westford peer | 45 | $10,874 | $400 | $41.76 | 1.34 | 2.9% |
| North Reading peer | 38 | $8,458 | $326 | $76.44 | 0.68 | 3.0% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Rehoboth

Town · Bristol County · 13,022 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
4th Bristol · Steven S. Howitt

**STATE SENATE**
Third Bristol and Plymouth · Kelly A. Dooner

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District, shared with Dighton
Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Berkley, Bridgewater, Dighton, Freetown, Middleborough, Raynham and Taunton

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Rehoboth scores 33 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 10 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**33** / 100

278th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 42 | 31 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 269th to 282nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Rehoboth received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 33 stays between 31 and 35 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**10** / 100

345th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 13 | 10 | 8 |

Rank under other weightings: 344th to 346th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

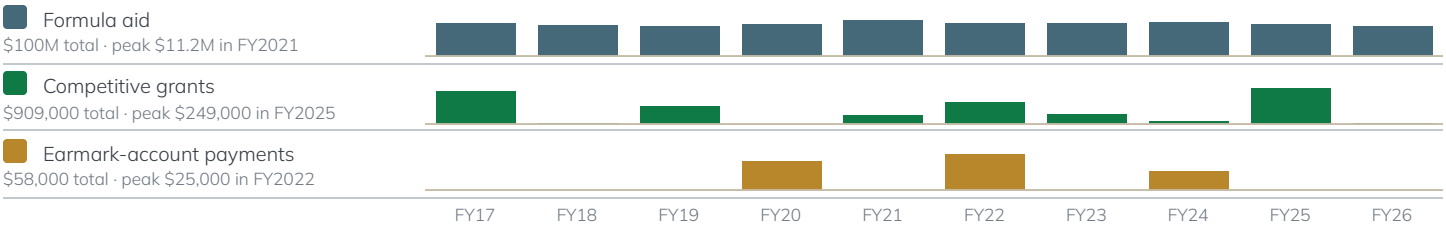
Rehoboth received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 10 stays between 9 and 11 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Rehoboth's town government and school districts received $100 million in formula aid and $909,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $100M | $909,000 | $58,000 |
| $7,696 per resident (268th of 351) · gross | $69.78 per resident (339th of 351) | $4.49 per resident (294th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Rehoboth peaked in FY2025 at $249,000, 27% of the ten-year total.**




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EARMARKS

## Rehoboth received $167,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $167,000 | $167,000 | $167,000 | No |
| $12.80 per resident (253rd of 351) | $12.80 per resident (297th of 351) | $12.80 per resident (299th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Rehoboth's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Rehoboth, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $35,000 | "the town of Rehoboth for the remediation, testing and supplies for water systems contaminated by per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances, as well as the installation and maintenance of filtration systems in residents' homes" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the town of Rehoboth for the remediation, testing and supplies for water systems contaminated by per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances, as well as the installation and maintenance of filtration systems in residents' homes" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "replacement of the Rehoboth fire department's radio system in the town of Rehoboth" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "building code upgrades to the fire alarm and security system at the public safety building in the town of Rehoboth" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $20,000 | "the replacement of a diesel emergency generator for the public safety building in the town of Rehoboth" | Enacted to the city or town government |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Rehoboth received 22% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**136.5**<br>44th of 351 · 10.5 per 1,000 residents (100th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.9M**<br>scored exposure $4.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**148**<br>42nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**46.9 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**13,331**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.27**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.22; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**139 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$49,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$355**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$30,948**<br>FY2017–2025 · 100th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN REHOBOTH

## Rehoboth has 140 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,450 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**140 acres**<br>0.5% of Rehoboth's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,450 acres**<br>8.2% of Rehoboth's land · 154 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**257 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**987 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 6 | 140 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 167 | 700 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 13 | 303 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 92 | 1,395 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 49 | 752 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 160 | 4,027 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 13 | 257 |
| Conservation restriction | 35 | 987 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state agencies | 164 | 561 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 140 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rehoboth State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 138 | |
| Rehoboth Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 145.8 miles of public road in Rehoboth, the state maintains 7.9 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.9 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 135.0 | 93% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.9 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Rehoboth $1.5 million and takes back $457,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.5 million** | **$457,000** | **$1.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 30% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $41,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $41,000 |
| State Owned Land | $49,000 |
| Public Libraries | $36,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $231,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $109,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,421 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $10,000 |
| MBTA | $79,000 |
| Regional Transit | $24,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN REHOBOTH

## State programs also awarded $128,000 to organizations in Rehoboth other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Rehoboth. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $125,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.0% of Rehoboth's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 6.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **6.9%** | **5.1%** | **4.0%** | **2.8%** |
| $1.2M of $17.8M · median town 14.1% | $1.3M of $24.7M · median town 12.2% | $1.5M of $38M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.5% · median town 10.0% |


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Rehoboth's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $5.3 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Rehoboth's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 21.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 29.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.2 million in FY2006 to $1.5 million in FY2025, +22.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+65.4%** | **+76.6%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $650,000 to $1.1M · all towns +54.0% | $1.8M to $3.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Rehoboth's health insurance would have been $812,000 in FY2025; it was $1.07 million, $263,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.23 million in FY2025; it was $3.15 million, $922,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Rehoboth's government came to $142,000, 33.3% of the $425,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $142,000 | 33.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $142,000 | 33.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $142,000 | 33.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Rehoboth's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 119th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.9M** | **$18.3M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **–17%** |
| 119th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Rehoboth has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Dighton-Rehoboth, Bristol County and Bristol Plymouth; Rehoboth accounts for 57%, 7% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $8.9 million for schools serving Rehoboth, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Rehoboth's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.9M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $686 per resident (168th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Rehoboth's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $20.2M | $693,000 (3%) |
| FY2022 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $126M | $4.3M (3%) |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$14,000 (7%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $3.9M (7%) |


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**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Rehoboth; Rehoboth's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $679,000, $693,000 of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Rehoboth's share of the final cost was $7.9 million against its share of the approved budget of $7.7 million (over by $199,000); the local share moved from $3.7 million to $4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Rehoboth has $1.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9.6M**<br>$1.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.6M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 208th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**17**<br>four rated poor; likely about $3.3M of work on those ($2.4M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Rehoboth came on average 16 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Rehoboth owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $615,000 | $0 | $837,000 | $187,000 |
| FY2018 | $613,000 | $0 | $759,000 | $85,000 |
| FY2019 | $612,000 | $122,000 | $429,000 | $390,000 |
| FY2020 | $612,000 | $61,000 | $699,000 | $365,000 |
| FY2021 | $612,000 | $0 | $804,000 | $172,000 |
| FY2022 | $612,000 | $440,000 | $717,000 | $507,000 |
| FY2023 | $611,000 | $0 | $479,000 | $640,000 |
| FY2024 | $622,000 | $412,000 | $809,000 | $864,000 |
| FY2025 | $624,000 | $172,000 | $783,000 | $877,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $666,000 | $0 | $2.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $971,000 | $2.7M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Rehoboth in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2019 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Culvert and Green Infrastructure Concept Design and Dam Resiliency Assessment source | $120,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Rehoboth received $1.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 37% of the $3.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Rehoboth ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rehoboth** this town | **33** | **$7,696** | **$69.78** | **$12.80** | **0.22** | **2.8%** |
| Charlton peer | 56 | $14,031 | $197 | $23.82 | 0.74 | 3.0% |
| Lakeville peer | 44 | $10,579 | $119 | $49.61 | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Longmeadow peer | 28 | $7,493 | $122 | $37.08† | 0.57 | 3.4% |
| Freetown peer | 43 | $10,093 | $164 | $145† | 0.30 | 2.8% |
| Ashland peer | 36 | $7,807 | $843 | $98.35 | 1.10 | 3.0% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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SUFFOLK COUNTY

# Revere

City · Suffolk County · 60,012 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**16th Suffolk** · Jessica Ann Giannino
59% of residents
**19th Suffolk** · Jeffrey Rosario Turco
41% of residents
Revere is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Third Suffolk** · Lydia Edwards

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Revere Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Saugus, Stoneham, Wakefield and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Revere scores 64 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 48 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**64** / 100
29th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 59 | 64 | 68 |

Rank under other weightings: 23rd to 37th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Revere received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 64 stays between 62 and 65 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**48** / 100
198th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 40 | 57 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 184th to 216th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

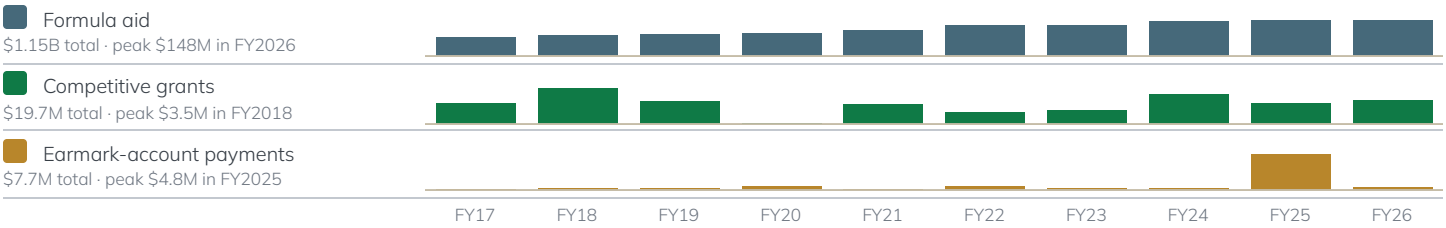
Revere received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 45 and 51 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Revere's town government and school districts received $1.15 billion in formula aid and $19.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.15B** | **$19.7M** | **$7.7M** |
| $19,109 per resident (33rd of 351) · gross | $328 per resident (199th of 351) | $128 per resident (17th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Revere were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $84.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Revere received $1.3 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.6 million placed in the city or town and $3.7 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.3M** | **$1.6M** | **$3.7M** | **No** |
| $21.07 per resident (210th of 351) | $25.99 per resident (256th of 351) · 19% to organizations | $61.66 per resident (144th of 351) · 8% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 36 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.3 million went to Revere's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $295,000 went to organizations in Revere or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Revere but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $2.1 million, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $2.1 million in 19 clauses for state facilities located in Revere (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Revere, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (55 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $225,000 (split four ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, Quincy, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester and Hull to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2022 | $225,000 (split four ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
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| FY2019 | $225,000 (split four ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2018 | $225,000 (split four ways) | "the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and seasonally staffed as recommended by the metropolitan beaches commission in coordination with the department of conservation and recreation" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Revere received 2.70 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**83.8**<br>143rd of 351 · 1.4 per 1,000 residents (345th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16.5M**<br>scored exposure $5.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**11**<br>337th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**5.7 sq mi**<br>17% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**60,192**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.82**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.70; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$970**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$277**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$28,447**<br>FY2017–2025 · 116th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN REVERE

## Revere has 660 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**660 acres**<br>18.1% of Revere's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 89 | 660 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 5 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 5 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rumney Marsh Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 460 | |
| Revere Beach Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 117 | |
| Revere Beach Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 40 | |
| Belle Isle Marsh Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 26 | |
| Linden and Town Line Brook | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | |
| Winthrop Shore Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Town Line Brook | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

## ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 107.5 miles of public road in Revere, the state maintains 21.7 (20%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.5 | 14% |
| DCR | 7.2 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 83.9 | 78% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.8 | 2% |

## STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2026 | $30,000 | “troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells Reservation park among other identified…” |
| FY2025 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2025 | $30,000 | “Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells reservation park, among other identified…” |
| FY2024 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, Quincy, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2024 | $30,000 | “Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells reservation park, among other identified…” |
| FY2023 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere, Winthrop and Quincy, the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of…” |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | “Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells Reservation park among other identified…” |
| FY2022 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2022 | $30,000 | “Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells reservation park among other identified…” |
| FY2021 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2020 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the Dorchester, East Boston and South Boston sections of the city of Boston, in the cities of Lynn, Quincy and Revere…” |
| FY2019 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2019 | $30,000 | “Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere Beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells Reservation Park among other identified…” |
| FY2018 | $225,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2018 | $30,000 | “Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere Beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells Reservation Park among other identified…” |
| FY2017 | $225,000 | “the Metropolitan Beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull to be fully maintained and…” |
| FY2017 | $30,000 | “Troop A to conduct mounted, directed patrols throughout Revere beach, the Lynn Fells and the Middlesex Fells Reservation Park, along with other…” |
| FY2017 | $17,000 | “address the cleanup of Pilayella algae in Lynn, Nahant and Revere” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Revere $125 million and takes back $22.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $103 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$125 million** | **$22.2 million** | **$103 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 18% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $108M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $2.3M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $13.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $282,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $524,000 |
| State Owned Land | $982 |
| Public Libraries | $163,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $2.9M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $61,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $19,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $37,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $351,000 |
| MBTA | $4.6M |
| Special Education | $6,838 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $749,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $13.5M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN REVERE

## State programs also awarded $868,000 to organizations in Revere other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Revere. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Revere and Housing Families nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $143,000 |
| FY2022 | The Neighborhood Developers nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | The Neighborhood Developers nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | The Neighborhood Developers nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2025 | The Neighborhood Developers nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | The Neighborhood Developers nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $50,000 |
| FY2023 | EV) Charging Plan (Chelsea nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $33,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2024 | Women Encouraging Empowerment nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $20,000 |

A further $222,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

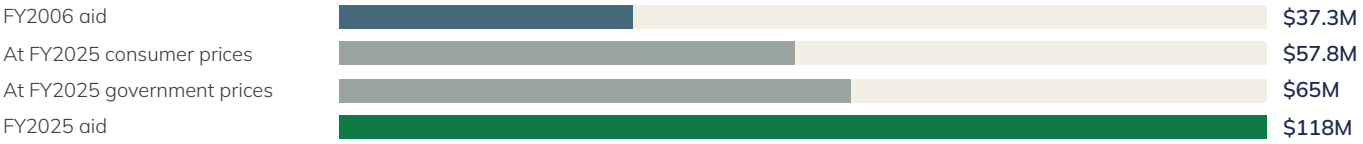
## State aid covered 39.3% of Revere's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 32.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **32.5%** | **40.1%** | **39.3%** | **33.1%** |
| $37.3M of $115M · median town 14.1% | $65.2M of $163M · median town 12.2% | $118M of $299M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 29.4% · median town 10.0% |

Revere's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $4.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Revere's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 103.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 81.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $37.3 million in FY2006 to $118 million in FY2025, +215.9% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+219.0%** | **+134.1%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $21.9M to $70M · all towns +54.0% | $34.5M to $80.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Revere's health insurance would have been $27.4 million in FY2025; it was $70 million, $42.6 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $43 million in FY2025; it was $80.7 million, $37.6 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+51%), FY2018 (–38%), FY2019 (+88%), FY2022 (–31%) and FY2023 (+63%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+79%), FY2018 (–55%), FY2019 (+159%), FY2022 (–39%) and FY2023 (+89%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Revere's government came to $999,000, 2.1% of the $48 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $999,000 | 2.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.3M | 2.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.2M | 6.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Revere's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 121st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$112M** | **$54.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+28%** |
| 121st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Revere runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Revere accounts for 20% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $277 million for schools serving Revere, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Revere's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$277M** | **5** | **$8.66B** |
| $4,613 per resident (12th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Revere's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Revere High School | Revere | Core | $239M | $239M |
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $4.5M (20%) |
| FY2022 | Abraham Lincoln School | Revere | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $2.8M | $2.8M |
| FY2022 | Beachmont Veterans Memorial School | Revere | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.7M | $1.7M |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $28.1M (20%) |
| FY2017 | Garfield Middle School | Revere | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $918,000 | $918,000 |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Revere; Revere's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $4.5 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the three projects closed with a final audit, Revere's share of the final cost was $6.3 million against its share of the approved budget of $7.5 million (under by $1.3 million); the local share moved from $2.2 million to $1.9 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Revere has $1.8 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$11M**<br>$1.7M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.8M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 231st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Revere came on average 14 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $790,000 | $0 | $211,000 | $579,000 |
| FY2018 | $785,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $169,000 |
| FY2019 | $783,000 | $157,000 | $1.1M | $50,000 |
| FY2020 | $778,000 | $78,000 | $694,000 | $213,000 |
| FY2021 | $771,000 | $0 | $824,000 | $160,000 |
| FY2022 | $772,000 | $279,000 | $641,000 | $570,000 |
| FY2023 | $807,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $311,000 |
| FY2024 | $812,000 | $401,000 | $882,000 | $643,000 |
| FY2025 | $814,000 | $241,000 | $190,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $497,000 | $1.3M | $1.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $2.9M |

The full list of the 32 bridges in Revere in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Revere received $21.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 15% more than the $18.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Revere ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.6 million in earmarks placed in Revere, $295,000 (19%) went to organizations rather than to Revere's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Revere** this town | **64** | **$19,109** | **$328** | **$25.99** | **2.70** | **2.8%** |
| Malden peer | 51 | $13,164 | $195 | $58.55† | 1.64 | 2.4% |
| Haverhill peer | 58 | $16,056 | $523 | $98.18† | 2.11 | 2.7% |
| Marlborough peer | 53 | $13,835 | $804 | $65.97 | 1.57 | 3.4% |
| Attleboro peer | 48 | $13,064 | $110 | $32.30† | 0.33 | 2.7% |
| Everett peer | 68 | $22,244 | $337 | $120 | 2.38 | 3.1% |
| Framingham best in class of 30 | 54 | $14,513 | $248 | $157† | 0.72 | 3.1% |
| Middleborough lowest in class of 30 | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Richmond

Town · Berkshire County · 1,403 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Richmond Public Schools, the town's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Richmond scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 71 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**40** / 100

216th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 42 | 40 | 39 |

Rank under other weightings: 210th to 241st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Richmond received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 39 and 40 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**71** / 100

114th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 76 | 59 | 74 |

Rank under other weightings: 105th to 120th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

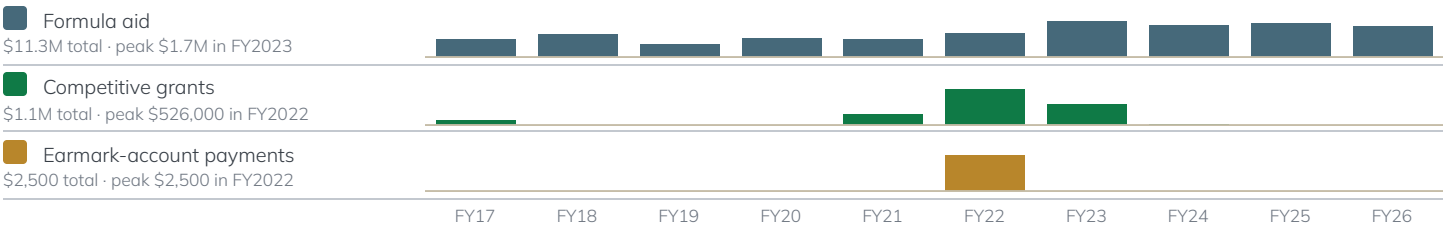
Richmond received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 71 stays between 68 and 73 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Richmond's town government and school districts received $11.3 million in formula aid and $1.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $11.3M | $1.1M | $2,500 |
| $8,072 per resident (252nd of 351) · gross | $776 per resident (99th of 351) | $1.78 per resident (318th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Richmond peaked in FY2022 at $526,000, 48% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $974,000, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in Richmond in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,500 in payments to Richmond's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Richmond.

Richmond is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Richmond's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Richmond's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Stockbridge | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Egremont | $0 | $485,000 | $485,000 | $394 |
| Erving | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Blandford | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Hinsdale | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Richmond received 19% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**39.0**<br>295th of 351 · 27.8 per 1,000 residents (45th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.5M**<br>scored exposure $194,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**90**<br>141st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.7 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**24%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,860**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.68**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.19; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**289 acres**<br>2.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$25,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$86.17**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,572**<br>FY2017–2025 · 166th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN RICHMOND

## Richmond has 287 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,008 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**287 acres**<br>2.4% of Richmond's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,008 acres**<br>16.8% of Richmond's land · 64 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**96 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,395 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 287 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 288 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 22 | 740 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 26 | 855 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 16 | 413 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 58 | 2,230 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 4 | 96 |
| Conservation restriction | 31 | 1,395 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 5 | 187 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 101 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fairfield Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 164 | |
| Richmond State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 98 | |
| Richmond Fen WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 24 | |
| Pittsfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 47.5 miles of public road in Richmond, the state maintains 7.7 (16%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $573,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $331,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $142,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $18,000 |
| State Owned Land | $26,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,154 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $24,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $693 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $500 |
| Regional Transit | $383 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $147,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN RICHMOND

## State programs also awarded $8,696 to organizations in Richmond other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.4% of Richmond's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 17.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **17.8%** | **15.5%** | **13.4%** | **11.5%** |
| $820,000 of $4.6M · median town 14.1% | $848,000 of $5.5M · median town 12.2% | $1.1M of $7.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 20.5% · median town 10.0% |

**Richmond's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 16.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 25.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $820,000 in FY2006 to $1.1 million in FY2025, +30.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $297,000 of Richmond's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+49.8%** | **+67.2%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $129,000 to $193,000 · all towns +54.0% | $340,000 to $569,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Richmond's health insurance would have been $161,000 in FY2025; it was $193,000, $32,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $425,000 in FY2025; it was $569,000, $144,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (–34%) and FY2023 (+39%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Richmond's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $64,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Richmond's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 285th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$554,000** | **$1.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| Share of household income | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26 |
| **2.2%** | **+12%** |
| 285th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Richmond runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Richmond, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Richmond has $533,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.8M** | **$2M** | **$533,000** |
| $731,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 222nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
| **6** | **0** | **$705,000** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $650,000 · dams $0 · culverts $55,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Richmond came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $169,000 | $0 | $261,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $166,000 | $0 | $476,000 | $10 |
| FY2019 | $166,000 | $33,000 | $0 | $199,000 |
| FY2020 | $165,000 | $17,000 | $298,000 | $108,000 |
| FY2021 | $165,000 | $0 | $0 | $273,000 |
| FY2022 | $164,000 | $130,000 | $44,000 | $523,000 |
| FY2023 | $163,000 | $0 | $415,000 | $270,000 |
| FY2024 | $162,000 | $217,000 | $289,000 | $360,000 |
| FY2025 | $162,000 | $147,000 | $426,000 | $244,000 |
| FY2026 | $291,000 | $188,000 | $189,000 | $533,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $291,000 | $0 | $0 | $824,000 |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Richmond in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Sleepy Hollow Road over Sleepy Hollow Brook source | $55,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Richmond received $1.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 42% of the $2.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Richmond is one of six municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Richmond** this town | **40** | **$8,072** | **$776** | **$0** | **0.19** | **2.2%** |
| West Stockbridge peer · lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $9,304 | $478 | $0 | 0.46 | 2.4% |
| Egremont peer · best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Erving peer | 50 | $7,326 | $3,750 | $0 | 8.12 | 4.7% |
| Blandford peer | 52 | $10,142 | $5,405 | $0 | 0.80 | 2.6% |
| Hinsdale peer | 44 | $9,786 | $1,790 | $0 | 2.54 | 3.6% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Rochester

Town · Plymouth County · 5,837 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

10th Bristol · Mark D. Sylvia

STATE SENATE

First Bristol and Plymouth · Michael J. Rodrigues

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Rochester Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Old Rochester Regional School District**, shared with Marion and Mattapoisett
**Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville and Mattapoisett

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Rochester scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 45 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**43** / 100

182nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 52 | 38 | 37 |

Rank under other weightings: 164th to 209th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Rochester received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 40 and 46 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**45** / 100

207th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | 56 | 35 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 195th to 217th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

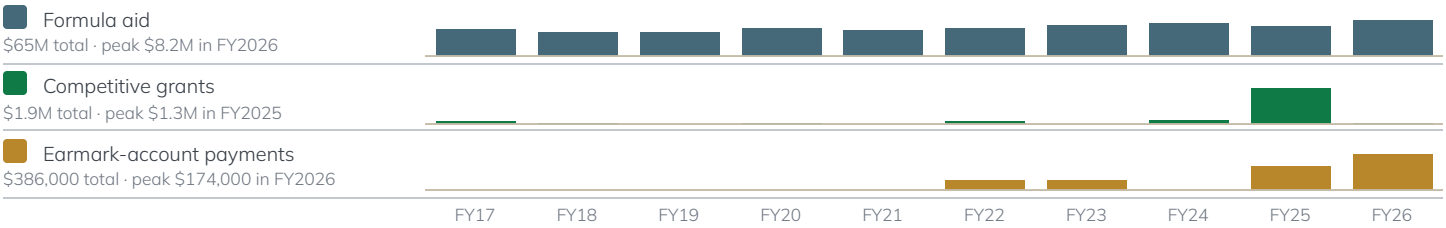
Rochester received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 41 and 50 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Rochester's town government and school districts received $65 million in formula aid and $1.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$65M** | **$1.9M** | **$386,000** |
| $11,142 per resident (142nd of 351) · gross | $331 per resident (196th of 351) | $66.21 per resident (42nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Rochester peaked in FY2025 at $1.3 million, 70% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Rochester received $275,000 in local earmarks to its government, $275,000 placed in the city or town and $295,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$275,000** | **$275,000** | **$295,000** | **No** |
| $47.11 per resident (84th of 351) | $47.11 per resident (178th of 351) | $50.54 per resident (174th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Rochester's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Clauses that name Rochester but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $20,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $20,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Rochester (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Rochester, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the town of Rochester for improvements to the town's transfer station" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "as a grant to the town of Rochester to partner with the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District and other experts to support a hydrological evaluation of Snipatuit pond and the water supply carrying capacity and watershed boundaries of the Mattapoisett river valley and the..." | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "a public safety facility planning and feasibility study in the town of Rochester" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the Rochester council on aging for the purchase of a handicap-accessible vehicle" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $30,000 | "the town of Rochester for updates and improvements to the town website" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Rochester received 45% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**67.9**<br>196th of 351 · 11.6 per 1,000 residents (89th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.1M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**93**<br>133rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**33.6 sq mi**<br>6% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,837**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.13**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.45; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,453 acres**<br>6.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$138,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$94.92**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$35,691**<br>FY2017–2025 · 78th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ROCHESTER

## Rochester has 1,478 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,577 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,478 acres**<br>6.9% of Rochester's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,577 acres**<br>12.0% of Rochester's land · 145 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**366 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**3,308 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 16 | 1,478 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 35 | 1,367 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 23 | 453 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 92 | 1,793 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 30 | 331 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 112 | 3,680 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 9 | 366 |
| Conservation restriction | 118 | 3,308 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 18 | 755 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 17 | 612 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Haskell Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,239 | |
| Mattapoisett River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 162 | |
| Hartley Reservoir WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 76 | |
| Snipatuit Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 75.6 miles of public road in Rochester, the state maintains 6.4 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.4 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 67.9 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.4 | 2% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $20,000 | “a flood management study of the Assawompset pond complex that is a part of the Taunton river watershed in the towns of Freetown, Lakeville…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Rochester $3.4 million and takes back $190,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.4 million** | **$190,000** | **$3.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $2.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $19,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $559,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $30,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $66,000 |
| State Owned Land | $139,000 |
| Public Libraries | $16,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $23,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $78,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,136 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,600 |
| MBTA | $4,361 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $30,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $48,000 |

### STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ROCHESTER

## State programs also awarded $69,000 to organizations in Rochester other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Rochester. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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| Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
| FY2026 | Rochester Land Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $44,000 |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $22,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.5% of Rochester's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 16.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **16.3%** | **11.6%** | **12.5%** | **11.9%** |
| $2.3M of $14.1M · median town 14.1% | $2.3M of $19.6M · median town 12.2% | $3.2M of $26M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.5% · median town 10.0% |

Rochester's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.3 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Rochester's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 9.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 19.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.3 million in FY2006 to $3.2 million in FY2025, +40.8% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+39.8%** | **+60.5%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $699,000 to $976,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.7M to $2.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Rochester's health insurance would have been $873,000 in FY2025; it was $976,000, $104,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.12 million in FY2025; it was $2.72 million, $603,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Rochester's government came to $245,000, 88.2% of the $278,000 rise in its health insurance.

| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $245,000 | 88.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $245,000 | 88.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $265,000 | 95.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Rochester's required school contribution is 3.3% of median household income, 28th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$4.9M** | **$8.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| Share of household income | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26 |
| **3.3%** | **+4%** |
| 28th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Rochester runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Old Rochester and Old Colony for others; Rochester accounts for 34% and 18% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $23.4 million for schools serving


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## Rochester, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Rochester's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$23.4M**<br>$4,010 per resident (21st of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Rochester's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School | Old Colony | Core | $129M | $23.4M (18%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Rochester has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | **$3.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.3M**<br>annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 148th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
| **9**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $305,000 | $0 | $954,000 | $305,000 |
| FY2018 | $302,000 | $0 | $320,000 | $370,000 |
| FY2019 | $302,000 | $60,000 | $0 | $733,000 |
| FY2020 | $302,000 | $30,000 | $715,000 | $350,000 |
| FY2021 | $302,000 | $0 | $0 | $652,000 |
| FY2022 | $308,000 | $226,000 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2023 | $309,000 | $0 | $226,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | $309,000 | $309,000 | $892,000 | $994,000 |
| FY2025 | $308,000 | $188,000 | $0 | $1.5M |
| FY2026 | $532,000 | $331,000 | $1.1M | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $531,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.8M |

The full list of the 11 bridges in Rochester in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Rochester received $2.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 54% of the $4.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Rochester ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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## nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rochester** this town | **43** | **$11,142** | **$331** | **$47.11** | **0.45** | **3.3%** |
| Sterling peer | 34 | $8,083 | $141 | $35.44 | 0.62 | 2.6% |
| Mendon peer | 50 | $13,851 | $425 | $113 | 1.05 | 3.6% |
| Boylston peer | 32 | $7,545 | $121 | $68.71 | 0.67 | 2.6% |
| West Bridgewater peer | 41 | $10,584 | $177 | $65.30 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Westminster peer · best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Deerfield lowest in class of 30 | 44 | $9,461 | $1,195 | $6.46 | 2.83 | 2.4% |

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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Rockland

Town · Plymouth County · 17,701 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

5th Plymouth · David F. DeCoste

STATE SENATE

Norfolk and Plymouth · John F. Keenan

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Rockland Public Schools, the town's own district

South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate and Whitman

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Rockland scores 52 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 64 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**52** / 100

104th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 53 | 53 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 94th to 114th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Rockland received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 52 and 53 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**64** / 100

131st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 64 | 69 | 61 |

Rank under other weightings: 125th to 138th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

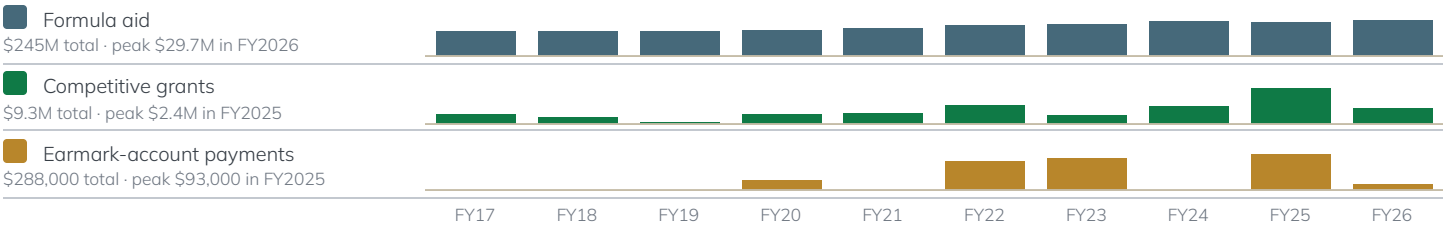
Rockland received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 64 stays between 63 and 65 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Rockland's town government and school districts received $245 million in formula aid and $9.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $245M | $9.3M | $288,000 |
| $13,816 per resident (99th of 351) · gross | $523 per resident (135th of 351) | $16.25 per resident (226th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Rockland peaked in FY2025 at $2.4 million, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $22.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Rockland received $608,000 in local earmarks to its government, $734,000 placed in the city or town and $734,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $608,000 | $734,000 | $734,000 | No |
| $34.38 per resident (141st of 351) | $41.44 per resident (195th of 351) · 17% to organizations | $41.44 per resident (200th of 351) · 17% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 22 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $608,000 went to Rockland's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $125,000 went to organizations in Rockland or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Rockland, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (22 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $80,000 | "the town of Rockland for work including, but not limited to, predesign of the VFW drive and Weymouth street corridor improvement project" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "the town of Rockland for traffic and sidewalk improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $62,000 | "restorations and improvements to the public baseball fields in the town of Rockland" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $60,000 | "the Rockland Housing Authority for maintenance and repairs" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the town of Rockland for manhole and catch basin structure replacements" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 22 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Rockland received 1.27 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**49.9**<br>254th of 351 · 2.8 per 1,000 residents (322nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$336,000**<br>scored exposure $87,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**53**<br>249th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.0 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**17,701**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.85**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.27; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,689**<br>FY2017–2025 · 309th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ROCKLAND

## No state conservation land is mapped in Rockland; 22 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**22 acres**<br>0.4% of Rockland's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**111 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 22 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 100 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 111 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 56.7 miles of public road in Rockland, the state maintains 3.4 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.4 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 49.6 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.7 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Rockland $25.3 million and takes back $4.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $20.6 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$25.3 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$4.7 million**<br>18% of what is sent | Net<br>**$20.6 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $20.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $631,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $552,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $251,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $196,000 |
| Public Libraries | $50,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $50,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $1.7M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $50,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,526 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $26,000 |
| MBTA | $57,000 |
| Regional Transit | $78,000 |
| Special Education | $5,040 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $257,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.4M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ROCKLAND

## State programs also awarded $2.3 million to organizations in Rockland other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Rockland. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Abington-Rockland Joint Water Works nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $2.2M |
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 28.2% of Rockland's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 32.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **32.0%** | **29.0%** | **28.2%** | **23.5%** |
| $12.2M of $38M · median town 14.1% | $15.7M of $54M · median town 12.2% | $23.2M of $82.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 25.7% · median town 10.0% |

Rockland's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Rockland's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 22.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 9.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $12.2 million in FY2006 to $23.2 million in FY2025, +90.3% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+76.3%** | **+61.7%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $4.9M to $8.7M · all towns +54.0% | $9.6M to $15.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Rockland's health insurance would have been $6.15 million in FY2025; it was $8.68 million, $2.53 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $12 million in FY2025; it was $15.5 million, $3.53 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Rockland's government came to $550,000, 14.7% of the $3.75 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $550,000 | 14.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $650,000 | 17.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $650,000 | 17.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Rockland's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 221st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$21.5M** | **$19.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+16%** |
| 221st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Rockland runs its own school district and also belongs to South Shore; Rockland accounts for 21% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $58.9 million for schools serving Rockland, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Rockland's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$58.9M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,329 per resident (39th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Rockland's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School | South Shore | Core | $112M | $23M (21%) |
| FY2020 | Jefferson Elementary School | Rockland | Core | $35.9M | $35.9M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Rockland has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.6M** | **$3.8M** | **$1.2M** |
| $873,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 178th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **1** | **1** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Rockland owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $396,000 | $0 | $534,000 | $185,000 |
| FY2018 | $395,000 | $0 | $495,000 | $294,000 |
| FY2019 | $395,000 | $79,000 | $176,000 | $592,000 |
| FY2020 | $400,000 | $40,000 | $511,000 | $521,000 |
| FY2021 | $401,000 | $0 | $523,000 | $398,000 |
| FY2022 | $399,000 | $165,000 | $133,000 | $830,000 |
| FY2023 | $394,000 | $0 | $414,000 | $810,000 |
| FY2024 | $394,000 | $202,000 | $834,000 | $572,000 |
| FY2025 | $393,000 | $109,000 | $120,000 | $955,000 |
| FY2026 | $560,000 | $277,000 | $609,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $558,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.7M |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Rockland received $10 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 58% more than the $6.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Rockland ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $734,000 in earmarks placed in Rockland, $125,000 (17%) went to organizations rather than to Rockland's government.

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| **Rockland** this town | **52** | **$13,816** | **$523** | **$41.44** | **1.27** | **2.5%** |
| Amesbury peer | 39 | $9,706 | $676 | $64.69 | 2.17 | 2.8% |
| Winthrop peer | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Hudson peer | 42 | $10,896 | $229 | $66.49 | 0.91 | 3.1% |
| Whitman peer | 56 | $16,230 | $202 | $15.36 | 0.52 | 2.5% |
| Pepperell peer | 51 | $13,867 | $271 | $56.38 | 1.79 | 2.6% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Rockport

Town · Essex County · 7,009 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

5th Essex · Andrew Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (until November 2025)

STATE SENATE

First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Rockport Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Rockport scores 29 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 57 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**29** / 100

312th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 30 | 40 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 277th to 335th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Rockport received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 29 stays between 26 and 33 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**57** / 100

158th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 63 | 59 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 151st to 168th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

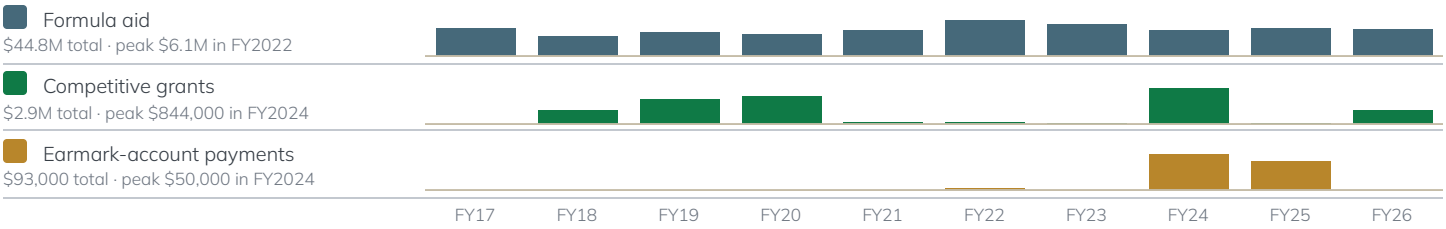
Rockport received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 57 stays between 55 and 59 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Rockport's town government and school districts received $44.8 million in formula aid and $2.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$44.8M** | **$2.9M** | **$93,000** |
| $6,385 per resident (324th of 351) · gross | $408 per resident (164th of 351) | $13.25 per resident (238th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Rockport peaked in FY2024 at $844,000, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $10.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Rockport received $575,000 in local earmarks to its government, $621,000 placed in the city or town and $671,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$575,000** | **$621,000** | **$671,000** | **No** |
| $82.10 per resident (35th of 351) | $88.56 per resident (83rd of 351) · 7% to organizations | $95.69 per resident (84th of 351) · 7% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 18 clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $575,000 went to Rockport's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $45,000 went to organizations in Rockport or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Rockport but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $50,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $50,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Rockport (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Rockport, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (19 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $95,000 | "the town of Rockport to purchase pump station equipment for the Dock square pump station" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "the modernization of the dock square sewer pump in the town of Rockport" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $67,000 (split three ways) | "in support of Manchester-by-the-Sea's Confronting the Challenges of Climate Change project in the city of Gloucester and the towns of Essex and Rockport" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at the Rockport public library" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Rockport for coastal resilience planning and mitigation" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 19 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Rockport received 1.27 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**32.6**<br>321st of 351 · 4.7 per 1,000 residents (253rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1M**<br>scored exposure $267,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**14**<br>333rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**7.0 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**20%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,785**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.70**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.27; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**82 acres**<br>1.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$36,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$435**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,916**<br>FY2017–2025 · 161st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ROCKPORT

## Rockport has 88 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**88 acres**<br>2.0% of Rockport's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of Rockport's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**118 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 10 | 88 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 11 | 76 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 1 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 26 |
| Conservation restriction | 13 | 118 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | 54 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 21 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Halibut Point State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 63 | |
| Milk Island Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 25 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 41.1 miles of public road in Rockport, the state maintains 1.6 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.6 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 32.9 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.6 | 16% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $50,000 | “staffing and operations necessary at Halibut Point state park in the town of Rockport” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Rockport $3.7 million and takes back $1.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $2.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.7 million** | **$1.1 million** | **$2.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 29% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.8M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.2M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $580,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $12,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $26,000 |
| State Owned Land | $36,000 |
| Public Libraries | $17,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $703,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,583 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $4,304 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| Regional Transit | $114,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $236,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ROCKPORT

## State programs also awarded $215,000 to organizations in Rockport other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Rockport. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town’s share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Cape Ann Works nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $150,000 |
| FY2021 | Windhover Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2020 | Rockport Cultural District regional body | Cultural Facilities Fund | $27,000 |
| FY2025 | Rockport Art Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.2% of Rockport's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 14.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.1%** | **11.1%** | **9.2%** | **6.4%** |
| $3.2M of $22.9M · median town 14.1% | $3.1M of $27.8M · median town 12.2% | $3.7M of $39.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.3% · median town 10.0% |

Rockport's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $53,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Rockport's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 26.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 34.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $3.2 million in FY2006 to $3.7 million in FY2025, +14.2% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+21.7%** | **+36.3%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $4M to $4.8M · all towns +54.0% | $5.9M to $8.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Rockport's health insurance would have been $4.95 million in FY2025; it was $4.82 million, $127,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $7.42 million in FY2025; it was $8.10 million, $680,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Rockport's government came to $485,000, 56.6% of the $858,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $485,000 | 56.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $524,000 | 61.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $574,000 | 66.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Rockport's required school contribution is 2.1% of median household income, 301st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.8M** | **$6.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.1%** | **+30%** |
| 301st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Rockport runs its own school district and also belongs to Essex North Shore; Rockport accounts for 1% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $6,124 for schools serving Rockport, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Rockport's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$6,124** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $0.87 per resident (278th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Rockport's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $6,124 (1%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Rockport's share of the final cost was $9,000 against its share of the approved budget of $14,000 (under by $5,000); the local share moved from $8,000 to $6,000. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Rockport has $356,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.8M**<br>$495,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$356,000**<br>annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 261st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**2**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$411,000**<br>bridges $411,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Rockport came on average 29 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Rockport owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $191,000 | $0 | $107,000 | $162,000 |
| FY2018 | $190,000 | $0 | $467,000 | $162,000 |
| FY2019 | $190,000 | $38,000 | $377,000 | $75,000 |
| FY2020 | $189,000 | $19,000 | $220,000 | $63,000 |
| FY2021 | $188,000 | $0 | $0 | $252,000 |
| FY2022 | $187,000 | $110,000 | $0 | $549,000 |
| FY2023 | $183,000 | $0 | $321,000 | $412,000 |
| FY2024 | $183,000 | $111,000 | $160,000 | $545,000 |
| FY2025 | $181,000 | $51,000 | $460,000 | $318,000 |
| FY2026 | $289,000 | $166,000 | $417,000 | $356,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $289,000 | $0 | $0 | $645,000 |

The full list of the three bridges in Rockport in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Long Beach Seawall Repair source | $750,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Long Beach Seawall Design source | $228,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Rockport received $3.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 52% of the $6.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Rockport ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $621,000 in earmarks placed in Rockport, $45,000 (7%) went to organizations rather than to Rockport's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rockport** this town | **29** | **$6,385** | **$408** | **$88.56** | **1.27** | **2.1%** |
| Lenox peer | 32 | $6,580 | $735 | $14.77 | 1.89 | 2.1% |
| Orleans peer | 26 | $4,954 | $820 | $115† | 1.26 | 1.7% |
| Brewster peer | 35 | $6,965 | $860 | $28.79† | 2.03 | 2.6% |
| Wellfleet peer | 37 | $4,162 | $3,572 | $59.49 | 1.85 | 1.3% |
| Dennis peer | 25 | $4,788 | $436 | $12.61† | 0.90 | 2.4% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Tisbury lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Rowe

Town · Franklin County · 453 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais | Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark | Rowe Public Schools, the town's own district | Franklin Regional Council Of Governments |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Rowe scores 53 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 95 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**53** / 100

96th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 50 | 44 | 66 |

Rank under other weightings: 74th to 128th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Rowe received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 50 and 57 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**95** / 100

27th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 97 | 86 | 98 |

Rank under other weightings: 20th to 32nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

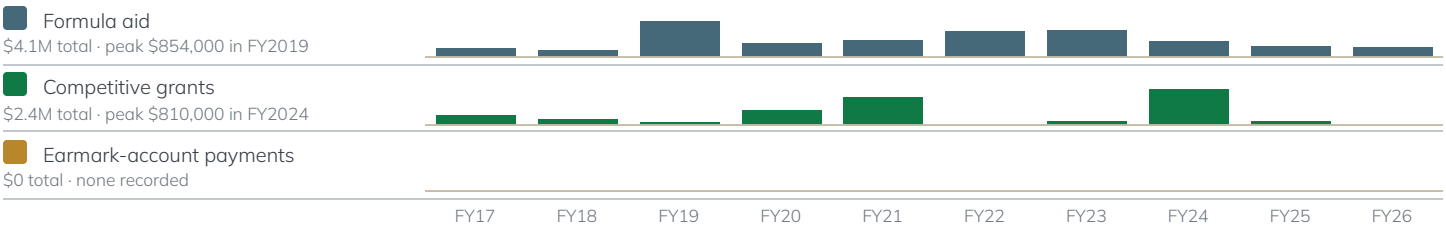
Rowe received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 95 stays between 93 and 96 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Rowe's town government and school districts received $4.1 million in formula aid and $2.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $4.1M | $2.4M | $0 |
| $9,050 per resident (219th of 351) · gross | $5,291 per resident (15th of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Rowe peaked in FY2024 at $810,000, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 453 residents, a single payment moves Rowe's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Rowe in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

Rowe is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Rowe's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Rowe's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hancock | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Egremont | $0 | $485,000 | $485,000 | $394 |
| Becket | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Erving | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Tolland | $6,111 | $6,111 | $6,111 | $11.32 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Rowe received 1.34 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**35.3**<br>312th of 351 · 77.8 per 1,000 residents (7th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.2M**<br>scored exposure $3.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**42**<br>288th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.4 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**18%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**564**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.16**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.34; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**425 acres**<br>2.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$27,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$62.49**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$373,499**<br>FY2017–2025 · 2nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ROWE

## Rowe has 422 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 813 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**422 acres**<br>2.8% of Rowe's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**813 acres**<br>5.4% of Rowe's land · 25 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,017 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 8 | 422 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 9 | 424 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 21 | 671 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 43 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 98 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 152 |
| Conservation restriction | 14 | 1,017 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 258 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 5 | 167 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rowe State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 256 | |
| Maxwell Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 167 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 38.4 miles of public road in Rowe, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 35.3 | 92% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.1 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Rowe $418,000 and takes back $64,000 in assessments and charges, a net $355,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$418,000** | **$64,000** | **$355,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 15% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $163,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $14,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $201,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $6,808 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $2,157 |
| State Owned Land | $27,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,233 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $420 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $260 |
| Regional Transit | $1,314 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $62,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ROWE

## State programs also awarded $7,383 to organizations in Rowe other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Rowe. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.3% of Rowe's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 6.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **6.3%** | **7.4%** | **7.3%** | **6.4%** |
| $167,000 of $2.6M · median town 14.1% | $256,000 of $3.5M · median town 12.2% | $379,000 of $5.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.7% · median town 10.0% |

**Rowe's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 46.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 30.4% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $167,000 in FY2006 to $379,000 in FY2025, +127.6% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+61.9%** | **+46.8%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $432,000 to $700,000 · all towns +54.0% | $639,000 to $937,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Rowe's health insurance would have been $540,000 in FY2025; it was $700,000, $160,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $798,000 in FY2025; it was $937,000, $140,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Rowe's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $268,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Rowe's required school contribution is 4.3% of median household income, 4th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$157,000** | **$581,000** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **4.3%** | **+39%** |
| 4th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Rowe runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Rowe, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Rowe has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.5M** | **$1.1M** | **$1.1M** |
| $673,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.4 years of its yearly money · 55th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **10** | **2** | **$1.3M** |
| two rated poor; likely about $893,000 of work on those ($607,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of two town-owned dams | bridges $1.3M · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Rowe came on average 29 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Rowe owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $146,000 | $0 | $0 | $146,000 |
| FY2018 | $143,000 | $0 | $0 | $290,000 |
| FY2019 | $143,000 | $29,000 | $650,000 | $167,000 |
| FY2020 | $142,000 | $14,000 | $143,000 | $196,000 |
| FY2021 | $142,000 | $0 | $151,000 | $186,000 |
| FY2022 | $141,000 | $118,000 | $162,000 | $284,000 |
| FY2023 | $141,000 | $0 | $289,000 | $136,000 |
| FY2024 | $141,000 | $204,000 | $94,000 | $386,000 |
| FY2025 | $141,000 | $141,000 | $0 | $668,000 |
| FY2026 | $257,000 | $168,000 | $0 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $257,000 | $0 | $18,000 | $1.3M |

The full list of the ten bridges in Rowe in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2021 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Rowe received $2.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 46% of the $5.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Rowe is one of six municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rowe** this town | **53** | **$9,050** | **$5,291** | **$0** | **1.34** | **4.3%** |
| Hancock peer · lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $9,560 | $360 | $0 | 0.91 | 2.9% |
| Egremont peer · best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Becket peer | 51 | $9,450 | $3,826 | $0 | 2.09 | 3.5% |
| Erving peer | 50 | $7,326 | $3,750 | $0 | 8.12 | 4.7% |
| Tolland peer | 55 | $10,826 | $4,602 | $11.32 | 1.82 | 1.1% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Rowley

Town · Essex County · 6,251 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Essex · Kristin E. Kassner

STATE SENATE

First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Triton Regional School District**, shared with Newbury and Salisbury

**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Amesbury, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Rowley scores 41 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 37 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**41** / 100

205th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 51 | 39 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 186th to 220th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Rowley received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 39 and 44 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**37** / 100

241st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 51 | 22 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 226th to 257th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

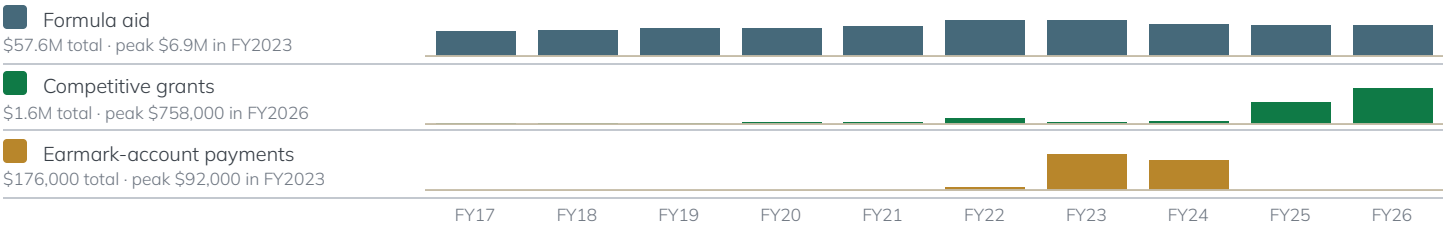
Rowley received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 37 stays between 32 and 42 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Rowley's town government and school districts received $57.6 million in formula aid and $1.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$57.6M** | **$1.6M** | **$176,000** |
| $9,213 per resident (209th of 351) · gross | $259 per resident (225th of 351) | $28.10 per resident (153rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Rowley peaked in FY2026 at $758,000, 47% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Rowley received $145,000 in local earmarks to its government, $166,000 placed in the city or town and $166,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$145,000** | **$166,000** | **$166,000** | **No** |
| $23.20 per resident (194th of 351) | $26.57 per resident (250th of 351) · 13% to organizations | $26.57 per resident (254th of 351) · 13% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $145,000 went to Rowley's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $21,000 went to organizations in Rowley or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Rowley, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the town of Rowley for renovations, accessibility improvements, updates and repairs to the Rowley senior center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the town of Rowley for its war memorial restoration project" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "a public safety grant in the town of Rowley" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $20,000 | "the town of Rowley for a stormwater runoff collection and abatement system at the town landing to address significant erosion into the Rowley river required for the town to comply with state and federal stormwater regulations" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $20,000 | "the town of Rowley for structural and ADA improvements at Town Hall and the Senior Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Rowley received 42% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**43.1**<br>276th of 351 · 6.9 per 1,000 residents (161st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3.7M**<br>scored exposure $703,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**87**<br>148th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.2 sq mi**<br>12% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,251**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.32**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.42; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,209 acres**<br>10.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$162,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$134**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$25,352**<br>FY2017–2025 · 136th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ROWLEY

## Rowley has 1,392 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 692 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,392 acres**<br>11.9% of Rowley's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**692 acres**<br>5.9% of Rowley's land · 39 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**286 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**840 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 48 | 1,392 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 36 | 1,273 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 302 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 32 | 381 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 9 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 26 | 638 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 19 | 286 |
| Conservation restriction | 60 | 840 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 23 | 688 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | 585 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| William Forward WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 642 | |
| Georgetown-Rowley State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 401 | |
| Great Marsh North WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 161 | |
| Willowdale State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 96 | |
| Bay Circuit Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 84 | |
| Cleaveland Farm | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 52.6 miles of public road in Rowley, the state maintains 7.8 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.8 | 15% |
| Town-accepted | 42.8 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.9 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Rowley $970,000 and takes back $138,000 in assessments and charges, a net $833,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$970,000** | **$138,000** | **$833,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 14% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $19,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $706,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $21,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $42,000 |
| State Owned Land | $166,000 |
| Public Libraries | $17,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $79,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,362 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,620 |
| Regional Transit | $52,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.5% of Rowley's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.4%** | **4.4%** | **3.5%** | **3.0%** |
| $993,000 of $11.9M · median town 14.1% | $680,000 of $15.4M · median town 12.2% | $914,000 of $26.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.5% · median town 10.0% |

Rowley's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Rowley's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 40.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 47.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $993,000 in FY2006 to $914,000 in FY2025, −7.9% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+90.4%** | **+207.1%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $807,000 to $1.5M · all towns +54.0% | $1.1M to $3.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Rowley's health insurance would have been $1.01 million in FY2025; it was $1.54 million, $529,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.42 million in FY2025; it was $3.49 million, $2.07 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+71%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+70%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Rowley's government came to $115,000, 15.8% of the $729,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $115,000 | 15.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $129,000 | 17.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $129,000 | 17.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Rowley's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 166th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.3M** | **$8.7M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+1%** |
| 166th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Rowley has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Rowley, Triton and Whittier; Rowley accounts for 100%, 33% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $5.6 million for schools serving Rowley, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Rowley's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.6M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $893 per resident (156th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Rowley's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Pine Grove Elementary School | Triton | Core | $16.9M | $5.6M (33%) |

Not counted: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Rowley's share of the final cost was $12.5 million against its share of the approved budget of $12.8 million (under by $369,000); the local share moved from $7.3 million to $7.2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Rowley has $1.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.7M** | **$1.4M** | **$1.9M** |
| $843,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 3.7 years of its yearly money · 13th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **6** | **0** | **$0** |
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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $235,000 | $0 | $0 | $235,000 |
| FY2018 | $232,000 | $0 | $236,000 | $235,000 |
| FY2019 | $234,000 | $47,000 | $692,000 | $516,000 |
| FY2020 | $235,000 | $24,000 | $494,000 | $523,000 |
| FY2021 | $235,000 | $0 | $140,000 | $618,000 |
| FY2022 | $235,000 | $140,000 | $331,000 | $663,000 |
| FY2023 | $234,000 | $0 | $290,000 | $607,000 |
| FY2024 | $239,000 | $246,000 | $131,000 | $960,000 |
| FY2025 | $238,000 | $169,000 | $0 | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $380,000 | $219,000 | $69,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $377,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.3M |

The full list of the seven bridges in Rowley in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

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PEERS

## Rowley ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $166,000 in earmarks placed in Rowley, $21,000 (13%) went to organizations rather than to Rowley's government.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rowley** this town | **41** | **$9,213** | **$259** | **$26.57** | **0.42** | **2.7%** |
| Stow peer | 33 | $7,771 | $488 | $90.02 | 2.17 | 2.4% |
| Groveland peer | 52 | $13,007 | $476 | $36.55 | 0.95 | 2.5% |
| Freetown peer | 43 | $10,093 | $164 | $145† | 0.30 | 2.8% |
| Topsfield peer | 34 | $8,832 | $158 | $67.96 | 1.04 | 2.6% |
| Littleton peer | 37 | $7,885 | $1,660 | $62.74 | 5.22 | 3.1% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Royalston

Town · Worcester County · 1,460 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Franklin · Susannah M. Whipps

STATE SENATE

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Athol-Royalston Regional School District, shared with Athol

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden and nine others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Royalston scores 59 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 92 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**59** / 100

52nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 61 | 56 | 54 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 46th to 63rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Royalston received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 56 and 61 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**92** / 100

38th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 93 | 92 | 88 | 94 |

Rank under other weightings: 35th to 41st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

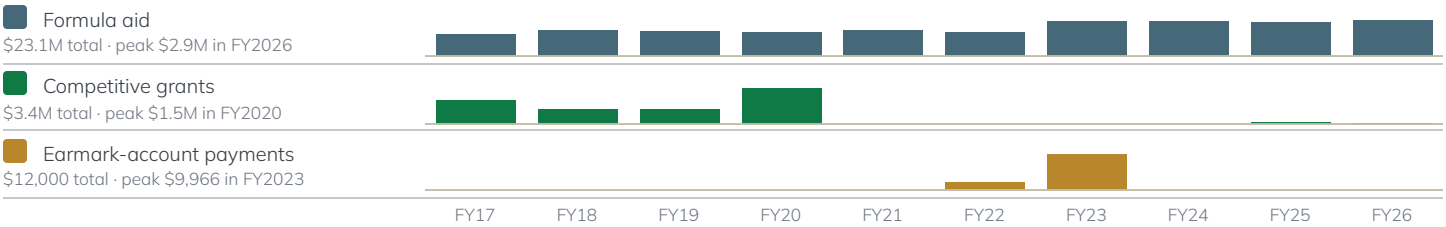
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STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Royalston's town government and school districts received $23.1 million in formula aid and $3.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $23.1M | $3.4M | $12,000 |
| $15,842 per resident (64th of 351) · gross | $2,316 per resident (41st of 351) | $8.42 per resident (267th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Royalston peaked in FY2020 at $1.5 million, 44% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Royalston received $60,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $60,000 | $60,000 | $60,000 | No |
| $41.10 per resident (104th of 351) | $41.10 per resident (197th of 351) | $41.10 per resident (202nd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in one of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2023. All of it went to Royalston's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Royalston, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the purchase of a pickup truck for the Royalston fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $10,000 | "the town of Royalston for fire safety equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Royalston received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**69.5**<br>189th of 351 · 47.6 per 1,000 residents (29th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.7M**<br>scored exposure $4.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**59**<br>232nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**41.8 sq mi**<br>22% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**9%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,613**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.91**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.96; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5,107 acres**<br>19.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$156,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$30.48**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,496**<br>FY2017–2025 · 285th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN ROYALSTON

## Royalston has 6,096 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,333 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**6,096 acres**<br>22.8% of Royalston's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,333 acres**<br>16.2% of Royalston's land · 106 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**3,597 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 65 | 6,096 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 20 | 1,756 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 72 | 3,150 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 21 | 638 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 13 | 545 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 58 | 2,754 |
| Conservation restriction | 100 | 3,597 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 12 | 681 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 548 |
| Other state agencies | 3 | 507 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 20 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Birch Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2,902 | |
| Millers River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,378 | |
| Royalston State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,013 | |
| Lawrence Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 314 | |
| Fish Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 150 | |
| Warwick State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 140 | |
| Otter River State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 122 | |
| Norcross Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 37 | |
| Tully Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 36 | |
| Long Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 73.2 miles of public road in Royalston, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 69.5 | 95% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.4 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Royalston $431,000 and takes back $4,100 in assessments and charges, a net $427,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$431,000** | **$4,100** | **$427,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $231,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $11,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $18,000 |
| State Owned Land | $165,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,649 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $398 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,200 |
| Regional Transit | $2,502 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN ROYALSTON

## State programs also awarded $98,000 to organizations in Royalston other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Royalston. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $49,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | The Trustees of Reservations nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 |

A further $38,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.0% of Royalston's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 12.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12.8%** | **12.7%** | **14.0%** | **13.9%** |
| $216,000 of $1.7M · median town 14.1% | $271,000 of $2.1M · median town 12.2% | $385,000 of $2.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.3% · median town 10.0% |

Royalston's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Royalston's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 15.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 2.5% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $216,000 in FY2006 to $385,000 in FY2025, +78.8% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–43.5%** | **+29.9%** | **3 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $45,000 to $25,000 · all towns +54.0% | $151,000 to $196,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Royalston's health insurance would have been $56,000 in FY2025; it was $25,000, $31,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $188,000 in FY2025; it was $196,000, $7,634 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (–41%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Royalston's reported health insurance fell from $45,000 in FY2016 to $25,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $60,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $60,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $60,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Royalston's required school contribution is 1.5% of median household income, 338th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.4M** | **$806,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.5%** | **+8%** |
| 338th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Royalston has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Athol-Royalston and Montachusett; Royalston accounts for 6% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $488,000 for schools serving Royalston, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Royalston's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$488,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $334 per resident (205th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Royalston's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Athol High School | Athol Royalston | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Boiler; Window/Door) | $7.6M | $488,000 (6%) |


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**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Royalston's share of the final cost was $479,000 against its share of the approved budget of $642,000 (under by $163,000); the local share moved from $154,000 to $106,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Royalston has $236,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.7M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$236,000**<br>annual program: 0.1 years of its yearly money · 329th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**20**<br>two rated poor; likely about $3.3M of work on those ($3.1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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| FY2018 | $283,000 | $0 | $565,000 | $461,000 |
| FY2019 | $283,000 | $57,000 | $453,000 | $801,000 |
| FY2020 | $282,000 | $28,000 | $382,000 | $805,000 |
| FY2021 | $281,000 | $0 | $411,000 | $675,000 |
| FY2022 | $280,000 | $232,000 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2023 | $279,000 | $0 | $798,000 | $668,000 |
| FY2024 | $278,000 | $301,000 | $710,000 | $538,000 |
| FY2025 | $278,000 | $178,000 | $565,000 | $430,000 |
| FY2026 | $508,000 | $332,000 | $1M | $236,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $507,000 | $0 | $0 | $743,000 |

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| Colrain peer | 59 | $16,229 | $3,795 | $30.73† | 2.33 | 2.7% |
| New Salem peer | 55 | $19,167 | $1,900 | $101 | 0.36 | 2.6% |
| Bernardston peer · lowest in class of 30 | 55 | $15,799 | $1,227 | $0 | 0.44 | 2.9% |
| East Brookfield peer | 55 | $15,885 | $104 | $94.64 | 0.06 | 3.2% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Russell

Town · Hampden County · 1,197 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
3rd Hampden · Nicholas A. Boldyga

STATE SENATE
Hampden and Hampshire · John C. Velis

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Gateway Regional School District, shared with Blandford, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield and Montgomery

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Russell scores 73 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 98 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**73** / 100

7th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 77 | 77 | 68 | 70 |

Rank under other weightings: 6th to 12th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Russell received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 73 stays between 71 and 76 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**98** / 100

6th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 98 | 96 | 98 |

Rank under other weightings: 6th to 9th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

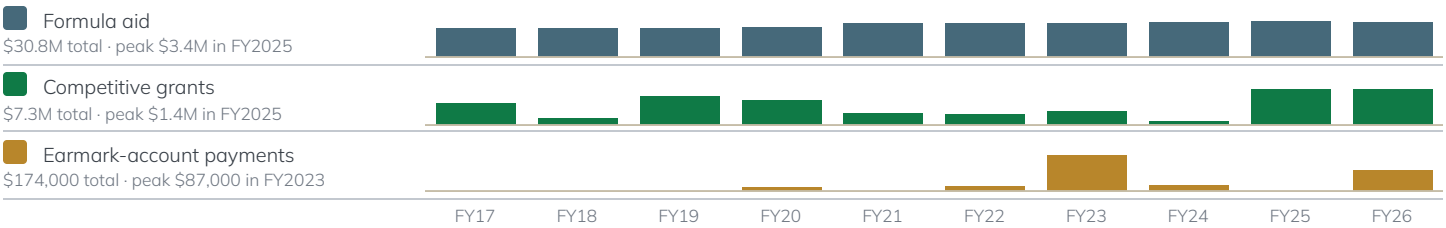
Russell received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 98 stays between 97 and 98 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Russell's town government and school districts received $30.8 million in formula aid and $7.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $30.8M | $7.3M | $174,000 |
| $25,758 per resident (9th of 351) · gross | $6,140 per resident (11th of 351) | $146 per resident (12th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Russell were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Russell received $135,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $135,000 | $135,000 | $135,000 | No |
| $113 per resident (19th of 351) | $113 per resident (54th of 351) | $113 per resident (62nd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Russell's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Russell, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the town of Russell for the replacement of playground equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the Russell council on aging to purchase a new vehicle" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "technological upgrades and improvements to public works equipment and facilities in the town of Russell" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $10,000 (split four ways) | "equally between the municipalities of Russell, Southampton, Montgomery and Westfield for the maintenance and repair of war memorials" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Russell received 1.29 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**22.3**<br>336th of 351 · 18.6 per 1,000 residents (63rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.8M**<br>scored exposure $7.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**53**<br>249th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.5 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,212**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.35**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.29; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**617 acres**<br>5.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$6,630**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$10.74**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,867**<br>FY2017–2025 · 204th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN RUSSELL

## Russell has 808 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,136 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**808 acres**<br>7.2% of Russell's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,136 acres**<br>10.2% of Russell's land · 28 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**251 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**506 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 8 | 808 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 9 | 802 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 23 | 776 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 2 | 217 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 142 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 251 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 506 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 802 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tekoa Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 808 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 35.7 miles of public road in Russell, the state maintains 13.3 (37%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 13.3 | 37% |
| Town-accepted | 22.3 | 62% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.1 | 0% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Russell $607,000 and takes back $14,000 in assessments and charges, a net $593,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$607,000** | **$14,000** | **$593,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 2% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $256,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $317,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $21,000 |
| State Owned Land | $6,658 |
| Public Libraries | $6,446 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $458 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,020 |
| Regional Transit | $430 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $10,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN RUSSELL

## State programs also awarded $54,000 to organizations in Russell other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Russell. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Appalachian Mountain Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.3% of Russell's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 15.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.4%** | **11.9%** | **10.3%** | **10.0%** |
| $393,000 of $2.6M · median town 14.1% | $424,000 of $3.6M · median town 12.2% | $545,000 of $5.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.7% · median town 10.0% |

Russell's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Russell's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 10.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 20.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $393,000 in FY2006 to $545,000 in FY2025, +38.8% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+133.9%** | **+98.7%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $71,000 to $166,000 · all towns +54.0% | $236,000 to $469,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Russell's health insurance would have been $89,000 in FY2025; it was $166,000, $77,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $295,000 in FY2025; it was $469,000, $174,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Russell's government came to $85,000, 89.4% of the $95,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $85,000 | 89.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $85,000 | 89.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $85,000 | 89.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Russell's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 250th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.1M** | **$1.5M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **–4%** |
| 250th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Russell has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Russell and Gateway; Russell accounts for 100% and 25% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Russell, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Russell has $815,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.8M** | **$769,000** | **$815,000** |
| $513,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.5 years of its yearly money · 42nd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **5** | **1** | **$0** |
| four rated poor; about $28.7M of work on those, by planning estimates | of two town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Russell came on average 40 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Russell owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

**Russell owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $103,000 | $0 | $116,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $101,000 | $0 | $69,000 | $32,000 |
| FY2019 | $101,000 | $20,000 | $88,000 | $152,000 |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | $10,000 | $0 | $263,000 |
| FY2021 | $100,000 | $0 | $330,000 | $150,000 |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | $74,000 | $0 | $324,000 |
| FY2023 | $98,000 | $0 | $74,000 | $348,000 |
| FY2024 | $98,000 | $170,000 | $110,000 | $506,000 |
| FY2025 | $98,000 | $130,000 | $80,000 | $655,000 |
| FY2026 | $172,000 | $108,000 | $120,000 | $815,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $172,000 | $0 | $0 | $986,000 |

The full list of the 19 bridges in Russell in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Russell received $7.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.1 times the $3.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Russell ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Russell** this town | **73** | **$25,758** | **$6,140** | **$113** | **1.29** | **2.4%** |
| Westhampton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 42 | $11,067 | $887 | $0 | 0.62 | 3.3% |
| Chesterfield peer | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |
| Pelham peer | 47 | $13,701 | $594 | $11.86 | 2.69 | 2.5% |
| Phillipston peer | 50 | $12,743 | $1,191 | $79.16† | 1.39 | 2.9% |
| Petersham peer | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Rutland

Town · Worcester County · 9,353 residents (ACS 2020–24)

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STATE HOUSE

1st Worcester · Kimberly N. Ferguson

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Wachusett Regional School District, shared with Holden, Paxton, Princeton and Sterling

Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District, vocational, shared with Auburn, Charlton, Dudley, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Southbridge, Spencer and one other

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Rutland scores 59 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 19 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**59** / 100

51st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | 68 | 48 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 40th to 72nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Rutland received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 56 and 62 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**19** / 100

316th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 24 | 18 | 17 |

Rank under other weightings: 313th to 318th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

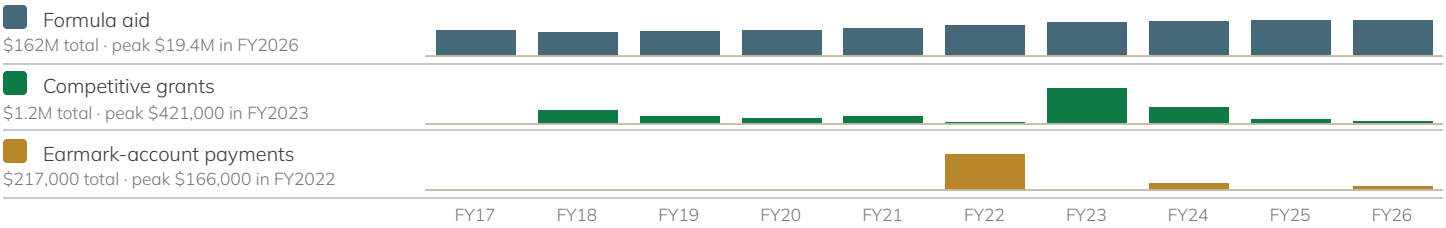
Rutland received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 19 stays between 18 and 20 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Rutland's town government and school districts received $162 million in formula aid and $1.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$162M** | **$1.2M** | **$217,000** |
| $17,290 per resident (47th of 351) · gross | $124 per resident (307th of 351) | $23.21 per resident (184th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Rutland peaked in FY2023 at $421,000, 36% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Rutland received $181,000 in local earmarks to its government, $206,000 placed in the city or town and $206,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$181,000** | **$206,000** | **$206,000** | **No** |
| $19.35 per resident (217th of 351) | $22.03 per resident (267th of 351) · 12% to organizations | $22.03 per resident (270th of 351) · 12% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $181,000 went to Rutland's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Rutland or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Rutland, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the preservation, protection, signage and maintenance of historic prison camp structures in the town of Rutland" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $33,000 | "the preservation, protection, signage and maintenance of historic prison camp structures in the town of Rutland" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $30,000 | "the town of Rutland to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing or joining a regional fire district" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the historic Wood House in the town of Rutland" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $25,000 | "the renovation of the Old Rutland Fire House and Museum and to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Rutland volunteer fire brigade" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Rutland received 61% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**80.9**<br>154th of 351 · 8.6 per 1,000 residents (125th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.6M**<br>scored exposure $1.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**94**<br>132nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**35.1 sq mi**<br>33% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,756**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.61; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**925 acres**<br>4.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$114,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$123**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$24,848**<br>FY2017–2025 · 140th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN RUTLAND

## Rutland has 7,639 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,249 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**7,639 acres**<br>34.0% of Rutland's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,249 acres**<br>5.6% of Rutland's land · 56 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**988 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**199 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 161 | 7,639 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 113 | 7,508 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 24 | 683 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 23 | 357 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 210 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 40 | 1,308 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 24 | 988 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 199 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 10 | 446 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 93 | 6,322 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 6 | 629 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | 556 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ware River Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 6,141 | |
| Savage Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 514 | |
| Barre Falls WMA | DCR Water Supply Protection | 406 | |
| Rutland State Park | DCR Water Supply Protection | 279 | |
| Thayer Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 121 | |
| Quabbin Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 44 | |
| Mass Central Rail Trail | DCR Water Supply Protection | 38 | |
| Oakham State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 37 | |
| Wachusett Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 34 | |
| Mass Central Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | |
| Mass Central Rail Trail | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 10 | |
| Wachusett Reservoir Watershed Access Easement | DCR Water Supply Protection | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 107.8 miles of public road in Rutland, the state maintains 11.8 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.2 | 9% |
| DCR | 1.6 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 81.6 | 76% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.0 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Rutland $1.4 million and takes back $28,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.4 million** | **$28,000** | **$1.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 2% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $2,777 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $57,000 |
| State Owned Land | $114,000 |
| Public Libraries | $28,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $11,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,785 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,600 |
| Regional Transit | $6,859 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN RUTLAND

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Coldbrook Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $11,000 (shared three ways) |


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A further $49,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.6% of Rutland's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **7.3%** | **10.2%** | **4.6%** | **4.4%** |
| $886,000 of $12.1M · median town 14.1% | $1.9M of $18.4M · median town 12.2% | $1.3M of $28.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.4% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+55.5%** | **+109.5%** | **9 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $584,000 to $908,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.2M to $2.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Rutland's health insurance would have been $729,000 in FY2025; it was $908,000, $179,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.51 million in FY2025; it was $2.53 million, $1.02 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Rutland's government came to $151,000, 46.6% of the $324,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $151,000 | 46.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $176,000 | 54.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $176,000 | 54.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Rutland's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 286th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$13.4M** | **$10.4M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.2%** | **+10%** |
| 286th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Rutland has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Wachusett and Southern Worcester; Rutland accounts for 24% and 7% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Rutland, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Rutland has $2.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.1M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | **$3.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$2.3M**<br>annual program: 2.2 years of its yearly money · 70th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **10**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$1.1M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $1.1M · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Rutland came on average 29 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $376,000 | $0 | $868,000 | $2,901 |
| FY2018 | $378,000 | $0 | $88,000 | $292,000 |
| FY2019 | $378,000 | $76,000 | $103,000 | $642,000 |
| FY2020 | $377,000 | $38,000 | $284,000 | $869,000 |
| FY2021 | $377,000 | $0 | $24,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $376,000 | $264,000 | $159,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2023 | $379,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $895,000 |
| FY2024 | $387,000 | $356,000 | $806,000 | $833,000 |
| FY2025 | $384,000 | $210,000 | $124,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2026 | $651,000 | $398,000 | $93,000 | $2.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $650,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.9M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Rutland in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Moulton Pond Dam Repair source | $1M |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Moulton Pond Dam Repair Design source | $150,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Rutland received $1.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 28% of the $5.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Rutland ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $206,000 in earmarks placed in Rutland, $25,000 (12%) went to organizations rather than to Rutland's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rutland** this town | **59** | **$17,290** | **$124** | **$22.03** | **0.61** | **2.2%** |
| Georgetown peer | 46 | $10,873 | $155 | $26.52 | 0.60 | 2.7% |
| Lancaster peer | 36 | $8,666 | $286 | $63.33† | 0.91 | 2.5% |
| Berkley peer | 51 | $12,903 | $95.35 | $13.91 | 0.18 | 2.7% |
| Paxton peer | 40 | $9,789 | $93.21 | $32.99 | 0.11 | 2.5% |
| Uxbridge peer | 48 | $11,199 | $436 | $15.55 | 1.22 | 2.8% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Salem

City · Essex County · 44,795 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

7th Essex · Manny Cruz

STATE SENATE

Second Essex · Joan B. Lovely

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Salem Public Schools**, the city's own district

**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Salem scores 46 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 78 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**46** / 100

156th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 39 | 54 | 45 |

Rank under other weightings: 129th to 191st.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Salem received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 46 stays between 44 and 48 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**78** / 100

85th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 79 | 74 | 81 | 79 |

Rank under other weightings: 80th to 89th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

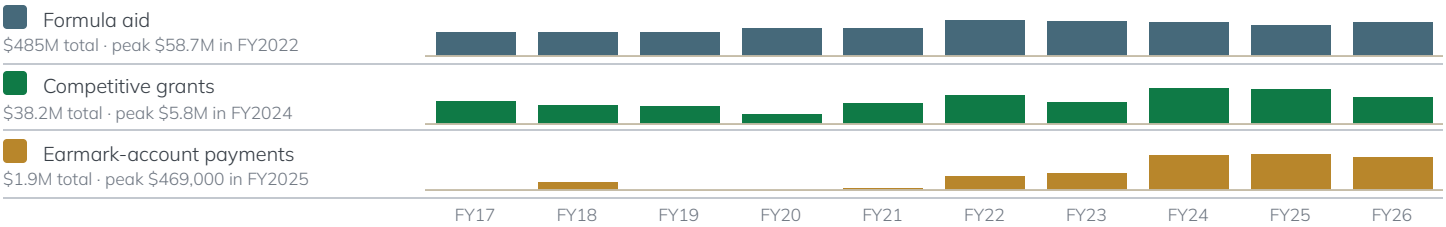
Salem received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 78 stays between 77 and 79 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Salem's town government and school districts received $485 million in formula aid and $38.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$485M** | **$38.2M** | **$1.9M** |
| $10,823 per resident (154th of 351) · gross | $853 per resident (86th of 351) | $41.84 per resident (103rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Salem were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $103 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Salem received $1.8 million in local earmarks to its government, $7 million placed in the city or town and $7 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.8M** | **$7M** | **$7M** | **No** |
| $39.15 per resident (111th of 351) | $157 per resident (19th of 351) · 75% to organizations | $157 per resident (27th of 351) · 75% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 63 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.8 million went to Salem's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $5.3 million went to organizations in Salem or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Salem, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (63 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $2.5M | "building costs for North Shore Community Health, Inc. to support the capital project of building a new Salem family health facility to enhance and improve the care that is given to patients in Salem and the greater North Shore region" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "the city of Salem to support a Massachusetts national guard indoor historical exhibit recognizing the city of Salem as the birthplace of the national guard" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "the Salem Family Resource and Welcome Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $167,000 | "the Essex county court-appointed special advocates program" | Enacted organization based here |
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Printed: the 5 largest of 63 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Salem received 2.62 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**89.9**<br>122nd of 351 · 2.0 per 1,000 residents (336th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$21.8M**<br>scored exposure $9.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**48**<br>270th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**8.3 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**45,010**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**4.20**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.62; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**33 acres**<br>0.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$125,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$3,733**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,048**<br>FY2017–2025 · 171st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SALEM

## Salem has 1 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 24 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of Salem's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**24 acres**<br>0.4% of Salem's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 1 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 122 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 24 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 40 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 0 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Correction and Youth Services | 3 | 71 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 4 | 37 |
| Public Health and Soldiers' Homes | 1 | 14 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salem State University Tennis Courts | State: Salem State University | 1 | |

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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.7 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 90.4 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.8 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Salem $44.5 million and takes back $12.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $32.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$44.5 million** | **$12.1 million** | **$32.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 27% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $32.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.3M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $619,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $8.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $394,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $203,000 |
| State Owned Land | $125,000 |
| Public Libraries | $128,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $61,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $15,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $28,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $125,000 |
| MBTA | $1.2M |
| Special Education | $21,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $981,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $9.7M |

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|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | House of Seven Gables nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $510,000 |
| FY2023 | North Shore Community Development Coalition nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $300,000 |
| FY2019 | Peabody Essex Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Salem Athenaeum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Punto Urban Art Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | House of Seven Gables nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $176,000 |
| FY2022 | Peabody Essex Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $110,000 |
| FY2022 | North Shore Community Development Coalition nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
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| FY2025 | North Shore Community Development Coalition nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2025 | North Shore Community Development Coalition nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | North Shore Community Development Coalition nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $75,000 |
| FY2017 | The House of the Seven Gables nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $58,000 |
| FY2024 | Salem Sound Coastwatch nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $50,000 |
| FY2023 | North Shore Community Development Coalition nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $50,000 |

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **27.2%** | **23.6%** | **22.3%** | **16.3%** |
| $25.9M of $95.2M · median town 14.1% | $30.2M of $128M · median town 12.2% | $40.4M of $181M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 16.6% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+53.3%** | **+51.1%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $11.6M to $17.7M · all towns +54.0% | $23.6M to $35.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Salem's health insurance would have been $14.4 million in FY2025; it was $17.7 million, $3.29 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $29.5 million in FY2025; it was $35.7 million, $6.20 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Salem's government came to $1.5 million, 24.4% of the $6.17 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.5M | 24.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $6.4M | 103.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $6.4M | 103.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Salem's required school contribution is 2.9% of


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## median household income, 96th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$32.4M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$50.4M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.9%**<br>96th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+14%**<br>after inflation |

Salem runs its own school district and also belongs to Essex North Shore; Salem accounts for 11% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $212 million for schools serving Salem, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Salem's share<br>**$212M**<br>$4,728 per resident (10th of 351) | Projects<br>**4**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Salem's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Salem High School | Salem | Core | $208M | $208M |
| FY2026 | Bates Elementary School | Salem | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.6M | $2.6M |
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $75,000 (11%) |
| FY2020 | Bentley Academy | Salem | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.1M | $1.1M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Salem's share of the final cost was $954,000 against its share of the approved budget of $1.7 million (under by $782,000); the local share moved from $533,000 to $329,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Salem has $3.8 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$11.6M**<br>$1.7M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3.8M**<br>annual program: 2.6 years of its yearly money · 40th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>two rated poor; likely about $2M of work on those ($1.7M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Salem came on average 25 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Salem owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $856,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $1 |
| FY2018 | $858,000 | $0 | $657,000 | $200,000 |
| FY2019 | $853,000 | $171,000 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2020 | $849,000 | $85,000 | $1.3M | $959,000 |
| FY2021 | $840,000 | $0 | $555,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $832,000 | $301,000 | $1M | $1.3M |
| FY2023 | $829,000 | $0 | $501,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | $834,000 | $406,000 | $687,000 | $2.2M |
| FY2025 | $833,000 | $234,000 | $0 | $3.3M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $525,000 | $1.2M | $3.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $4.9M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Salem in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Beach Avenue Seawall Reconstruction Design source | $290,000 |
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Columbus Avenue Seawall Reconstruction source | $1.4M |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Columbus Avenue Seawall source | $953,000 |
| FY2020 | Dam and Seawall award | Columbus Avenue Seawall Repair Design source | $78,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Forest River Park Seawall Repair source | $1.2M |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Forest River Park Seawall Repair Design source | $144,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Salem received $54.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.0 times the $27 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Salem ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $7 million in earmarks placed in Salem, $5.3 million (75%) went to organizations rather than to Salem's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Salem** this town | **46** | **$10,823** | **$853** | **$157**† | **2.62** | **2.9%** |
| Northampton peer | 28 | $6,641 | $603 | $73.53† | 1.28 | 3.1% |
| Marlborough peer | 53 | $13,835 | $804 | $65.97 | 1.57 | 3.4% |
| Peabody peer | 39 | $9,164 | $124 | $37.54 | 0.34 | 3.1% |
| Fairhaven peer | 47 | $10,747 | $508 | $12.58† | 0.36 | 2.8% |
| Stoughton peer | 43 | $10,942 | $402 | $41.94 | 0.88 | 3.0% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Salisbury

Town · Essex County · 9,281 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Essex · Dawne Shand

STATE SENATE

First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Triton Regional School District**, shared with Newbury and Rowley

**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Amesbury, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Salisbury scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 81 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**38** / 100

237th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 39 | 44 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 216th to 260th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Salisbury received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 36 and 40 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**81** / 100

78th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 83 | 85 | 73 | 82 |

Rank under other weightings: 73rd to 84th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

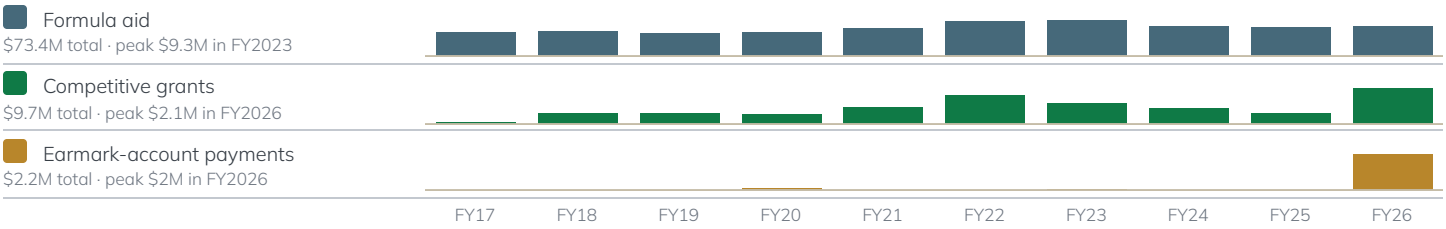
Salisbury received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 81 stays between 79 and 83 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Salisbury's town government and school districts received $73.4 million in formula aid and $9.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$73.4M** | **$9.7M** | **$2.2M** |
| $7,912 per resident (258th of 351) · gross | $1,047 per resident (76th of 351) | $233 per resident (5th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Salisbury peaked in FY2026 at $2.1 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $14.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Salisbury received $180,000 in local earmarks to its government, $351,000 placed in the city or town and $351,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$180,000** | **$351,000** | **$351,000** | **No** |
| $19.39 per resident (216th of 351) | $37.77 per resident (209th of 351) · 49% to organizations | $37.77 per resident (215th of 351) · 49% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 21 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $180,000 went to Salisbury's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $171,000 went to organizations in Salisbury or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Salisbury, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (21 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "Salisbury Beach Partnership, Inc. toward the construction of a carousel pavilion at Salisbury beach in the town of Salisbury" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $25,000 (split three ways) | "capacity expansion and innovative food storage and delivery programs for Our Neighbors' Table, Inc. serving the cities of Amesbury and Newburyport, the town of Salisbury and other communities in northeastern Essex county" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "the Partridge Brook park in the city of Salisbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "the historic carousel at Salisbury beach in the town of Salisbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $20,000 | "technical assistance in resiliency planning and grant applications for the town of Salisbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 21 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Salisbury received 1.32 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**36.6**<br>303rd of 351 · 3.9 per 1,000 residents (279th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$898,000**<br>scored exposure $99,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**29**<br>317th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.4 sq mi**<br>17% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**14%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**10,831**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.66**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.32; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,339 acres**<br>13.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$673,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$503**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$34,714**<br>FY2017–2025 · 82nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SALISBURY

## Salisbury has 1,680 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 598 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,680 acres**<br>17.1% of Salisbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**598 acres**<br>6.1% of Salisbury's land · 44 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**252 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**46 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 130 | 1,680 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 92 | 1,446 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 43 | 563 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 36 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 35 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 14 | 252 |
| Conservation restriction | 2 | 46 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 79 | 1,002 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 12 | 443 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 1 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salisbury Salt Marsh WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,080 | |
| Salisbury Beach State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 479 | |
| Carr Island Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 70 | |
| Ram Island Sanctuary (North) | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 26 | |
| Old Eastern Marsh Rail Trail | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 18 | |
| Eagle Island WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5 | |
| Marsh | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 2 | |
| Salisbury Point Ghost Rail Trail | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 55.8 miles of public road in Salisbury, the state maintains 17.1 (31%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 17.1 | 31% |
| Town-accepted | 36.6 | 66% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Salisbury $1.9 million and takes back $176,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.9 million** | **$176,000** | **$1.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $834,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $200,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $109,000 |
| State Owned Land | $673,000 |
| Public Libraries | $24,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $69,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,527 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $16,000 |
| Regional Transit | $87,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SALISBURY

## State programs also awarded $54,000 to organizations in Salisbury other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Salisbury. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Salisbury Beach Partnership nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $50,000 |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.7% of Salisbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 5.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5.4%** | **5.2%** | **4.7%** | **4.2%** |
| $818,000 of $15.2M · median town 14.1% | $1.1M of $21.8M · median town 12.2% | $1.7M of $35.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.1% · median town 10.0% |

Salisbury's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Salisbury's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 30.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 15.8% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $818,000 in FY2006 to $1.7 million in FY2025, +102.1% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+54.3%** | **+90.0%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $1.1M to $1.7M · all towns +54.0% | $2.4M to $4.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Salisbury's health insurance would have been $1.35 million in FY2025; it was $1.67 million, $318,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.04 million in FY2025; it was $4.63 million, $1.59 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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SCHOOLS

## Salisbury's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 157th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.9M** | **$10.4M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **–6%** |
| 157th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Salisbury has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Salisbury, Triton and Whittier; Salisbury accounts for 100%, 38% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $6.5 million for schools serving Salisbury, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Salisbury's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.5M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $696 per resident (167th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Salisbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Pine Grove Elementary School | Triton | Core | $16.9M | $6.5M (38%) |

Not counted: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Salisbury has $383,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.4M**<br>$578,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$383,000**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 214th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$524,000**<br>bridges $524,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $234,000 | $0 | $163,000 | $93,000 |
| FY2018 | $232,000 | $0 | $554,000 | $180,000 |
| FY2019 | $231,000 | $46,000 | $118,000 | $371,000 |
| FY2020 | $231,000 | $23,000 | $7,570 | $624,000 |
| FY2021 | $231,000 | $0 | $179,000 | $855,000 |
| FY2022 | $230,000 | $117,000 | $518,000 | $705,000 |
| FY2023 | $231,000 | $0 | $915,000 | $22,000 |
| FY2024 | $237,000 | $133,000 | $391,000 | $2 |
| FY2025 | $237,000 | $66,000 | $183,000 | $120,000 |
| FY2026 | $359,000 | $193,000 | $215,000 | $457,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $360,000 | $0 | $74,000 | $743,000 |

The full list of the nine bridges in Salisbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Salisbury received $10.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 84% more than the $5.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Salisbury ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $351,000 in earmarks placed in Salisbury, $171,000 (49%) went to organizations rather than to Salisbury's government.


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Salisbury** this town | **38** | **$7,912** | **$1,047** | **$37.77** | **1.32** | **2.7%** |
| Raynham peer | 43 | $11,019 | $86.59 | $57.40† | 0.94 | 2.8% |
| Plainville peer | 39 | $9,512 | $160 | $41.02 | 0.68 | 3.3% |
| Hamilton peer | 30 | $8,144 | $188 | $33.29 | 0.53 | 3.4% |
| Westport peer | 30 | $6,951 | $107 | $52.17 | 0.45 | 3.2% |
| Hadley peer | 38 | $6,882 | $989 | $42.59 | 2.48 | 2.0% |
| Great Barrington best in class of 30 | 42 | $9,461 | $2,113 | $175† | 2.92 | 3.7% |
| Sheffield lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |

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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Sandisfield

Town · Berkshire County · 994 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

STATE SENATE
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Farmington River Regional School District, shared with Otis

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Sandisfield scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 87 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**43** / 100

186th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 53 | 30 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 153rd to 225th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Sandisfield received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 38 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**87** / 100

54th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | 93 | 74 | 90 |

Rank under other weightings: 46th to 64th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

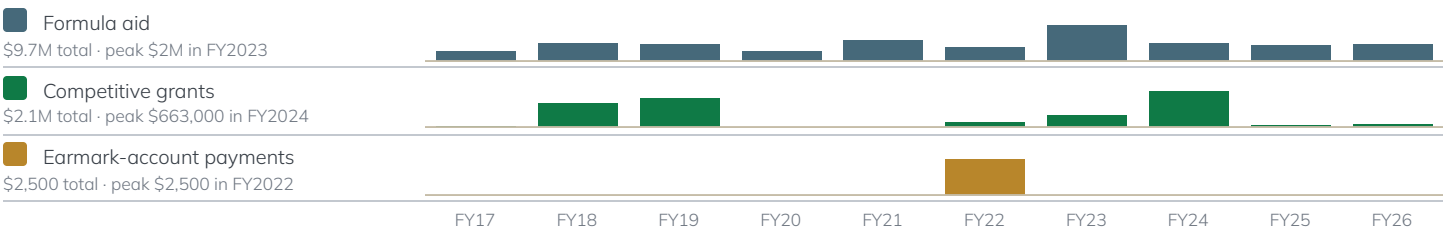
Sandisfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 87 stays between 84 and 90 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Sandisfield's town government and school districts received $9.7 million in formula aid and $2.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $9.7M | $2.1M | $2,500 |
| $9,713 per resident (187th of 351) · gross | $2,087 per resident (44th of 351) | $2.52 per resident (310th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Sandisfield peaked in FY2024 at $663,000, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 994 residents, a single payment moves Sandisfield's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $759,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Sandisfield in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,500 in payments to Sandisfield's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Sandisfield.

Sandisfield is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Sandisfield's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Sandisfield's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whately | $43,000 | $43,000 | $43,000 | $28.91 |
| Hinsdale | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| West Stockbridge | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Richmond | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Tolland | $6,111 | $6,111 | $6,111 | $11.32 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Sandisfield received 34% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**80.9**<br>153rd of 351 · 81.4 per 1,000 residents (5th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$22.6M**<br>scored exposure $7.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**128**<br>65th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**51.8 sq mi**<br>24% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**35%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,609**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.32**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.34; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5,875 acres**<br>17.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$135,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$23.05**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,630**<br>FY2017–2025 · 219th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SANDISFIELD

## Sandisfield has 8,201 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,899 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**8,201 acres**<br>24.7% of Sandisfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,899 acres**<br>8.7% of Sandisfield's land · 56 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**3,306 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 52 | 8,201 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 12 | 1,612 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 36 | 2,354 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 128 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 17 | 417 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 87 | 6,792 |
| Conservation restriction | 24 | 3,306 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 1,006 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 9 | 607 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sandisfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3,598 | |
| Otis State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,961 | |
| West Lake And Abbey Pond Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,354 | |
| Clam Lake Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 533 | |
| Cookson State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 507 | |
| Silver Brook North Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 191 | |
| Silver Brook South Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 56 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 91.9 miles of public road in Sandisfield, the state maintains 8.7 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.7 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 80.9 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.7 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Sandisfield $232,000 and takes back $68,000 in assessments and charges, a net $164,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$232,000** | **$68,000** | **$164,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 29% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $48,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $32,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $6,826 |
| State Owned Land | $141,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,700 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $408 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,720 |
| Multi-Year Repayment Program | $66,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SANDISFIELD

## State programs also awarded $239,000 to organizations in Sandisfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Sandisfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Sandisfield Arts & Restoration Committee nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $116,000 |
| FY2020 | Western Massachusetts Climbers' Coalition nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $26,000 |
| FY2019 | Sandisfield Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $22,000 |
| FY2024 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $9,400 (shared five ways) |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2022 | Knox Trail Sno-Riders nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $6,297 (shared six ways) |
| FY2026 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $1,500 (shared ten ways) |

A further $50,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.7% of Sandisfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 3.5% in FY2006.

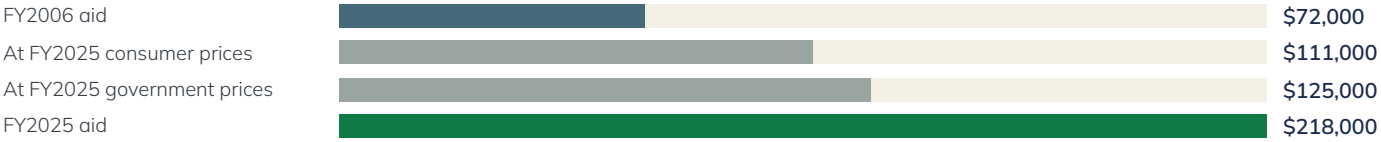
STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **3.5%** | **5.6%** | **5.7%** | **3.8%** |
| $72,000 of $2M · median town 14.1% | $153,000 of $2.7M · median town 12.2% | $218,000 of $3.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.5% · median town 10.0% |

Sandisfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $408,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Sandisfield's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 95.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 74.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $72,000 in FY2006 to $218,000 in FY2025, +203.9% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+96.6%** | **+45.9%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $38,000 to $75,000 · all towns +54.0% | $193,000 to $282,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Sandisfield's health insurance would have been $47,000 in FY2025; it was $75,000, $27,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $242,000 in FY2025; it was $282,000, $41,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+38%), FY2018 (+42%), FY2020 (+40%), FY2021 (−34%), FY2023 (+42%) and FY2024 (−32%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Sandisfield's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $37,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Sandisfield's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 46th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$362,000** | **$1M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **+54%** |
| 46th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Sandisfield has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Farmington River; Sandisfield accounts for 40% of that district's foundation budget. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Sandisfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Sandisfield has $2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.4M** | **$2.8M** | **$2M** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.1 years of its yearly money · 73rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **27** | **0** | **$832,000** |
| three rated poor; likely about $4.8M of work on those ($4.1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $832,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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| FY2018 | $327,000 | $0 | $454,000 | $222,000 |
| FY2019 | $326,000 | $65,000 | $353,000 | $261,000 |
| FY2020 | $325,000 | $32,000 | $0 | $618,000 |
| FY2021 | $324,000 | $0 | $536,000 | $530,000 |
| FY2022 | $324,000 | $270,000 | $0 | $1.1M |
| FY2023 | $323,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $217,000 |
| FY2024 | $322,000 | $333,000 | $215,000 | $657,000 |
| FY2025 | $321,000 | $190,000 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $589,000 | $386,000 | $169,000 | $2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $588,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.6M |

The full list of the 36 bridges in Sandisfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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| Richmond peer | 40 | $8,072 | $776 | $0 | 0.19 | 2.2% |
| Tolland peer | 55 | $10,826 | $4,602 | $11.32 | 1.82 | 1.1% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Sandwich

Town · Barnstable County · 20,522 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**5th Barnstable** · Steven George Xiarhos

STATE SENATE

**Plymouth and Barnstable** · Dylan A. Fernandes

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Sandwich Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bourne, Falmouth, Marion and Wareham

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Sandwich scores 31 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 47 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**31** / 100

300th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 | 36 | 32 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 293rd to 310th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Sandwich received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 29 and 33 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**47** / 100

202nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 53 | 47 | 40 |

Rank under other weightings: 197th to 210th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

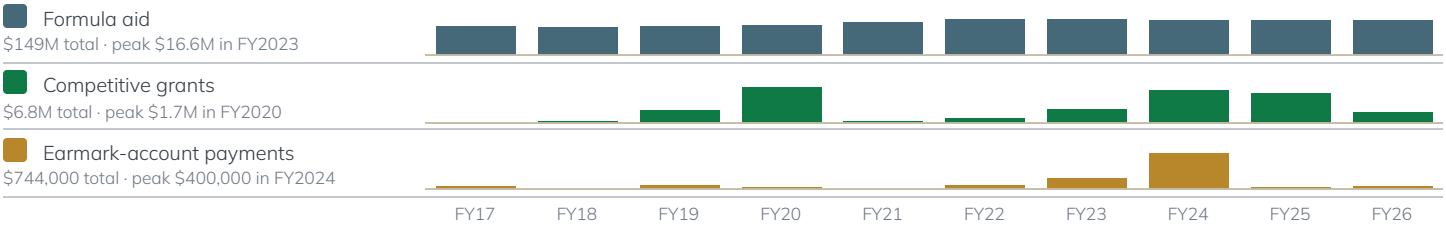
Sandwich received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 45 and 49 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Sandwich's town government and school districts received $149 million in formula aid and $6.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$149M** | **$6.8M** | **$744,000** |
| $7,257 per resident (280th of 351) · gross | $332 per resident (195th of 351) | $36.27 per resident (123rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Sandwich peaked in FY2020 at $1.7 million, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $21 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Sandwich received $452,000 in local earmarks to its government, $507,000 placed in the city or town and $507,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$452,000** | **$507,000** | **$507,000** | **No** |
| $22.04 per resident (202nd of 351) | $24.72 per resident (258th of 351) · 11% to organizations | $24.72 per resident (260th of 351) · 11% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 24 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $452,000 went to Sandwich's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $55,000 went to organizations in Sandwich or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Sandwich, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (24 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the purchase of an emergency generator located at the department of public works in the town of Sandwich" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $40,000 | "the town of Sandwich for storm response equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $33,000 (split three ways) | "the collaboration of law enforcement and community health centers, hospitals and nonprofits in the towns of Bourne, Falmouth and Sandwich to provide social work services to support law enforcement response to mental health crises through education and consultation and to provide assistance…" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $30,000 | "the town of Sandwich for recreation area improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $30,000 | "mental health response, management and education in the town of Sandwich" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 24 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Sandwich received 71% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**149.8**<br>35th of 351 · 7.3 per 1,000 residents (150th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**39**<br>296th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**42.9 sq mi**<br>23% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**13%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**23,662**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.39**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.71; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**9,099 acres**<br>33.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$1.1M**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$122**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$37,022**<br>FY2017–2025 · 73rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SANDWICH

## Sandwich has 6,600 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 197 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**6,600 acres**<br>24.0% of Sandwich's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**197 acres**<br>0.7% of Sandwich's land · 31 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**249 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**498 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 66 | 6,600 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 25 | 26,256 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 22 | 149 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 48 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 16 | 403 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 249 |
| Conservation restriction | 53 | 498 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Military Division | 5 | 17,088 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | 8,958 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 7 | 210 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Camp Edwards WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5,619 | |
| Shawme-Crowell State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 474 | |
| Old Sandwich Game Farm WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 133 | |
| Fisk Forestdale WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 100 | |
| Triangle Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 85 | |
| Sandwich Fish Hatchery | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 57 | |
| Frances A. Crane WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 51 | |
| Sandwich Hollows WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 26 | |
| Hog Ponds WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 24 | |
| Pickerel Cove WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 17 | |
| Scusset Beach State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |
| Scorton Creek Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 6 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 216.8 miles of public road in Sandwich, the state maintains 18.2 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 18.2 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 150.0 | 69% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 21.5 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Sandwich $13.3 million and takes back $5.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $7.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.3 million** | **$5.6 million** | **$7.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 42% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $485,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.2M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $140,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $354,000 |
| State Owned Land | $1.1M |
| Public Libraries | $50,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $409,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $172,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,765 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $13,000 |
| Regional Transit | $169,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $621,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $4.2M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SANDWICH

## State programs also awarded $1 million to organizations in Sandwich other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Sandwich. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where


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a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Heritage Museums & Gardens nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2020 | Heritage Museums & Gardens nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Heritage Museums & Gardens nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Heritage Museums & Gardens nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Sandwich Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $140,000 |
| FY2018 | with Joint Base Cape Cod nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $35,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2016 | Thornton W. Burgess Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $10,000 |

A further $12,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.3% of Sandwich's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 16.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **16.3%** | **14.4%** | **11.3%** | **6.3%** |
| $9.1M of $55.8M · median town 14.1% | $10.5M of $73.1M · median town 12.2% | $11.7M of $104M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.8% · median town 10.0% |

Sandwich's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $589,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Sandwich's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 17.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 26.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $9.1 million in FY2006 to $11.7 million in FY2025, +28.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.4 million of Sandwich's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+58.8%** | **+65.8%** | **6 of 9** | **7 of 9** |
| $8.6M to $13.7M · all towns +54.0% | $12.6M to $20.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Sandwich's health insurance would have been $10.7 million in FY2025; it was $13.7 million, $2.92 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $15.8 million in FY2025; it was $20.9 million, $5.16 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+44%), FY2023 (+44%) and FY2025 (+47%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Sandwich's government came to $412,000, 8.1% of the $5.06 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $412,000 | 8.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $452,000 | 8.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $452,000 | 8.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Sandwich's required school contribution is 2.7% of


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## median household income, 172nd highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$8.7M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$27.4M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.7%**<br>172nd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+18%**<br>after inflation |

Sandwich runs its own school district and also belongs to Upper Cape Cod; Sandwich accounts for 19% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Sandwich, FY2017 to August 2026.

Not counted: Forestdale School (Sandwich), approved FY2020 for up to $780,000; Oak Ridge School (Sandwich), approved FY2020 for up to $780,000. Each lapsed or was withdrawn after approval.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Sandwich has $4.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$11.7M**<br>$2.2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$4.1M**<br>annual program: 2.4 years of its yearly money · 50th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Sandwich came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Sandwich owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $789,000 | $0 | $944,000 | $319,000 |
| FY2018 | $786,000 | $0 | $279,000 | $1M |
| FY2019 | $782,000 | $156,000 | $607,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2020 | $783,000 | $78,000 | $960,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2021 | $781,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |
| FY2022 | $792,000 | $495,000 | $878,000 | $2.4M |
| FY2023 | $770,000 | $0 | $1.7M | $1.5M |
| FY2024 | $775,000 | $483,000 | $897,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2025 | $773,000 | $213,000 | $766,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2026 | $1.3M | $749,000 | $0 | $4.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.3M | $0 | $0 | $5.4M |

The full list of the ten bridges in Sandwich in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Sandwich received $7.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 95% of the $8 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Sandwich ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $507,000 in earmarks placed in Sandwich, $55,000 (11%) went to organizations rather than to Sandwich's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sandwich** this town | **31** | **$7,257** | **$332** | **$24.72** | **0.71** | **2.7%** |
| Westborough peer | 30 | $7,679 | $215 | $21.64 | 1.49 | 3.7% |
| Stoneham peer | 28 | $6,600 | $119 | $85.70 | 1.97 | 2.6% |
| Marshfield peer · best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| North Andover peer | 26 | $6,381 | $213 | $31.72 | 0.89 | 3.1% |
| Foxborough peer | 34 | $8,398 | $121 | $73.28† | 1.08 | 3.7% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

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**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

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ESSEX COUNTY

# Saugus

Town · Essex County · 28,773 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**9th Essex** · Donald H. Wong 81% of residents
**16th Suffolk** · Jessica Ann Giannino 19% of residents

Saugus is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Third Essex** · Brendan P. Crighton

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Saugus Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Saugus scores 29 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 17 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**29** / 100

317th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 30 | 33 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 300th to 332nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Saugus received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 29 stays between 27 and 31 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**17** / 100

324th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | 18 | 20 | 14 |

Rank under other weightings: 319th to 328th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

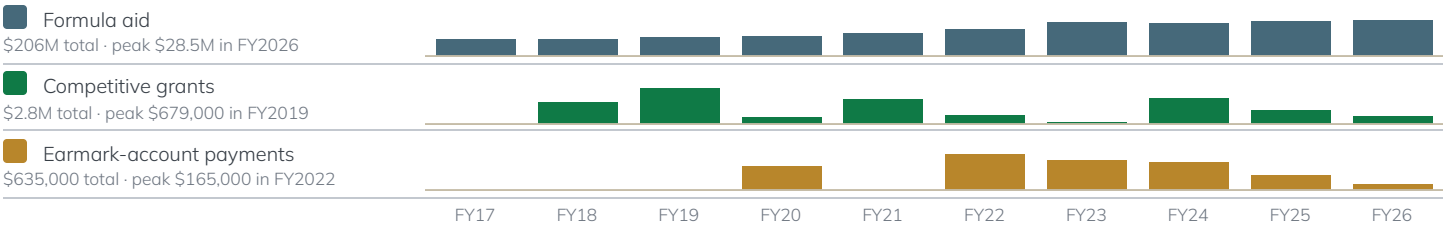
Saugus received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 17 stays between 16 and 18 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Saugus's town government and school districts received $206 million in formula aid and $2.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$206M** | **$2.8M** | **$635,000** |
| $7,158 per resident (285th of 351) · gross | $98.00 per resident (325th of 351) | $22.07 per resident (192nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Saugus peaked in FY2019 at $679,000, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $24.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Saugus received $1.2 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.2 million placed in the city or town and $1.2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **$1.2M** | **$1.2M** | **No** |
| $41.18 per resident (103rd of 351) | $42.11 per resident (190th of 351) · 2% to organizations | $42.11 per resident (195th of 351) · 2% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 26 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.2 million went to Saugus's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $27,000 went to organizations in Saugus or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Saugus, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (26 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $90,000 | "the police department in the town of Saugus to acquire portable radios" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "20 sets of bunker gear shorts in the town of Saugus" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "an additional public safety radio repeater system for the new middle-high school complex in the town of Saugus" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "the town of Saugus Fire Department for EFJ VP portable radios" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $65,000 | "the purchase of gear and equipment for Saugus fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 26 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Saugus received 36% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**90.8**<br>119th of 351 · 3.2 per 1,000 residents (310th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.7M**<br>scored exposure $2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**95**<br>128th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.8 sq mi**<br>16% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**28,916**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.51**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.36; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$14,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$3,030**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,910**<br>FY2017–2025 · 216th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SAUGUS

## Saugus has 1,128 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 29 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,128 acres**<br>16.4% of Saugus's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**29 acres**<br>0.4% of Saugus's land · 4 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**336 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 57 | 1,128 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 1 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 29 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 16 |
| Conservation restriction | 16 | 336 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 2 | 1 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 0 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Breakheart Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 619 | |
| Rumney Marsh Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 459 | |
| Lynn Woods Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 41 | |
| Saugus River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 111.9 miles of public road in Saugus, the state maintains 10.6 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.0 | 7% |
| DCR | 2.7 | 2% |
| Town-accepted | 90.9 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 10.3 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Saugus $22.4 million and takes back $6.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $15.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$22.4 million** | **$6.5 million** | **$15.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 29% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $620,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $97,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $212,000 |
| State Owned Land | $14,000 |
| Public Libraries | $74,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $66,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $10,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $18,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $48,000 |
| MBTA | $741,000 |
| Special Education | $3,289 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $463,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $5.1M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SAUGUS

## State programs also awarded $62,000 to organizations in Saugus other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Saugus. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Saugus River Watershed Council nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $57,000 |

A further $4,827 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.6% of Saugus's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 15.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15.4%** | **12.7%** | **17.6%** | **12.1%** |
| $8.9M of $57.7M · median town 14.1% | $9.6M of $75.8M · median town 12.2% | $19.6M of $111M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.6% · median town 10.0% |


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Saugus's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $909,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Saugus's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 42.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 26.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.9 million in FY2006 to $19.6 million in FY2025, +120.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $555,000 of Saugus's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+49.9%** | **+37.0%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $11.4M to $17.1M · all towns +54.0% | $18.8M to $25.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Saugus's health insurance would have been $14.2 million in FY2025; it was $17.1 million, $2.85 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $23.4 million in FY2025; it was $25.7 million, $2.27 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Saugus's government came to $1.1 million, 18.6% of the $5.69 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.1M | 18.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.1M | 18.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.1M | 18.9% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Saugus's required school contribution is 3.3% of median household income, 31st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$17.1M** | **$36.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.3%** | **+101%** |
| 31st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Saugus runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Saugus accounts for 8% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $78.9 million for schools serving Saugus, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Saugus's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$78.9M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,743 per resident (63rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Saugus's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $1.9M (8%) |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $11.9M (8%) |
| FY2017 | Saugus High School | Saugus | Core | $65.1M | $65.1M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Saugus; Saugus's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.9 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Saugus's share of the final cost was $152 million against its share of the approved budget of $161 million (under by $8.3 million); the local share moved from $95.6 million to $90.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Saugus has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9.1M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.5M**<br>annual program: 0.9 years of its yearly money · 239th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>one rated poor; likely about $987,000 of work on those ($474,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$762,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $262,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Saugus came on average 28 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $634,000 | $0 | $956,000 | $10,000 |
| FY2018 | $642,000 | $0 | $325,000 | $327,000 |
| FY2019 | $638,000 | $128,000 | $566,000 | $776,000 |
| FY2020 | $631,000 | $63,000 | $1.1M | $808,000 |
| FY2021 | $625,000 | $0 | $455,000 | $979,000 |
| FY2022 | $639,000 | $302,000 | $410,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $639,000 | $0 | $397,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2024 | $640,000 | $347,000 | $1.2M | $1.5M |
| FY2025 | $637,000 | $179,000 | $1.3M | $1M |
| FY2026 | $939,000 | $488,000 | $900,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $934,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.5M |

The full list of the 18 bridges in Saugus in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Spring Pond Dam Rehabilitation source | $262,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Saugus received $4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 41% of the $9.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Saugus ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.2 million in earmarks placed in Saugus, $27,000 (2%) went to organizations rather than to Saugus's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Saugus** this town | **29** | **$7,158** | **$98.00** | **$42.11** | **0.36** | **3.3%** |
| Dartmouth peer | 28 | $6,506 | $296 | $16.50 | 0.73 | 3.6% |
| Beverly peer | 27 | $6,643 | $218 | $69.85 | 0.97 | 3.1% |
| Marshfield peer · best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Norwood peer | 34 | $7,831 | $166 | $22.99 | 0.33 | 3.0% |
| Barnstable peer | 27 | $6,526 | $289 | $69.38† | 0.74 | 3.6% |
| Yarmouth lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Savoy

Town · Berkshire County · 795 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

STATE SENATE

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Savoy Public Schools, the town's own district

Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Lanesborough, Monroe, North Adams and Williamstown

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Savoy scores 57 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 71 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**57** / 100

63rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | 54 | 43 | 68 |

Rank under other weightings: 45th to 107th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Savoy received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 57 stays between 52 and 62 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**71** / 100

111th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 78 | 71 | 54 | 82 |

Rank under other weightings: 88th to 126th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

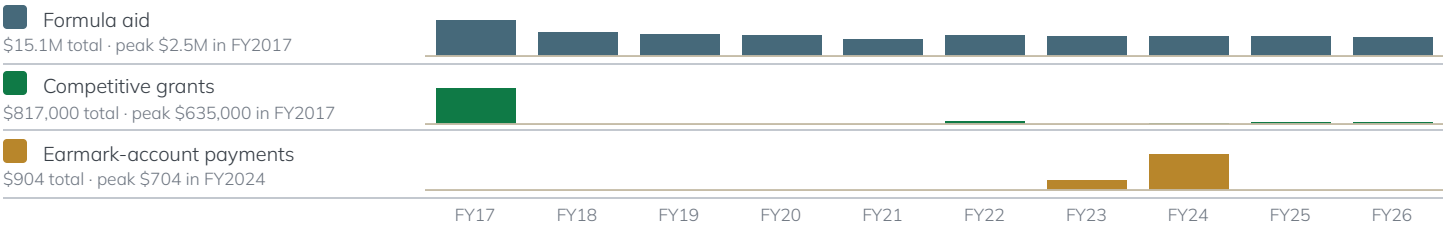
Savoy received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 71 stays between 66 and 77 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Savoy's town government and school districts received $15.1 million in formula aid and $817,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $15.1M | $817,000 | $904 |
| $18,956 per resident (35th of 351) · gross | $1,027 per resident (77th of 351) | $1.14 per resident (325th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Savoy peaked in FY2017 at $635,000, 78% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 795 residents, a single payment moves Savoy's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $756,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Savoy in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $904 in payments to Savoy's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Savoy.

Savoy is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Savoy's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Savoy's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wendell | $40,000 | $90,000 | $90,000 | $106 |
| Charlemont | $165,000 | $165,000 | $165,000 | $148 |
| Granville | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Colrain | $0 | $50,000 | $50,000 | $30.73 |
| New Salem | $106,000 | $106,000 | $106,000 | $101 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Savoy received 1.10 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**49.0**<br>258th of 351 · 61.7 per 1,000 residents (13th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.1M**<br>scored exposure $5.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**116**<br>83rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**35.9 sq mi**<br>55% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**10%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**889**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.57**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.10; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**12,352 acres**<br>53.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$137,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$11.08**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,580**<br>FY2017–2025 · 271st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SAVOY

## Savoy has 12,620 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 852 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**12,620 acres**<br>55.0% of Savoy's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**852 acres**<br>3.7% of Savoy's land · 13 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**149 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 157 | 12,620 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 10 | 11,341 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 110 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 629 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 113 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 7 | 432 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 149 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 5 | 8,992 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 2,349 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Savoy Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8,606 | |
| Mohawk Trail State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,479 | |
| Savoy WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,271 | |
| Kenneth Dubuque Memorial State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,040 | |
| Windsor State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 223 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 55.1 miles of public road in Savoy, the state maintains 1.7 (3%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.7 | 3% |
| Town-accepted | 49.0 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.5 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
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| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $28,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $109,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $148,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $18,000 |
| State Owned Land | $137,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,002 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $185 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $560 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $90,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $28,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SAVOY

## State programs also awarded $304,000 to organizations in Savoy other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Berkshire Regional Planning Council regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $70,000 |
| FY2020 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $52,000 |
| FY2026 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 |
| FY2025 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $42,000 |
| FY2024 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $19,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2026 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $17,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2019 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2020 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2023 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobiling Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,557 (shared four ways) |
| FY2025 | Florida Mountaineers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,333 (shared three ways) |
| FY2026 | Florida Mountaineers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $4,700 (shared three ways) |
| FY2022 | Savoy Kanary Kats nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $4,428 (shared four ways) |
| FY2021 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,500 (shared four ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 36.2% of Savoy's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 44.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **44.2%** | **43.0%** | **36.2%** | **32.8%** |
| $699,000 of $1.6M · median town 14.1% | $815,000 of $1.9M · median town 12.2% | $952,000 of $2.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 28.1% · median town 10.0% |

Savoy's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $76,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Savoy's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 12.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $699,000 in FY2006 to $952,000 in FY2025, +36.2% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+96.4%** | **+35.7%** | **5 of 9** | **3 of 7** |
| $33,000 to $66,000 · all towns +54.0% | $150,000 to $203,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth · two years not reported |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Savoy's health insurance would have been $42,000 in FY2025; it was $66,000, $24,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $187,000 in FY2025; it was $203,000, $16,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (–32%) and FY2018 (+43%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2025 (+43%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Savoy's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $32,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Savoy's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 146th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$627,000** | **$627,000** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+43%** |
| 146th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Savoy runs its own school district and also belongs to Northern Berkshire; Savoy accounts for 3% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $284,000 for schools serving Savoy, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Savoy's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$284,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $357 per resident (199th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Savoy's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $571,000 | $16,000 (3%) |
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $9.8M | $268,000 (3%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Savoy; Savoy's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $16,000.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Savoy has $522,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.3M**<br>$855,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$522,000**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 217th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**18**<br>four rated poor; likely about $9.5M of work on those ($9M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$105,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $105,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Savoy came on average 23 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Savoy owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $200,000 | $0 | $218,000 | $142,000 |
| FY2018 | $199,000 | $0 | $299,000 | $199,000 |
| FY2019 | $198,000 | $40,000 | $165,000 | $436,000 |
| FY2020 | $197,000 | $20,000 | $545,000 | $240,000 |
| FY2021 | $197,000 | $0 | $167,000 | $270,000 |
| FY2022 | $197,000 | $164,000 | $341,000 | $289,000 |
| FY2023 | $196,000 | $0 | $338,000 | $147,000 |
| FY2024 | $195,000 | $242,000 | $381,000 | $203,000 |
| FY2025 | $194,000 | $156,000 | $282,000 | $271,000 |
| FY2026 | $357,000 | $234,000 | $340,000 | $522,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $356,000 | $0 | $0 | $878,000 |

The full list of the 20 bridges in Savoy in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Community Culvert (MassDOT) selection | Culvert (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Old Main Road #4 over Phelps Brook source | $43,000 |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Old Main Rd #4 over Phelps Brook source | $62,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Savoy received $1.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years,


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## 58% of the $2.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Savoy is one of three municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Savoy this town | 57 | $18,956 | $1,027 | $0 | 1.10 | 2.7% |
| Wendell peer | 65 | $24,634 | $5,863 | $106† | 0.54 | 3.0% |
| Charlemont peer | 65 | $19,209 | $6,110 | $148 | 2.68 | 3.8% |
| Granville peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |
| Colrain peer | 59 | $16,229 | $3,795 | $30.73† | 2.33 | 2.7% |
| New Salem peer | 55 | $19,167 | $1,900 | $101 | 0.36 | 2.6% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Scituate

Town · Plymouth County · 19,365 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
4th Plymouth · Patrick Joseph Kearney

**STATE SENATE**
First Plymouth and Norfolk · Patrick M. O'Connor

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Scituate Public Schools, the town's own district
South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland and Whitman

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Scituate scores 34 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 74 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**34** / 100

274th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 50 | 28 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 256th to 285th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Scituate received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 30 and 38 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**74** / 100

99th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 86 | 71 | 67 |

Rank under other weightings: 90th to 110th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

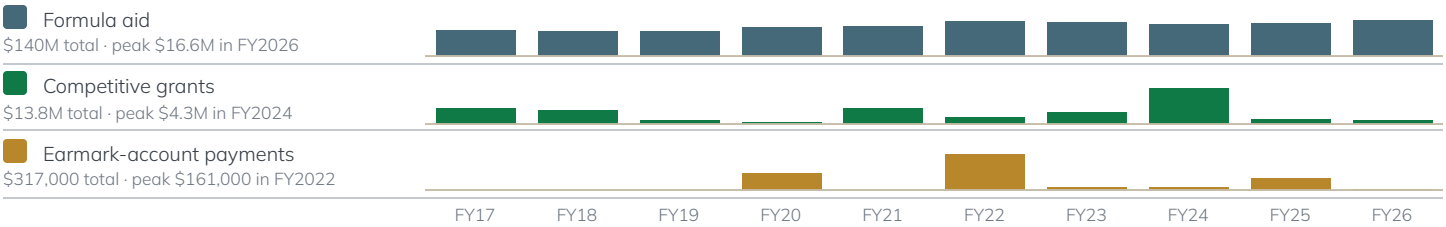
Scituate received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 74 stays between 71 and 77 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Scituate's town government and school districts received $140 million in formula aid and $13.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $140M | $13.8M | $317,000 |
| $7,209 per resident (282nd of 351) · gross | $711 per resident (111th of 351) | $16.37 per resident (224th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Scituate peaked in FY2024 at $4.3 million, 31% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $17.9 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Scituate received $158,000 in local earmarks to its government, $353,000 placed in the city or town and $353,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $158,000 | $353,000 | $353,000 | No |
| $8.18 per resident (276th of 351) | $18.25 per resident (279th of 351) · 55% to organizations | $18.25 per resident (280th of 351) · 55% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 15 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $158,000 went to Scituate's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $195,000 went to organizations in Scituate or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Scituate, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (15 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Scituate for the Cole parkway redevelopment project" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the Scituate Housing Authority for housing improvements in the town of Scituate" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "South Shore Peer Recovery, Inc. in the town of Scituate to support operations and programming" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $35,000 | "construction of a pedestrian walkway with appropriate safety signage and signalization at intersection of state highway route 3A and the new Gates middle school in the town of Scituate" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "the Friends of Scituate FACTS, Inc. in the town of Scituate" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 15 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Scituate received 3.23 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**102.8**<br>87th of 351 · 5.3 per 1,000 residents (218th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16.6M**<br>scored exposure $2.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**48**<br>270th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.2 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**5%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**20,493**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.60**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 3.23; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**5 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$138**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$27.60**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$44,879**<br>FY2017–2025 · 46th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SCITUATE

## Scituate has 109 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 189 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**109 acres**<br>1.0% of Scituate's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**189 acres**<br>1.7% of Scituate's land · 9 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**102 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 109 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 32 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 104 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 86 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 12 | 196 |
| Conservation restriction | 8 | 102 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state agencies | 5 | 32 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wompatuck State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 103 | |
| Cushing Memorial State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 123.1 miles of public road in Scituate, the state maintains 5.0 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.0 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 102.8 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 15.3 | 12% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Scituate $10.6 million and takes back $669,000 in assessments and charges, a net $9.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.6 million** | **$669,000** | **$9.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $7.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $66,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $65,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $151,000 |
| State Owned Land | $138 |
| Public Libraries | $47,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $120,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $108,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,087 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $15,000 |
| Regional Transit | $153,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $45,000 |
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|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Scituate Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2019 | Scituate Arts Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $23,000 |
| FY2022 | Scituate Arts Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $15,000 |
| FY2024 | North and South Rivers Watershed Association nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $15,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |
| FY2024 | Scituate Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |

A further $431,000 in 5 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.5% of Scituate's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 14.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.4%** | **10.2%** | **9.5%** | **8.7%** |
| $6.4M of $44.5M · median town 14.1% | $7.2M of $70.8M · median town 12.2% | $9.6M of $101M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.1% · median town 10.0% |

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Gross state aid went from $6.4 million in FY2006 to $9.6 million in FY2025, +49.9% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+53.2%** | **+63.7%** | **3 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $4.8M to $7.4M · all towns +54.0% | $10.5M to $17.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Scituate's health insurance would have been $6.01 million in FY2025; it was $7.37 million, $1.36 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $13.1 million in FY2025; it was $17.1 million, $4.06 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $158,000 | 6.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $343,000 | 13.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $343,000 | 13.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Scituate's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 102nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$7.5M** | **$30.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **+9%** |
| 102nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Scituate runs its own school district and also belongs to South Shore; Scituate accounts for 9% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $45.4 million for schools serving Scituate, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Scituate's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$45.4M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,342 per resident (76th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Scituate's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School | South Shore | Core | $112M | $9.5M (9%) |
| FY2024 | Hatherly Elementary School | Scituate | Core | $35.8M | $35.8M |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Scituate has $717,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$8.4M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$717,000**<br>annual program: 0.4 years of its yearly money · 295th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**8**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**2**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$584,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $584,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Scituate came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $566,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $566,000 |
| FY2018 | $563,000 | $0 | $446,000 | $942,000 |
| FY2019 | $562,000 | $112,000 | $599,000 | $1M |
| FY2020 | $562,000 | $56,000 | $772,000 | $863,000 |
| FY2021 | $560,000 | $0 | $628,000 | $795,000 |
| FY2022 | $558,000 | $343,000 | $792,000 | $905,000 |
| FY2023 | $556,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $237,000 |
| FY2024 | $558,000 | $341,000 | $723,000 | $413,000 |
| FY2025 | $557,000 | $156,000 | $710,000 | $415,000 |
| FY2026 | $896,000 | $519,000 | $1.1M | $717,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $895,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |

The full list of the 13 bridges in Scituate in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Oceanside Drive Seawall Reconstruction (Segment 1) source | $3M |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Oceanside Drive & Turner Road Seawall Reconstruction (Segment 2) source | $2.9M |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Scituate Reservoir Dam Design source | $227,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Scituate Reservoir Dam Design source | $132,000 |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Hunter's Pond Dam Removal source | $225,000 |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Oceanside Drive Seawall Repair Phase 2 source | $3M |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Scituate received $14.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 40% more than the $10.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Scituate ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $353,000 in earmarks placed in Scituate, $195,000 (55%) went to organizations rather than to Scituate's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Scituate** this town | **34** | **$7,209** | **$711** | **$18.25**† | **3.23** | **2.9%** |
| Marblehead peer | 29 | $6,094 | $187 | $21.64 | 0.50 | 1.9% |
| Westwood peer | 27 | $6,423 | $120 | $45.96 | 0.30 | 2.5% |
| Winchester peer | 28 | $6,820 | $40.16 | $49.13 | 0.45 | 2.5% |
| Hingham peer | 30 | $6,498 | $83.05 | $90.15† | 0.24 | 2.2% |
| Sudbury peer | 38 | $9,414 | $150 | $47.32 | 0.49 | 2.7% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Seekonk

Town · Bristol County · 15,694 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

4th Bristol · Steven S. Howitt

STATE SENATE

Third Bristol and Plymouth · Kelly A. Dooner

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Seekonk Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Plainville, Sherborn and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Seekonk scores 31 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 7 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**31** / 100

297th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 36 | 29 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 286th to 306th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Seekonk received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 30 and 32 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**7** / 100

350th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 8 | 8 | 6 |

Rank 350th under every weighting tested.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

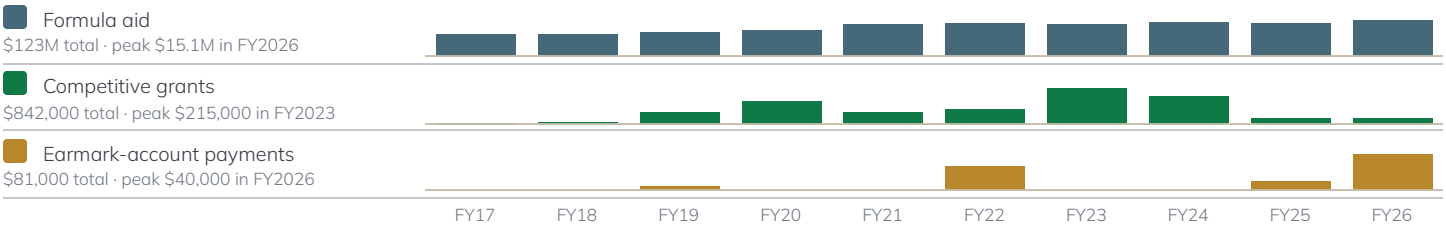
Seekonk received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 7 stays between 7 and 8 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Seekonk's town government and school districts received $123 million in formula aid and $842,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$123M** | **$842,000** | **$81,000** |
| $7,825 per resident (262nd of 351) · gross | $53.68 per resident (346th of 351) | $5.18 per resident (284th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Seekonk peaked in FY2023 at $215,000, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $20 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Seekonk received $267,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$267,000** | **$267,000** | **$267,000** | **No** |
| $16.99 per resident (230th of 351) | $16.99 per resident (284th of 351) | $16.99 per resident (285th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: ten clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Seekonk's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Seekonk, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (ten clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Seekonk for the removal of the Maple avenue dam" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "the Seekonk Senior Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $35,000 | "the removal of the Maple avenue dam in the town of Seekonk" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "necessary HVAC replacements to the public safety building in the town of Seekonk" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the town of Seekonk for funding to assess the structural concerns at the Burr's pond dam in the Burrs pond conservation area" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 10 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Seekonk received 1.67 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**101.9**<br>91st of 351 · 6.5 per 1,000 residents (176th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.8M**<br>scored exposure $633,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**95**<br>128th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.4 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**15,694**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.21**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.67; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$22,549**<br>FY2017–2025 · 157th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SEEKONK

## No state conservation land is mapped in Seekonk; 587 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**587 acres**<br>5.0% of Seekonk's land · 23 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**209 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**551 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61 forest land | 3 | 219 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 16 | 285 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 83 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 22 | 391 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 7 | 209 |
| Conservation restriction | 26 | 551 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 115.1 miles of public road in Seekonk, the state maintains 12.4 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.4 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 101.9 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Seekonk $10.4 million and takes back $605,000 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $9.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.4 million** | **$605,000** | **$9.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $7,672 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $4,921 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $130,000 |
| Public Libraries | $49,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $278,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $66,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,247 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $16,000 |
| Regional Transit | $129,000 |
| Special Education | $22,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $48,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $41,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SEEKONK

## State programs also awarded $613,000 to organizations in Seekonk other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Seekonk. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $610,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.7% of Seekonk's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 19.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **19.7%** | **13.7%** | **13.7%** | **12.6%** |
| $6.7M of $34.2M · median town 14.1% | $6.4M of $46.6M · median town 12.2% | $9.6M of $70.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 17.4% · median town 10.0% |

Seekonk's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $629,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

### Seekonk's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 7.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 17.9% below grown by the government price index.




Gross state aid went from $6.7 million in FY2006 to $9.6 million in FY2025, +43.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.4 million of Seekonk's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+50.0%** | **+64.6%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $4.9M to $7.3M · all towns +54.0% | $7.9M to $13.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Seekonk's health insurance would have been $6.08 million in FY2025; it was $7.30 million, $1.22 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.92 million in FY2025; it was $13.1 million, $3.15 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Seekonk's government came to $227,000, 9.3% of the $2.43 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $227,000 | 9.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $227,000 | 9.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $227,000 | 9.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Seekonk's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 64th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.9M** | **$21.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **+12%** |
| 64th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Seekonk runs its own school district and also belongs to Tri County and Bristol County; Seekonk accounts for 8% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $10.4 million for schools serving Seekonk, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Seekonk's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.4M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $666 per resident (170th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Seekonk's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $1.7M (8%) |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $7M (8%) |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$4,000 (2%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $1.1M (2%) |
| FY2018 | Mildred H. Aitken School | Seekonk | Accelerated Repair (Partial Window/Door) | $647,000 | $647,000 |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Seekonk; Seekonk's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.7 million, $1.7 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Seekonk's share of the final cost was $3.4 million against its share of the approved budget of $3.5 million (under by $100,000); the local share moved from $1.8 million to $1.7 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Seekonk has $2.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$8.6M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.7M**<br>annual program: 2.2 years of its yearly money · 67th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$191,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $191,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $582,000 | $0 | $362,000 | $582,000 |
| FY2018 | $580,000 | $0 | $348,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2019 | $582,000 | $116,000 | $696,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2020 | $585,000 | $58,000 | $279,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2021 | $585,000 | $0 | $822,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2022 | $581,000 | $339,000 | $927,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $588,000 | $0 | $339,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2024 | $588,000 | $345,000 | $653,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2025 | $587,000 | $160,000 | $357,000 | $2.5M |
| FY2026 | $921,000 | $521,000 | $1.2M | $2.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $917,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.6M |

The full list of the nine bridges in Seekonk in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Attleboro Dye Works Dam Removal: Design & Permitting source | $191,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Seekonk received $1.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 22% of the $5.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Seekonk ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Seekonk** this town | **31** | **$7,825** | **$53.68** | **$16.99** | **1.67** | **3.0%** |
| Kingston peer | 44 | $10,470 | $762 | $41.35 | 2.68 | 3.0% |
| Foxborough peer | 34 | $8,398 | $121 | $73.28† | 1.08 | 3.7% |
| Hull peer | 42 | $8,515 | $509 | $61.46† | 1.65 | 1.6% |
| Sterling peer | 34 | $8,083 | $141 | $35.44 | 0.62 | 2.6% |
| Easton peer | 30 | $7,249 | $236 | $53.96 | 1.08 | 3.3% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Uxbridge lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $11,199 | $436 | $15.55 | 1.22 | 2.8% |


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Sharon

Town · Norfolk County · 18,574 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

8th Norfolk · Edward R. Philips

STATE SENATE

Bristol and Norfolk · Paul R. Feeney

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Sharon Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Stoughton and West Bridgewater

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Sharon scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 70 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**35** / 100

263rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 53 | 26 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 228th to 290th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Sharon received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 29 and 41 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**70** / 100

119th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | 81 | 74 | 56 |

Rank under other weightings: 96th to 128th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

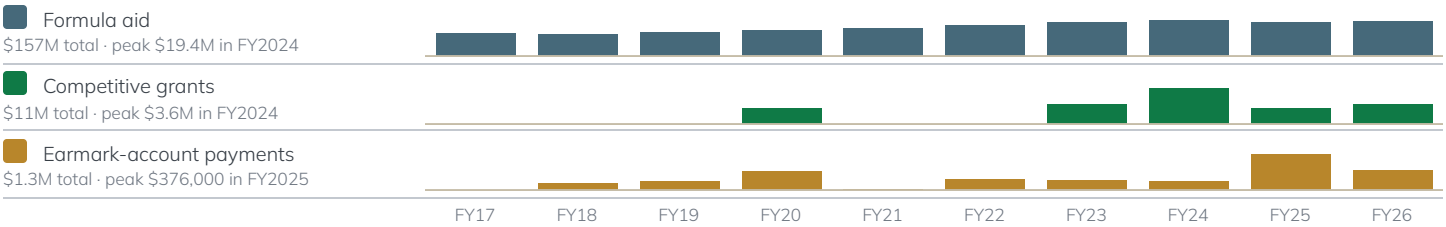
Sharon received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 70 stays between 65 and 75 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Sharon's town government and school districts received $157 million in formula aid and $11 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$157M** | **$11M** | **$1.3M** |
| $8,474 per resident (235th of 351) · gross | $593 per resident (124th of 351) | $68.25 per resident (41st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Sharon peaked in FY2024 at $3.6 million, 33% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Sharon received $644,000 in local earmarks to its government, $714,000 placed in the city or town and $714,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$644,000** | **$714,000** | **$714,000** | **No** |
| $34.68 per resident (139th of 351) | $38.45 per resident (207th of 351) · 10% to organizations | $38.45 per resident (213th of 351) · 10% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 18 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $644,000 went to Sharon's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $70,000 went to organizations in Sharon or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Sharon, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (18 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "body worn cameras for the Sharon police department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the survey, analysis, and design plans for drainage improvements on Robin road in Sharon" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $60,000 | "a feasibility study for the reuse of the historic Sharon public library building in the town of Sharon" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $60,000 | "the Ezra Schwartz Memorial Pavilion at the Ames Street playground in the town of Sharon" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "polyfluoroalkyl substances remediation costs in the town of Sharon" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 18 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Sharon received 1.92 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**108.3**<br>76th of 351 · 5.8 per 1,000 residents (200th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1M**<br>scored exposure $91,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**127**<br>69th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.4 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**18,635**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.41**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.92; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,171 acres**<br>7.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$268,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$229**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,308**<br>FY2017–2025 · 248th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SHARON

## Sharon has 1,139 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 248 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,139 acres**<br>7.6% of Sharon's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**248 acres**<br>1.7% of Sharon's land · 26 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,012 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 12 | 1,139 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 10 | 1,083 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 46 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 30 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 17 | 172 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 157 |
| Conservation restriction | 51 | 2,012 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | 1,083 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Borderland State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,139 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 123.7 miles of public road in Sharon, the state maintains 8.2 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.2 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 108.0 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.6 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Sharon $14.3 million and takes back $1.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $13.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.3 million** | **$1.1 million** | **$13.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $80,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $17,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $138,000 |
| State Owned Land | $268,000 |
| Public Libraries | $47,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $179,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $112,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,940 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $15,000 |
| MBTA | $479,000 |
| Special Education | $24,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $88,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $228,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SHARON

## State programs also awarded $116,000 to organizations in Sharon other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Sharon. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $116,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.2% of Sharon's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 13.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.8%** | **11.6%** | **12.2%** | **11.1%** |
| $9.6M of $69.3M · median town 14.1% | $10.4M of $89.8M · median town 12.2% | $13M of $107M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.0% · median town 10.0% |

Sharon's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $156,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Sharon's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 12.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $9.6 million in FY2006 to $13 million in FY2025, +35.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2 million of Sharon's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–19.5%** | **–23.4%** | **3 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $20.1M to $16.2M · all towns +54.0% | $24.6M to $18.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Sharon's health insurance would have been $25.1 million in FY2025; it was $16.2 million, $8.93 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $30.7 million in FY2025; it was $18.9 million, $11.9 million below the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (–32%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (–43%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Sharon's reported health insurance fell from $20.1 million in FY2016 to $16.2 million in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $529,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $599,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $599,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Sharon's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 61st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$11.5M** | **$37.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **+18%** |
| 61st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Sharon runs its own school district and also belongs to Norfolk County and Southeastern; Sharon accounts for 4% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $54.9 million for schools serving Sharon, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Sharon's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$54.9M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,955 per resident (55th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Sharon's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Sharon High School | Sharon | Core | $53.8M | $53.8M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $65,000 (4%) |
| FY2017 | Heights Elementary School | Sharon | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $993,000 | $993,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Sharon's share of the final cost was $1.6 million against its share of the approved budget of $2.3 million (under by $756,000); the local share moved from $1.3 million to $872,000. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Sharon has $3.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$8.7M**<br>$1.6M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3.1M**<br>annual program: 2.5 years of its yearly money · 43rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**2**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of five town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$95,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $95,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Sharon came on average 45 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Sharon owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $574,000 | $0 | $661,000 | $574,000 |
| FY2018 | $582,000 | $0 | $411,000 | $745,000 |
| FY2019 | $581,000 | $116,000 | $654,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2020 | $579,000 | $58,000 | $967,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2021 | $579,000 | $0 | $352,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2022 | $577,000 | $360,000 | $155,000 | $2.9M |
| FY2023 | $576,000 | $0 | $1.7M | $1.8M |
| FY2024 | $579,000 | $356,000 | $1.8M | $899,000 |
| FY2025 | $579,000 | $161,000 | $0 | $1.6M |
| FY2026 | $938,000 | $546,000 | $0 | $3.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $940,000 | $0 | $0 | $4.1M |

The full list of the 18 bridges in Sharon in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | High Plain Street over Traphole Brook source | $95,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Sharon received $12.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.1 times the $6.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Sharon ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $714,000 in earmarks placed in Sharon, $70,000 (10%) went to organizations rather than to Sharon's government.


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| **Sharon** this town | **35** | **$8,474** | **$593** | **$38.45** | **1.92** | **3.1%** |
| North Reading peer | 38 | $8,458 | $326 | $76.44 | 0.68 | 3.0% |
| Acton peer | 40 | $9,929 | $351 | $53.20† | 2.12 | 3.1% |
| Reading peer | 36 | $8,102 | $118 | $31.24 | 1.27 | 2.6% |
| Walpole peer | 30 | $6,864 | $139 | $32.09 | 0.61 | 2.6% |
| Groton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |

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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Sheffield

Town · Berkshire County · 3,330 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Southern Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Alford, Egremont, Monterey and New Marlborough

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Sheffield scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 93 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

48 / 100

146th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 48 | 48 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 136th to 151st.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Sheffield received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 47 and 48 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

93 / 100

33rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | 95 | 90 | 94 |

Rank under other weightings: 30th to 35th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

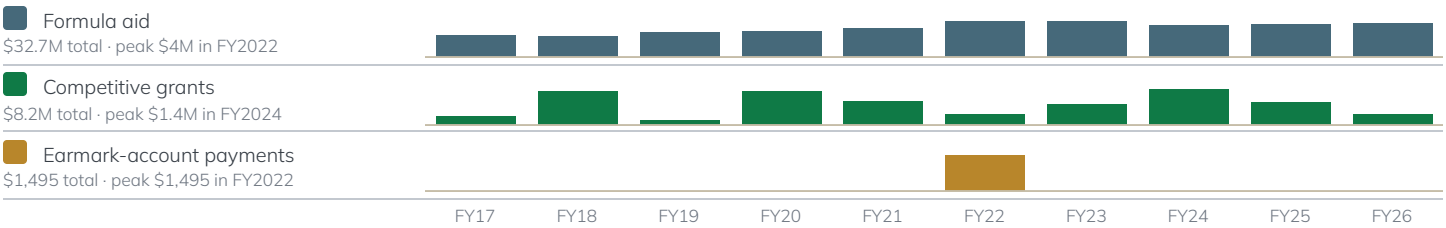
Sheffield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 93 stays between 93 and 94 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Sheffield's town government and school districts received $32.7 million in formula aid and $8.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $32.7M | $8.2M | $1,495 |
| $9,816 per resident (184th of 351) · gross | $2,468 per resident (39th of 351) | $0.45 per resident (331st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Sheffield were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in Sheffield in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $1,495 in payments to Sheffield's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Sheffield.

Sheffield is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Sheffield's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Sheffield's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hatfield | $10,000 | $10,000 | $10,000 | $3.01 |
| Northfield | $10,000 | $10,000 | $10,000 | $3.48 |
| Plympton | $335,000 | $335,000 | $335,000 | $114 |
| Lee | $125,000 | $125,000 | $125,000 | $21.86 |
| Leverett | $115,000 | $215,000 | $215,000 | $134 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Sheffield received 1.94 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**81.2**<br>151st of 351 · 24.4 per 1,000 residents (49th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$34.1M**<br>scored exposure $12M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**91**<br>138th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**47.4 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**10%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,728**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.10**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.94; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,182 acres**<br>7.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$187,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$85.56**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$26,630**<br>FY2017–2025 · 130th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SHEFFIELD

## Sheffield has 2,257 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 6,944 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,257 acres**<br>7.4% of Sheffield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**6,944 acres**<br>22.9% of Sheffield's land · 238 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**3,923 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,780 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 38 | 2,257 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 265 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 30 | 690 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 181 | 5,485 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 27 | 768 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 91 | 2,790 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 88 | 3,923 |
| Conservation restriction | 46 | 1,780 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 8 | 265 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Three Mile Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,169 | |
| Dolomite Ledges WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 378 | |
| Mount Everett State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 318 | |
| Hubbard Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 196 | |
| East Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 195 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 101.0 miles of public road in Sheffield, the state maintains 17.7 (18%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 17.7 | 18% |
| Town-accepted | 81.2 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.1 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Sheffield $620,000 and takes back $41,000 in assessments and charges, a net $579,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$620,000** | **$41,000** | **$579,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 7% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $18,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $320,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $68,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $18,000 |
| State Owned Land | $187,000 |
| Public Libraries | $9,199 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $35,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,240 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,060 |
| Regional Transit | $982 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SHEFFIELD

## State programs also awarded $610,000 to organizations in Sheffield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Sheffield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Sheffield Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $78,000 |
| FY2023 | Dewey Memorial Hall nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2019 | Greenagers nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $20,000 |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $467,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.4% of Sheffield's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 4.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.1%** | **4.0%** | **4.4%** | **4.1%** |
| $290,000 of $7.1M · median town 14.1% | $374,000 of $9.4M · median town 12.2% | $566,000 of $12.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.1% · median town 10.0% |

Sheffield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Sheffield's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 26.0% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 12.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $290,000 in FY2006 to $566,000 in FY2025, +95.4% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–3.4%** | **+36.1%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $389,000 to $376,000 · all towns +54.0% | $624,000 to $848,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Sheffield's health insurance would have been $486,000 in FY2025; it was $376,000, $110,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $779,000 in FY2025; it was $848,000, $70,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Sheffield's reported health insurance fell from $389,000 in FY2016 to $376,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | no increase | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Sheffield's required school contribution is 3.3% of median household income, 26th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **$4.1M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.3%** | **–5%** |
| 26th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Sheffield has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Sheffield and Southern Berkshire; Sheffield accounts for 100% and 51% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Sheffield, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Sheffield has $802,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns five bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.8M** | **$4.3M** | **$802,000** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 298th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **26** | **0** | **$1.5M** |
| five rated poor; likely about $9.3M of work on those ($8.6M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $1.3M · dams $0 · culverts $151,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Sheffield came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $366,000 | $0 | $304,000 | $366,000 |
| FY2018 | $359,000 | $0 | $288,000 | $437,000 |
| FY2019 | $358,000 | $72,000 | $665,000 | $349,000 |
| FY2020 | $357,000 | $36,000 | $537,000 | $467,000 |
| FY2021 | $356,000 | $0 | $323,000 | $499,000 |
| FY2022 | $355,000 | $271,000 | $371,000 | $754,000 |
| FY2023 | $354,000 | $0 | $732,000 | $376,000 |
| FY2024 | $354,000 | $343,000 | $513,000 | $559,000 |
| FY2025 | $353,000 | $199,000 | $770,000 | $341,000 |
| FY2026 | $620,000 | $393,000 | $552,000 | $802,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $618,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

The full list of the 37 bridges in Sheffield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Kelsey Rd over Dry Brook source | $54,000 |
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Kelsey Rd over Dry Brook source | $97,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Sheffield received $10.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 93% more than the $5.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Sheffield is one of two municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sheffield** this town | **48** | **$9,816** | **$2,468** | **$0** | **1.94** | **3.3%** |
| Hatfield peer | 32 | $6,480 | $1,299 | $3.01 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| Northfield peer | 53 | $12,644 | $1,336 | $3.48 | 1.74 | 2.7% |
| Plympton peer | 35 | $9,237 | $274 | $114 | 0.71 | 3.4% |
| Lee peer | 39 | $7,783 | $1,292 | $21.86 | 2.91 | 3.1% |
| Leverett peer | 47 | $11,884 | $1,674 | $134 | 1.95 | 2.9% |
| Chatham best in class of 30 | 23 | $4,225 | $743 | $246† | 0.70 | 1.8% |
| Becket lowest in class of 30 | 51 | $9,450 | $3,826 | $0 | 2.09 | 3.5% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Shelburne

Town · Franklin County · 1,567 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

STATE SENATE

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Mohawk Trail Regional School District, shared with Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath and Plainfield

Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield and ten others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Shelburne scores 66 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 99 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**66** / 100

21st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | 63 | 69 | 62 |

Rank under other weightings: 15th to 29th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Shelburne received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 65 stays between 64 and 67 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**99** / 100

2nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 99 | 99 | 98 | 99 |

Rank under other weightings: 2nd to 3rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

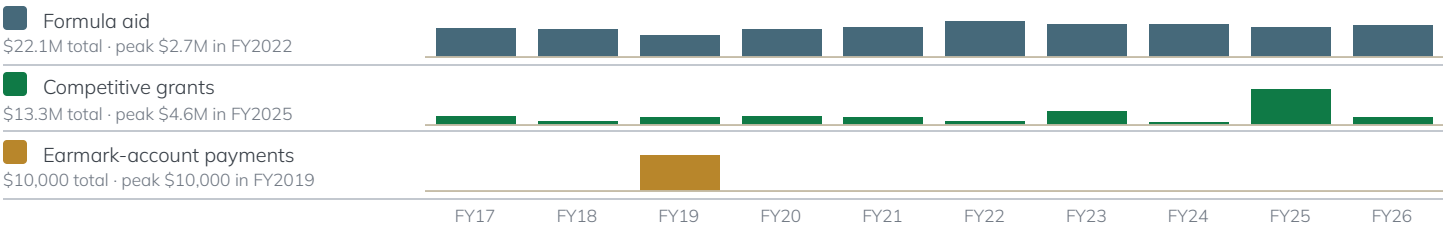
Shelburne received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 99 stays between 98 and 99 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Shelburne's town government and school districts received $22.1 million in formula aid and $13.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $22.1M | $13.3M | $10,000 |
| $14,126 per resident (91st of 351) · gross | $8,461 per resident (5th of 351) | $6.38 per resident (277th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Shelburne peaked in FY2025 at $4.6 million, 35% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Shelburne received $85,000 in local earmarks to its government, $285,000 placed in the city or town and $285,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $85,000 | $285,000 | $285,000 | No |
| $54.24 per resident (70th of 351) | $182 per resident (11th of 351) · 70% to organizations | $182 per resident (21st of 351) · 70% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $85,000 went to Shelburne's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $200,000 went to organizations in Shelburne or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Shelburne, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | $100,000 | "not less than $100,000 shall be directed to the Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association, Inc. for economic development including, but not limited to farming, workers and business adaptation challenges related to the 2019 novel coronavirus in the county of Franklin" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "the town of Shelburne for playground improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the Mary Lyon Foundation for services and financial support to students and families in Franklin county" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "the Mary Lyon Foundation, Inc. for services and financial support to students and families in Franklin county" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "the Mary Lyon Foundation, Inc. for services and supports to students and families in western Franklin county" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Shelburne received 2.94 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**48.9**<br>259th of 351 · 31.2 per 1,000 residents (40th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$12.4M**<br>scored exposure $4.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**70**<br>196th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**23.2 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,637**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.76**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.94; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**75 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$4,129**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$55.27**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$31,030**<br>FY2017–2025 · 99th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SHELBURNE

## Shelburne has 119 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,876 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**119 acres**<br>0.8% of Shelburne's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,876 acres**<br>19.4% of Shelburne's land · 80 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,107 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,280 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 119 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 83 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 26 | 986 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 48 | 1,774 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 116 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 70 | 3,966 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 21 | 1,107 |
| Conservation restriction | 23 | 1,280 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 83 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Shelburne State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 67 | |
| Hinsdale Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 51 | |
| Unnamed state land | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 2 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 58.3 miles of public road in Shelburne, the state maintains 9.4 (16%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.4 | 16% |
| Town-accepted | 48.9 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.0 | 0% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Shelburne $359,000 and takes back $15,000 in assessments and charges, a net $344,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$359,000** | **$15,000** | **$344,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $336,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $11,000 |
| State Owned Land | $4,129 |
| Public Libraries | $7,876 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $577 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,500 |
| Regional Transit | $13,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SHELBURNE

## State programs also awarded $1.6 million to organizations in Shelburne other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2016 | Arms Library Association nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $266,000 |
| FY2024 | Art Garden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $142,000 |
| FY2024 | Piti Theatre Company nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2019 | Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $43,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2024 | Shelburne Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $13,000 |
| FY2026 | Shelburne Fire District regional body | DFS Firefighter Safety Equipment / Fire grants | $10,000 |
| FY2024 | Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum Inc. nonprofit | MOTT Destination Development grants | $10,000 |
| FY2023 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $9,851 (shared seven ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2025 | Shelburne Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $5,250 |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.3% of Shelburne's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.1%** | **7.0%** | **5.3%** | **5.0%** |
| $275,000 of $3M · median town 14.1% | $267,000 of $3.8M · median town 12.2% | $341,000 of $6.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.2% · median town 10.0% |

Shelburne's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $899,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

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Gross state aid went from $275,000 in FY2006 to $341,000 in FY2025, +24.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+57.7%** | **+65.8%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $137,000 to $216,000 · all towns +54.0% | $254,000 to $421,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Shelburne's health insurance would have been $171,000 in FY2025; it was $216,000, $45,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $317,000 in FY2025; it was $421,000, $104,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+36%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Shelburne's government came to $10,000, 12.6% of the $79,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $10,000 | 12.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $185,000 | 2.3 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $185,000 | 2.3 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Shelburne's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 78th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$884,000** | **$1.9M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **−25%** |
| 78th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Shelburne has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Mohawk Trail and Franklin County; Shelburne accounts for 18% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.1 million for schools serving Shelburne, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Shelburne's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.1M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,351 per resident (124th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Shelburne's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $2.1M (2%) |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Shelburne has $485,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns five bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.5M**<br>$867,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$485,000**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 282nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>five rated poor; likely about $3.6M of work on those ($1.8M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$821,000**<br>bridges $821,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Shelburne came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Shelburne owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $218,000 | $0 | $349,000 | $138,000 |
| FY2018 | $213,000 | $0 | $401,000 | $8 |
| FY2019 | $211,000 | $42,000 | $19,000 | $239,000 |
| FY2020 | $208,000 | $21,000 | $248,000 | $220,000 |
| FY2021 | $208,000 | $0 | $203,000 | $225,000 |
| FY2022 | $208,000 | $162,000 | $334,000 | $261,000 |
| FY2023 | $206,000 | $0 | $291,000 | $177,000 |
| FY2024 | $208,000 | $246,000 | $425,000 | $206,000 |
| FY2025 | $208,000 | $160,000 | $315,000 | $259,000 |
| FY2026 | $369,000 | $236,000 | $379,000 | $485,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $369,000 | $0 | $0 | $854,000 |

The full list of the 17 bridges in Shelburne in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Shelburne received $15.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 81% more than the $8.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Shelburne ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $285,000 in earmarks placed in Shelburne, $200,000 (70%) went to organizations rather than to Shelburne's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Shelburne** this town | **66** | **$14,126** | **$8,461** | **$182** † | **2.94** | **3.0%** |
| Royalston peer | 59 | $15,842 | $2,316 | $41.10 | 0.96 | 1.5% |
| New Salem peer | 55 | $19,167 | $1,900 | $101 | 0.36 | 2.6% |
| Ashfield peer | 45 | $10,211 | $1,970 | $48.86 † | 1.85 | 2.4% |
| Goshen peer | 58 | $15,373 | $3,510 | $81.97 | 1.88 | 2.3% |
| Granville peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Sherborn

Town · Middlesex County · 4,427 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
8th Middlesex · James C. Arena-DeRosa

**STATE SENATE**
Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex · Rebecca L. Rausch

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Sherborn Public Schools, the town's own district
Dover-Sherborn Regional School District, shared with Dover
Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Plainville, Seekonk and two others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Sherborn scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 75 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**39** / 100

223rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 41 | 64 | 26 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 155th to 267th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Sherborn received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 32 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**75** / 100

92nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 75 | 89 | 74 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 81st to 109th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

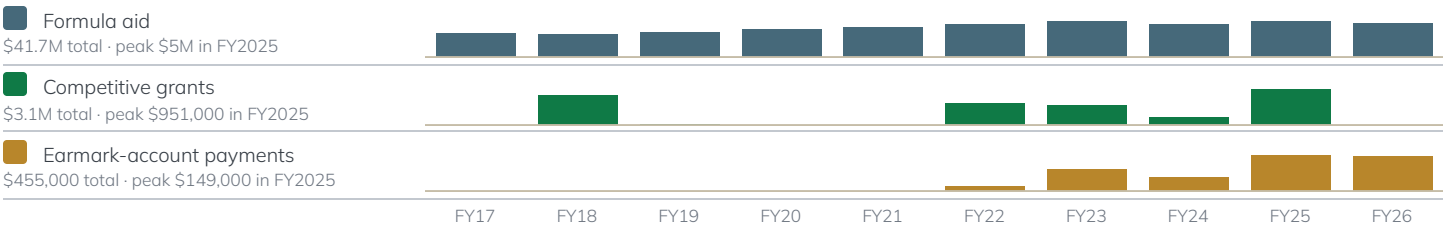
Sherborn received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 75 stays between 71 and 79 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Sherborn's town government and school districts received $41.7 million in formula aid and $3.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$41.7M** | **$3.1M** | **$455,000** |
| $9,422 per resident (198th of 351) · gross | $708 per resident (112th of 351) | $103 per resident (20th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Sherborn peaked in FY2025 at $951,000, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Sherborn received $456,000 in local earmarks to its government, $481,000 placed in the city or town and $481,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$456,000** | **$481,000** | **$481,000** | **No** |
| $103 per resident (20th of 351) | $109 per resident (57th of 351) · 5% to organizations | $109 per resident (65th of 351) · 5% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 13 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $456,000 went to Sherborn's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Sherborn or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Sherborn, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (13 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the Woodhaven Elderly Housing Complex in the town of Sherborn for replacement windows" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "water quality and infrastructure improvements in the town of Sherborn" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "a watershed-based plan for Farm pond in the town of Sherborn" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "exterior safety improvements to the town hall campus in the town of Sherborn" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "the Commonwealth Housing Development in Brighton" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 13 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Sherborn received 88% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**55.9**<br>227th of 351 · 12.6 per 1,000 residents (81st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.5M**<br>scored exposure $283,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**63**<br>219th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.8 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**4,427**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.81**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.88; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**30 acres**<br>0.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$22,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$744**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$29,437**<br>FY2017–2025 · 109th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SHERBORN

## Sherborn has 2 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 467 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2 acres**<br>0.0% of Sherborn's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**467 acres**<br>4.6% of Sherborn's land · 40 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**692 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 2 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 153 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 11 | 78 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 20 | 304 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 85 |
| Conservation restriction | 25 | 692 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state agencies | 3 | 129 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 2 | 25 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cochituate State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 56.1 miles of public road in Sherborn, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 55.9 | 100% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.2 | 0% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

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| Public Libraries | $13,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $57,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,070 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $2,723 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $300 |
| MBTA | $27,000 |
| Regional Transit | $7,149 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $2,250 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SHERBORN

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.9%** | **4.3%** | **3.5%** | **3.2%** |
| $909,000 of $18.7M · median town 14.1% | $1.1M of $25.1M · median town 12.2% | $1.2M of $33.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.5% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+17.4%** | **+42.9%** | **4 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $1.3M to $1.6M · all towns +54.0% | $2.3M to $3.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

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| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.4M** | **$10.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+22%** |
| 169th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Sherborn runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Dover-Sherborn and Tri County for others; Sherborn accounts for 47% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $518,000 for schools serving Sherborn, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Sherborn's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$518,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $117 per resident (232nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Sherborn's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $101,000 (1%) |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $417,000 (1%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Sherborn; Sherborn's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $101,000, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Sherborn has $388,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.1M** | **$3.3M** | **$388,000** |
| $979,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.1 years of its yearly money · 333rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **2** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Sherborn came on average 11 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October


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2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $255,000 | $0 | $411,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $255,000 | $0 | $265,000 | $10 |
| FY2019 | $254,000 | $51,000 | $149,000 | $156,000 |
| FY2020 | $254,000 | $25,000 | $434,000 | $52,000 |
| FY2021 | $253,000 | $0 | $286,000 | $19,000 |
| FY2022 | $252,000 | $187,000 | $0 | $457,000 |
| FY2023 | $252,000 | $0 | $709,000 | $4 |
| FY2024 | $251,000 | $272,000 | $268,000 | $255,000 |
| FY2025 | $251,000 | $172,000 | $593,000 | $85,000 |
| FY2026 | $436,000 | $272,000 | $405,000 | $388,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $435,000 | $0 | $0 | $823,000 |

The full list of the three bridges in Sherborn in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Sherborn received $3.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 55% more than the $2.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Sherborn ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $481,000 in earmarks placed in Sherborn, $25,000 (5%) went to organizations rather than to Sherborn's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sherborn** this town | **39** | **$9,422** | **$708** | **$109** | **0.88** | **2.7%** |
| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| West Newbury peer | 48 | $10,655 | $574 | $38.12 | 0.91 | 2.1% |
| Carlisle peer | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |
| Bolton peer | 35 | $8,127 | $737 | $62.75 | 1.64 | 2.8% |
| Newbury peer | 41 | $8,033 | $339 | $38.77 | 0.19 | 1.6% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |


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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Shirley

Town · Middlesex County · 6,976 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

37th Middlesex · Danillo A. Sena

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Middlesex · John J. Cronin

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Ayer Shirley School District, shared with Ayer

Nashoba Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ayer, Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Townsend and Westford

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Shirley scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 64 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**48** / 100

136th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 43 | 52 | 51 |

Rank under other weightings: 111th to 159th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Shirley received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 47 and 50 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**64** / 100

130th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 60 | 66 | 68 |

Rank under other weightings: 124th to 140th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

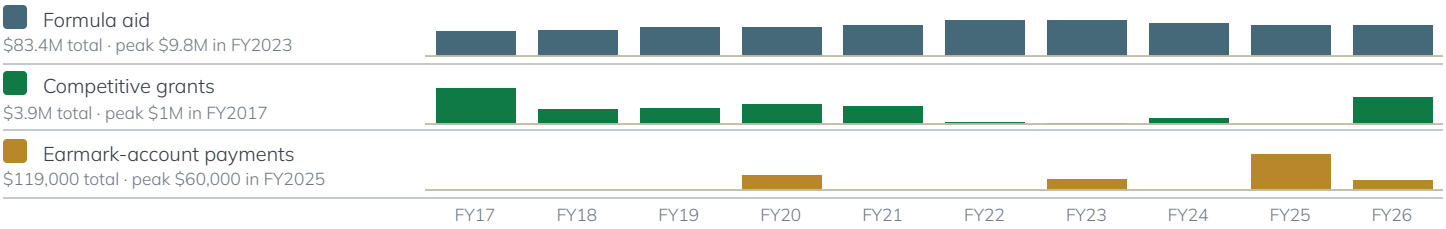
Shirley received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 64 stays between 63 and 66 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Shirley's town government and school districts received $83.4 million in formula aid and $3.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $83.4M | $3.9M | $119,000 |
| $11,957 per resident (129th of 351) · gross | $554 per resident (130th of 351) | $17.04 per resident (219th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Shirley peaked in FY2017 at $1 million, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $6.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Shirley received $166,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $166,000 | $166,000 | $166,000 | No |
| $23.80 per resident (191st of 351) | $23.80 per resident (260th of 351) | $23.80 per resident (263rd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Shirley's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Shirley, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (six clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "the design and engineering of an elevator in the War Memorial building in the town of Shirley in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $35,000 | "the town of Shirley to conduct an engineering study to determine the compliance of the Fredonian park pond walkway with the Americans with Disabilities Act" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "Shirley to provide reduced-cost or no-cost summer camp for children through the summer in Shirley program" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "the town of Shirley to upgrade handicapped accessibility to the Shirley war memorial building" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $16,000 | "the police department in the town of Shirley for the purchase of a drone and supportive equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 6 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Shirley received 74% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**43.3**<br>275th of 351 · 6.2 per 1,000 residents (184th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$11.4M**<br>scored exposure $3.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**49**<br>266th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.8 sq mi**<br>12% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,090**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.20**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.74; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,409 acres**<br>13.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$170,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$121**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,314**<br>FY2017–2025 · 303rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SHIRLEY

## Shirley has 1,248 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 738 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,248 acres**<br>12.3% of Shirley's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**738 acres**<br>7.3% of Shirley's land · 39 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**684 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 39 | 1,248 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 46 | 1,230 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 8 | 390 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 50 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 28 | 297 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 25 | 620 |
| Conservation restriction | 31 | 684 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 45 | 1,090 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 1 | 140 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mulpus Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 647 | |
| Squannacook River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 423 | |
| Hunting Hills WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 138 | |
| Nashua River Access - Shirley | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 29 | |
| Wilde Road Soccer Fields | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 11 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 51.7 miles of public road in Shirley, the state maintains 3.9 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.9 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 43.3 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.6 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Shirley $2.1 million and takes back $63,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.1 million** | **$63,000** | **$2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $123,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $89,000 |
| State Owned Land | $174,000 |
| Public Libraries | $22,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,002 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,740 |
| MBTA | $41,000 |
| Regional Transit | $13,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SHIRLEY

## State programs also awarded $97,000 to organizations in Shirley other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Shirley. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2016 | First Parish Meeting House Preservation Society of Shirley nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $97,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.8% of Shirley's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 44.3% in FY2006.

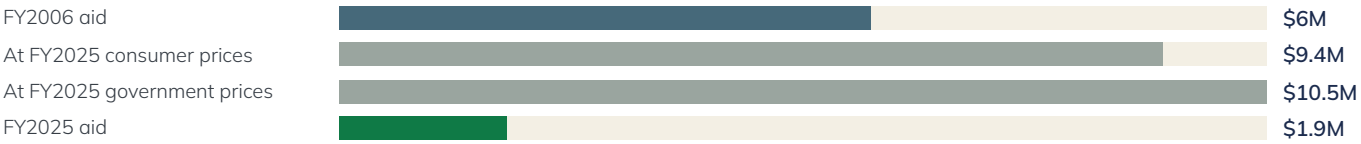
STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **44.3%** | **10.5%** | **10.8%** | **10.4%** |
| $6M of $13.6M · median town 14.1% | $1.4M of $13.3M · median town 12.2% | $1.9M of $17.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 33.5% · median town 10.0% |

Shirley's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $4.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Shirley's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 79.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 81.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $6 million in FY2006 to $1.9 million in FY2025, –68.4% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–60.0%** | **+39.7%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $541,000 to $217,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.4M to $2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Shirley's health insurance would have been $676,000 in FY2025; it was $217,000, $459,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.80 million in FY2025; it was $2.01 million, $213,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (–73%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Shirley's reported health insurance fell from $541,000 in FY2016 to $217,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $135,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $135,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $135,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Shirley's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 227th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$4.7M** | **$6.9M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **–12%** |
| 227th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Shirley has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Ayer Shirley and Nashoba Valley; Shirley accounts for 41% and 7% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $107,000 for schools serving Shirley, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Shirley's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$107,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $15.36 per resident (271st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Shirley's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Nashoba Valley Technical High School | Nashoba Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Windows/Doors) | $1.6M | $107,000 (7%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Shirley's share of the final cost was $228,000 against its share of the approved budget of $242,000 (under by $14,000); the local share moved from $135,000 to $129,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Shirley has $656,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge


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## rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.9M**<br>$864,000 of it one-time supplements | **$2.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$656,000**<br>annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 262nd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **7**<br>one rated poor; about $791,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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**Shirley owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $253,000 | $0 | $0 | $253,000 |
| FY2018 | $252,000 | $0 | $324,000 | $181,000 |
| FY2019 | $252,000 | $50,000 | $625,000 | $484,000 |
| FY2020 | $252,000 | $25,000 | $570,000 | $424,000 |
| FY2021 | $253,000 | $0 | $147,000 | $531,000 |
| FY2022 | $253,000 | $145,000 | $252,000 | $677,000 |
| FY2023 | $252,000 | $0 | $818,000 | $111,000 |
| FY2024 | $250,000 | $251,000 | $188,000 | $424,000 |
| FY2025 | $248,000 | $172,000 | $289,000 | $554,000 |
| FY2026 | $390,000 | $221,000 | $509,000 | $656,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $390,000 | $0 | $0 | $1M |

The full list of the 11 bridges in Shirley in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Shirley received $4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 7% more than the $3.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Shirley ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Shirley** this town | **48** | **$11,957** | **$554** | **$23.80** | **0.74** | **2.5%** |
| Townsend peer | 54 | $15,988 | $300 | $29.35 | 0.75 | 2.3% |
| Williamstown peer | 21 | $5,059 | $141 | $20.49† | 1.38 | 2.4% |
| Blackstone peer | 51 | $14,382 | $190 | $90.57 | 0.82 | 2.6% |
| Acushnet peer | 43 | $10,949 | $130 | $21.65 | 0.60 | 3.2% |
| Oxford peer | 52 | $13,864 | $491 | $15.69 | 1.37 | 2.7% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Lanesborough lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Shrewsbury

Town · Worcester County · 38,876 residents (ACS 2020–24)

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STATE HOUSE

**11th Worcester** · Hannah Kane

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Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Shrewsbury scores 36 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 25 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**36** / 100

254th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 44 | 29 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 242nd to 272nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Shrewsbury received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 33 and 38 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**25** / 100

293rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 30 | 27 | 23 |

Rank under other weightings: 281st to 297th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

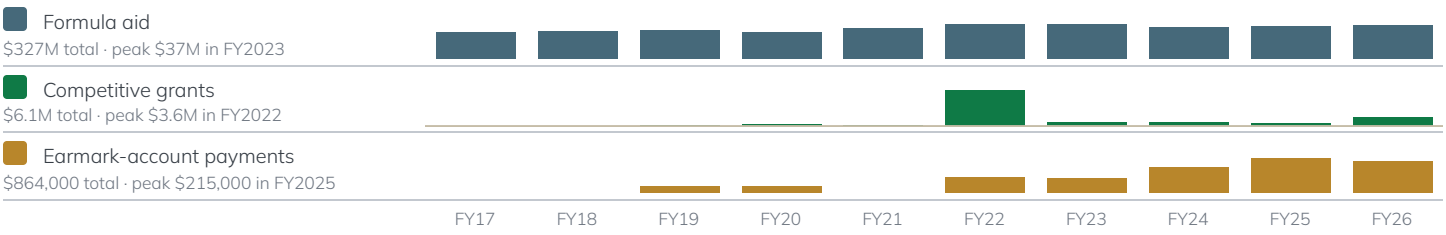
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STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Shrewsbury's town government and school districts received $327 million in formula aid and $6.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$327M** | **$6.1M** | **$864,000** |
| $8,418 per resident (238th of 351) · gross | $158 per resident (279th of 351) | $22.21 per resident (191st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Shrewsbury peaked in FY2022 at $3.6 million, 59% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

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EARMARKS

## Shrewsbury received $538,000 in local earmarks to its government, $988,000 placed in the city or town and $988,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$538,000** | **$988,000** | **$988,000** | **No** |
| $13.83 per resident (249th of 351) | $25.41 per resident (257th of 351) · 46% to organizations | $25.41 per resident (259th of 351) · 46% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 25 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $538,000 went to Shrewsbury's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $450,000 went to organizations in Shrewsbury or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Shrewsbury, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (25 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services in the town of Shrewsbury to provide mental health services in the commonwealth" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Inc. for mental health services in the commonwealth" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $69,000 | "the town of Shrewsbury for the purchase of new voting machines" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the town of Shrewsbury to support Shrewsbury's 300th anniversary celebration events" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Inc. in Shrewsbury to provide mental health services in the commonwealth" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 25 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Shrewsbury received 74% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**151.4**<br>32nd of 351 · 3.9 per 1,000 residents (282nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.3M**<br>scored exposure $4.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**235**<br>6th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.7 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**38,994**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.63**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.74; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**29 acres**<br>0.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$49,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$1,672**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$22,028**<br>FY2017–2025 · 159th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SHREWSBURY

## Shrewsbury has 192 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 264 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**192 acres**<br>1.4% of Shrewsbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**264 acres**<br>2.0% of Shrewsbury's land · 6 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**150 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 19 | 192 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 13 | 79 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 166 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 92 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 6 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 74 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 150 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 3 | 46 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 18 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 13 |
| Other state agencies | 4 | 1 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Former Irving Glavin Center Recreational Area | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 96 | |
| Rawson Hill Brook Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 75 | |
| Oak Island Boat Ramp | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |
| Lake Quinsigamond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 7 | |
| George H. Nichols Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |
| Quinsigamond State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 182.5 miles of public road in Shrewsbury, the state maintains 18.8 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 18.8 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 150.3 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 13.4 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Shrewsbury $27.6 million and takes back $1.3 million in assessments and charges, a net $26.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$27.6 million** | **$1.3 million** | **$26.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $23.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $25,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $20,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $57,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $203,000 |
| State Owned Land | $49,000 |
| Public Libraries | $114,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $100,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $13,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $25,000 |
| MBTA | $150,000 |
| Regional Transit | $151,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $558,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $353,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SHREWSBURY

## State programs also awarded $463,000 to organizations in Shrewsbury other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Shrewsbury. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Shrewsbury Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $22,000 |
| FY2023 | Central MA Regional Planning Commission - Grafton regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $18,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2021 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission regional body | MassTrails Grants | $4,741 (shared seven ways) |

A further $419,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 15.4% of Shrewsbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 25.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **25.5%** | **23.8%** | **15.4%** | **14.6%** |
| $21.1M of $82.5M · median town 14.1% | $25.6M of $107M · median town 12.2% | $25.5M of $165M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 27.3% · median town 10.0% |

**Shrewsbury's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 22.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 30.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $21.1 million in FY2006 to $25.5 million in FY2025, +20.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $3.5 million of Shrewsbury's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+108.4%** | **+65.0%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $8.8M to $18.4M · all towns +54.0% | $15.5M to $25.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Shrewsbury's health insurance would have been $11 million in FY2025; it was $18.4 million, $7.39 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $19.4 million in FY2025; it was $25.7 million, $6.24 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Shrewsbury's government came to $441,000, 4.6% of the $9.59 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $441,000 | 4.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $816,000 | 8.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $816,000 | 8.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Shrewsbury's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 42nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$22.5M** | **$64.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **–14%** |
| 42nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Shrewsbury runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $36 million for schools serving


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## Shrewsbury, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Shrewsbury's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$36M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $927 per resident (153rd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Shrewsbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Oak Middle School | Shrewsbury | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $2M | $2M |
| FY2019 | Beal Early Childhood Center | Shrewsbury | Core | $34.1M | $34.1M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $80.2 million against an approved budget of $92.8 million (under by $12.7 million); the local share moved from $58.8 million to $48 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Shrewsbury has $2.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.3M** | **$10.4M** | **$2.4M** |
| $2.4M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.8 years of its yearly money · 251st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **17** | **2** | **$0** |
| three rated poor; likely about $5.3M of work on those ($3.9M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of five town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Shrewsbury came on average 26 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Shrewsbury owns two poor bridges of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Shrewsbury owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $992,000 | $0 | $659,000 | $992,000 |
| FY2018 | $981,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $993,000 |
| FY2019 | $986,000 | $197,000 | $2M | $223,000 |
| FY2020 | $990,000 | $99,000 | $878,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2021 | $988,000 | $0 | $588,000 | $2M |
| FY2022 | $990,000 | $500,000 | $1.2M | $2.3M |
| FY2023 | $989,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $1.9M |
| FY2024 | $988,000 | $549,000 | $1.7M | $1.8M |
| FY2025 | $987,000 | $274,000 | $1.9M | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $1.5M | $799,000 | $1M | $2.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.5M | $0 | $0 | $3.9M |

The full list of the 35 bridges in Shrewsbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Shrewsbury received $7.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 83% of the $8.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Shrewsbury ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $988,000 in earmarks placed in Shrewsbury, $450,000 (46%) went to organizations rather than to Shrewsbury's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Shrewsbury** this town | **36** | **$8,418** | **$158** | **$25.41** | **0.74** | **3.1%** |
| Tewksbury peer | 38 | $8,861 | $181 | $59.49 | 0.24 | 2.8% |
| Holden peer | 50 | $13,276 | $103 | $15.70 | 0.39 | 2.6% |
| Franklin peer | 49 | $12,355 | $201 | $72.43† | 0.69 | 3.1% |
| Mansfield peer | 46 | $11,457 | $163 | $30.37 | 0.28 | 3.4% |
| Billerica peer | 39 | $9,140 | $64.58 | $21.52 | 0.29 | 2.7% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Shutesbury

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STATE HOUSE

**7th Hampden** · Aaron L. Saunders

STATE SENATE

**Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester** · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Shutesbury Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Amherst-Pelham Regional School District**, shared with Amherst, Leverett and Pelham

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Shutesbury scores 62 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 98 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**62** / 100

37th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 63 | 69 | 60 | 56 |

Rank under other weightings: 24th to 51st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Shutesbury received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 62 stays between 60 and 65 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**98** / 100

7th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 98 | 97 | 97 |

Rank under other weightings: 4th to 12th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

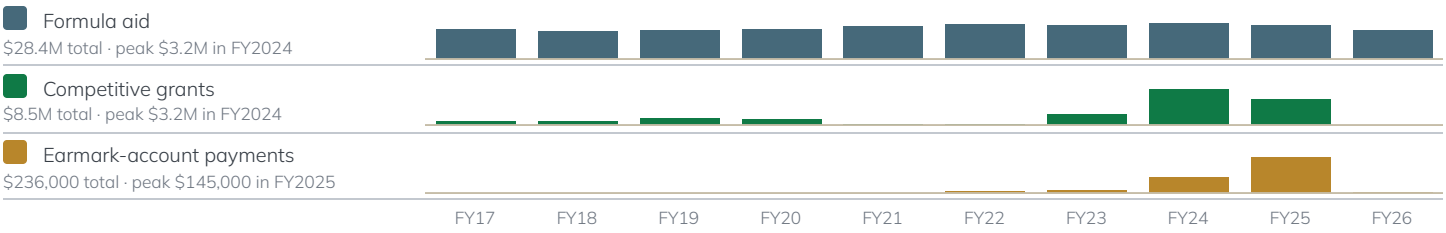
Shutesbury received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 98 stays between 97 and 98 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Shutesbury's town government and school districts received $28.4 million in formula aid and $8.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $28.4M | $8.5M | $236,000 |
| $14,882 per resident (74th of 351) · gross | $4,462 per resident (18th of 351) | $123 per resident (18th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Shutesbury peaked in FY2024 at $3.2 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Shutesbury in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $236,000 in payments to Shutesbury's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Shutesbury.

Shutesbury is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Shutesbury's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Shutesbury's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Millville | $360,000 | $360,000 | $360,000 | $114 |
| Windsor | $25,000 | $25,000 | $25,000 | $23.47 |
| Ashby | $200,000 | $200,000 | $200,000 | $62.29 |
| Williamsburg | $10,000 | $10,000 | $10,000 | $3.71 |
| Brimfield | $150,000 | $240,000 | $240,000 | $64.78 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Shutesbury received 50% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**30.9**<br>323rd of 351 · 16.2 per 1,000 residents (68th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.2M**<br>scored exposure $443,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**62**<br>223rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**26.5 sq mi**<br>35% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**9%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,097**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.41**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.50; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**851 acres**<br>5.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$31,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$36.69**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,261**<br>FY2017–2025 · 264th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SHUTESBURY

## Shutesbury has 6,131 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 3,484 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**6,131 acres**<br>36.1% of Shutesbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**3,484 acres**<br>20.5% of Shutesbury's land · 68 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**158 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**3,091 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 128 | 6,131 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 126 | 6,355 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 47 | 3,245 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 140 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 15 | 99 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 61 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 158 |
| Conservation restriction | 38 | 3,091 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 1 | 22 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 100 | 5,440 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 21 | 827 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 4 | 84 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 3 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quabbin Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 5,284 | |
| Shutesbury State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 720 | |
| Brushy Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 85 | |
| Lake Wyola State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 42 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 42.1 miles of public road in Shutesbury, the state maintains 8.3 (20%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.2 | 8% |
| DCR | 5.2 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 30.9 | 74% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.8 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Shutesbury $1.1 million and takes back $110,000 in assessments and charges, a net $952,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.1 million** | **$110,000** | **$952,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $688,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $5,340 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $79,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $220,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $14,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $17,000 |
| State Owned Land | $31,000 |
| Public Libraries | $6,170 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $529 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,240 |
| Regional Transit | $97 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $57,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $51,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SHUTESBURY

## State programs also awarded $57,000 to organizations in Shutesbury other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Shutesbury. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Kestrel Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.1% of Shutesbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.6%** | **14.2%** | **14.1%** | **11.9%** |
| $856,000 of $4.6M · median town 14.1% | $816,000 of $5.8M · median town 12.2% | $1M of $7.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 17.6% · median town 10.0% |

Shutesbury's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Shutesbury's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 23.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 31.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $856,000 in FY2006 to $1 million in FY2025, +19.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $184,000 of Shutesbury's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+44.6%** | **+41.5%** | **3 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $369,000 to $534,000 · all towns +54.0% | $640,000 to $905,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Shutesbury's health insurance would have been $461,000 in FY2025; it was $534,000, $73,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $799,000 in FY2025; it was $905,000, $106,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Shutesbury's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $165,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Shutesbury's required school contribution is 2.0% of median household income, 312th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.6M** | **$1.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.0%** | **–5%** |
| 312th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Shutesbury runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Amherst-Pelham for others; Shutesbury accounts for 8% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $455,000 for schools serving Shutesbury, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Shutesbury's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$455,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $238 per resident (222nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Shutesbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Amherst Regional Middle School | Amherst Pelham | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $6M | $455,000 (8%) |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Shutesbury has $761,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.3M**<br>$627,000 of it one-time supplements | **$1.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$761,000**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 120th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **8**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$541,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $41,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Shutesbury came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $136,000 | $0 | $202,000 | $51,000 |
| FY2018 | $135,000 | $0 | $84,000 | $102,000 |
| FY2019 | $135,000 | $27,000 | $134,000 | $129,000 |
| FY2020 | $134,000 | $13,000 | $156,000 | $121,000 |
| FY2021 | $134,000 | $0 | $0 | $255,000 |
| FY2022 | $134,000 | $103,000 | $220,000 | $272,000 |
| FY2023 | $132,000 | $0 | $103,000 | $301,000 |
| FY2024 | $132,000 | $194,000 | $248,000 | $379,000 |
| FY2025 | $132,000 | $140,000 | $273,000 | $378,000 |
| FY2026 | $234,000 | $149,000 | $0 | $761,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $234,000 | $0 | $0 | $995,000 |

The full list of the ten bridges in Shutesbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Lake Wyola Dam Repair Design source | $41,000 |
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Shutesbury received $8.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.2 times the $3.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Shutesbury is one of three municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in


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## them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Shutesbury** this town | **62** | **$14,882** | **$4,462** | **$0** | **0.50** | **2.0%** |
| Millville peer | 56 | $14,661 | $545 | $114 | 1.93 | 2.0% |
| Windsor peer | 53 | $9,357 | $3,955 | $23.47 | 1.38 | 1.5% |
| Ashby peer | 56 | $15,057 | $337 | $62.29 | 0.63 | 2.3% |
| Williamsburg peer | 41 | $9,541 | $578 | $3.71 | 1.40 | 2.2% |
| Brimfield peer | 50 | $12,874 | $303 | $64.78 | 0.46 | 2.7% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |
| Chester lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $16,538 | $4,421 | $0 | 2.11 | 2.4% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Somerset

Town · Bristol County · 18,298 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
5th Bristol · Justin Thurber

**STATE SENATE**
First Bristol and Plymouth · Michael J. Rodrigues

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Somerset Public Schools, the town's own district
Somerset Berkley Regional School District, shared with Berkley
Greater Fall River Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Fall River, Swansea and Westport

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Somerset scores 47 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 25 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**47** / 100

151st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | 48 | 45 | 48 |

Rank under other weightings: 143rd to 155th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Somerset received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 46 and 48 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**25** / 100

297th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 24 | 29 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 280th to 303rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

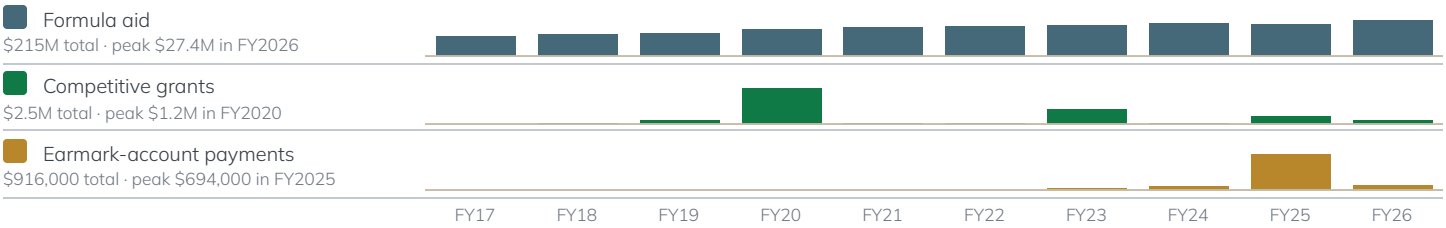
Somerset received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 25 stays between 24 and 26 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Somerset's town government and school districts received $215 million in formula aid and $2.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$215M** | **$2.5M** | **$916,000** |
| $11,729 per resident (135th of 351) · gross | $136 per resident (301st of 351) | $50.06 per resident (78th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Somerset peaked in FY2020 at $1.2 million, 50% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $30.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Somerset received $710,000 in local earmarks to its government, $760,000 placed in the city or town and $760,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$710,000** | **$760,000** | **$760,000** | **No** |
| $38.80 per resident (113th of 351) | $41.53 per resident (194th of 351) · 7% to organizations | $41.53 per resident (199th of 351) · 7% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $710,000 went to Somerset's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $50,000 went to organizations in Somerset or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Somerset, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "the town of Somerset to rebuild the main treatment units at the Somerset water treatment plant" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "the Somerset water treatment plant for the repair and replacement of water treatment pumps" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "conduct a feasibility study for a public safety building in the town of Somerset" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "as a grant to the town of Somerset for the planning and design of improvements along the state highway route 103 corridor" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "the design, engineering, permitting and planning of economic development enhancements and improvements in the Slade's Ferry commercial district in the town of Somerset" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Somerset received 73% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**85.5**<br>137th of 351 · 4.7 per 1,000 residents (251st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$871,000**<br>scored exposure $65,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**56**<br>240th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**7.9 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**18,317**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.04**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.73; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$164**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$72.89**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,161**<br>FY2017–2025 · 280th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SOMERSET

## Somerset has 2 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 61 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2 acres**<br>0.0% of Somerset's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**61 acres**<br>1.2% of Somerset's land · 5 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 2 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 5 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 61 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 2 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 2 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 1 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brayton Point WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 99.5 miles of public road in Somerset, the state maintains 11.4 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.4 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 85.5 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.7 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Somerset $13.9 million and takes back $940,000 in assessments and charges, a net $12.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.9 million** | **$940,000** | **$12.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 7% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $83,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $151,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $310,000 |
| State Owned Land | $164 |
| Public Libraries | $58,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $277,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $48,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,691 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $20,000 |
| Regional Transit | $149,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $79,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $361,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SOMERSET

## State programs also awarded $3,028 to organizations in Somerset other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 18.8% of Somerset's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 10.4% in FY2006.

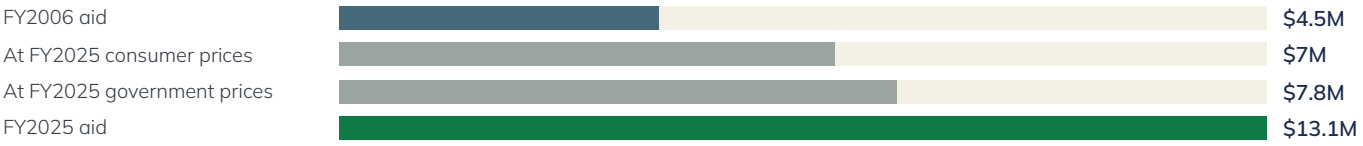
STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **10.4%** | **13.7%** | **18.8%** | **17.6%** |
| $4.5M of $43.4M · median town 14.1% | $7.1M of $51.7M · median town 12.2% | $13.1M of $69.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.2% · median town 10.0% |

Somerset's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $7.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Somerset's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 87.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 66.4% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $4.5 million in FY2006 to $13.1 million in FY2025, +190.4% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+6.7%** | **+29.2%** | **3 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $7.4M to $7.9M · all towns +54.0% | $10.4M to $13.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Somerset's health insurance would have been $9.20 million in FY2025; it was $7.86 million, $1.34 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $13 million in FY2025; it was $13.5 million, $447,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Somerset's government came to $610,000, 124.1% of the $492,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $610,000 | 124.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $660,000 | 134.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $660,000 | 134.3% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

**Somerset's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 268th highest of 351.**

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$18.5M** | **$19.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+39%** |
| 268th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Somerset runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Somerset Berkley, Greater Fall River and Bristol County for others; Somerset accounts for 75%, 11% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

**The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $61.5 million for schools serving Somerset, FY2017 to August 2026.**

| Approved, Somerset's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$61.5M** | **4** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,364 per resident (36th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Somerset's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | North Elementary School | Somerset | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.3M | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | Somerset Middle School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Somerset | Core | $6.9M | $6.9M |
| FY2024 | Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Greater Fall River | Core | $24.4M | $2.6M (11%) |
| FY2022 | Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School | Greater Fall River | Core | $149M | $15.8M (11%) |
| FY2021 | Somerset Middle School | Somerset | Core | $31.8M | $31.8M |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$12,000 (6%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $3.2M (6%) |


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Not counted: South Elementary School (Somerset), approved FY2026 for up to $2.6 million. It lapsed or was withdrawn after approval.

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for three projects serving Somerset; Somerset's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $9.5 million, $9.5 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Somerset's share of the final cost was $6.5 million against its share of the approved budget of $6.3 million (over by $163,000); the local share moved from $3.1 million to $3.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Somerset has $666,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.4M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$666,000**<br>annual program: 0.4 years of its yearly money · 293rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**2**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.9M**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $1.4M · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Somerset came on average 41 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $510,000 | $0 | $258,000 | $510,000 |
| FY2018 | $511,000 | $0 | $626,000 | $1M |
| FY2019 | $510,000 | $102,000 | $0 | $1.6M |
| FY2020 | $505,000 | $51,000 | $1.3M | $1.9M |
| FY2021 | $505,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $1.3M |
| FY2022 | $504,000 | $285,000 | $374,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2023 | $498,000 | $0 | $431,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | $498,000 | $294,000 | $1.1M | $1.4M |
| FY2025 | $499,000 | $139,000 | $554,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2026 | $782,000 | $439,000 | $2M | $666,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $780,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

The full list of the ten bridges in Somerset in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | FY23 Somerset Reservoir Dam and Diversion Channel source | $149,000 |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Somerset Reservoir Dam Repair source | $1M |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Somerset Reservoir Dam Repair Design source | $248,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Somerset received $3.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 69% of the $4.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Somerset ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $760,000 in earmarks placed in Somerset, $50,000 (7%) went to organizations rather than to Somerset's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Somerset** this town | **47** | **$11,729** | **$136** | **$41.53** | **0.73** | **2.4%** |
| Auburn peer | 43 | $11,124 | $134 | $47.46 | 0.32 | 2.6% |
| East Longmeadow peer | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |
| Bridgewater peer | 40 | $9,702 | $309 | $21.78 | 1.08 | 3.0% |
| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
| North Attleborough peer | 44 | $10,543 | $156 | $39.34 | 1.28 | 2.7% |
| Winthrop best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Middleborough lowest in class of 30 | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Somerville

City · Middlesex County · 81,036 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

27th Middlesex · Erika Uyterhoeven
57% of residents
34th Middlesex · Christine P. Barber
29% of residents
26th Middlesex · Mike Connolly 14% of residents

Somerville is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Second Middlesex · Patricia D. Jehlen

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Somerville Public Schools, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Somerville scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 63 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**40** / 100

215th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 36 | 53 | 37 |

Rank under other weightings: 175th to 269th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Somerville received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 36 and 43 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**63** / 100

136th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 62 | 69 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 128th to 148th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

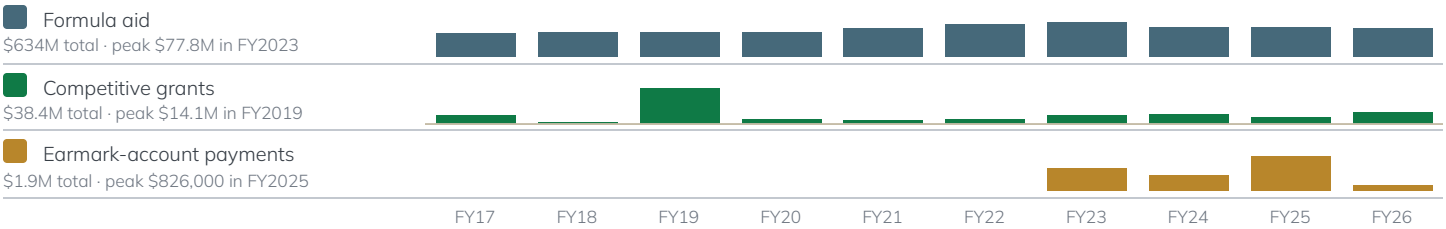
Somerville received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 63 stays between 62 and 65 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Somerville's town government and school districts received $634 million in formula aid and $38.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$634M** | **$38.4M** | **$1.9M** |
| $7,819 per resident (263rd of 351) · gross | $474 per resident (146th of 351) | $23.65 per resident (180th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Somerville peaked in FY2019 at $14.1 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $77.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Somerville received $675,000 in local earmarks to its government, $2.1 million placed in the city or town and $2.6 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$675,000** | **$2.1M** | **$2.6M** | **No** |
| $8.33 per resident (274th of 351) | $26.26 per resident (255th of 351) · 68% to organizations | $31.51 per resident (236th of 351) · 57% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 35 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $675,000 went to Somerville's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.5 million went to organizations in Somerville or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Somerville but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $425,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $425,000 in five clauses for state facilities located in Somerville (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Somerville, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (40 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "the city of Somerville to continue the short-term housing bridge pilot program established under item 7004-0107 of chapter 140 of the acts of 2024 to facilitate interim housing stability for individuals applying for more affordable permanent housing situations" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "The Elizabeth Peabody House Association in the city of Somerville" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the city of Somerville to establish a short-term housing bridge pilot program to facilitate interim housing stability for individuals applying for more affordable permanent housing situations" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the Somerville Homeless Coalition Incorporated in the city of Somerville to support programs for homeless individuals" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "multimodal traffic safety improvements at the high-crash intersection of Alewife Brook parkway and Broadway in the city of Somerville" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |

Printed: the 5 largest of 40 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Somerville received 2.18 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**89.9**<br>121st of 351 · 1.1 per 1,000 residents (350th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2M**<br>scored exposure $590,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**3**<br>344th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**4.1 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**81,240**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.74**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.18; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$76,423**<br>FY2017–2025 · 12th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SOMERVILLE

## Somerville has 86 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**86 acres**<br>3.3% of Somerville's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 16 | 86 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 0 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mystic River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 33 | |
| Alewife Brook Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 30 | |
| Foss Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | |
| Community Path Extension | State: Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority | 5 | |
| Amelia Earhart Dam | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Veterans Memorial Skating Rink - Somerville | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Latta Brothers Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Reverend Romano Simoni Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 108.4 miles of public road in Somerville, the state maintains 8.2 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.8 | 5% |
| DCR | 2.4 | 2% |
| Town-accepted | 89.4 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 10.7 | 10% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | “multimodal traffic safety improvements at the high-crash intersection of Alewife Brook parkway and Broadway in the city of Somerville” |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | “a multi-use trail in Blessing of the Bay park in the city of Somerville to connect to a larger trail network” |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | “perform traffic engineering design and related implementation measures to improve safety for all road users at the intersection of Alewife Brook…” |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | “improve pedestrian safety at Dilboy field on Alewife Brook parkway in the city of Somerville” |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | “improvements to Blessing of the Bay park in the city of Somerville” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Somerville $57.4 million and takes back $15.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $41.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$57.4 million** | **$15.5 million** | **$41.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 27% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $23.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.4M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $32M |
| Veterans Benefits | $148,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $292,000 |
| Public Libraries | $195,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $33,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $50,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $253,000 |
| MBTA | $6.3M |
| Special Education | $51,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $223,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $8.6M |

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Mystic River Watershed Association nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $500,000 |
| FY2019 | Somerville – $500 nonprofit | MassWorks Infrastructure Program | $500,000 |
| FY2026 | Just-A-Start nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $300,000 |
| FY2026 | Somerville Community Corporation nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $275,000 |
| FY2019 | Cities of Everett & Somerville nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $212,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2020 | Cities of Everett and Somerville nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $212,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2020 | Somerville Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Artisan's Asylum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Cities of Everett and Somerville nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $200,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Center for Arts at the Armory nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $151,000 |
| FY2022 | Somerville Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $140,000 |
| FY2025 | Mudflat Pottery School nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $124,000 |
| FY2016 | Somerville Community Corporation nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $55,000 |
| FY2023 | Greentown Labs nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $42,000 |
| FY2017 | The Center for Arts at the Armory nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $28,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 19 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $276,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 15.4% of Somerville's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 35.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **35.0%** | **23.8%** | **15.4%** | **11.1%** |
| $53.4M of $153M · median town 14.1% | $48.3M of $203M · median town 12.2% | $54.7M of $355M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 22.9% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+50.8%** | **+85.2%** | **3 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $20.8M to $31.4M · all towns +54.0% | $35.2M to $65.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Somerville's health insurance would have been $26 million in FY2025; it was $31.4 million, $5.41 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $44 million in FY2025; it was $65.2 million, $21.2 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2025 (+44%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Somerville's government came to $380,000, 3.6% of the $10.6 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $380,000 | 3.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.6M | 15.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2M | 19.1% | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## Somerville's required school contribution is 1.7% of median household income, 327th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$22.6M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$78.8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.7%**<br>327th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–14%**<br>after inflation |

Somerville runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $127 million for schools serving Somerville, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Somerville's share<br>**$127M**<br>$1,562 per resident (110th of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Somerville's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Winter Hill Community Innovation School | Somerville | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Window/Door) | $2.6M | $2.6M |
| FY2017 | Somerville High School | Somerville | Core | $124M | $124M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $2.4 million against an approved budget of $4 million (under by $1.5 million); the local share moved from $1.3 million to $728,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Somerville has $5.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$16M**<br>$2.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$5.6M**<br>annual program: 2.8 years of its yearly money · 33rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.4M | $1.2M |
| FY2018 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.4M | $1.2M |
| FY2019 | $1.2M | $232,000 | $1.4M | $2.5M |
| FY2020 | $1.2M | $120,000 | $854,000 | $3.4M |
| FY2021 | $1.2M | $0 | $450,000 | $4.2M |
| FY2022 | $1.2M | $299,000 | $35,000 | $5.7M |
| FY2023 | $1.2M | $0 | $2.5M | $4.4M |
| FY2024 | $1.2M | $526,000 | $1.1M | $5.1M |
| FY2025 | $1.2M | $349,000 | $2.3M | $4.4M |
| FY2026 | $1.5M | $603,000 | $927,000 | $5.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.5M | $0 | $0 | $7.1M |

The full list of the 28 bridges in Somerville in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Somerville received $42.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 53% more than the $27.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Somerville ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.1 million in earmarks placed in Somerville, $1.5 million (68%) went to organizations rather than to Somerville's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Somerville** this town | **40** | **$7,819** | **$474** | **$26.26†** | **2.18** | **1.7%** |
| Waltham peer | 28 | $6,149 | $102 | $54.73† | 0.45 | 2.8% |
| Woburn peer | 31 | $6,812 | $255 | $85.34† | 0.44 | 3.5% |
| Plymouth peer | 28 | $7,006 | $268 | $52.98† | 0.73 | 3.0% |
| Medford peer | 32 | $6,237 | $331 | $44.47† | 2.03 | 1.9% |
| Brookline peer | 21 | $5,242 | $48.41 | $68.98† | 0.36 | 2.0% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Mashpee lowest in class of 30 | 26 | $6,045 | $173 | $12.51† | 0.72 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# South Hadley

Town · Hampshire County · 17,754 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
**2nd Hampshire** · Homar Gómez

STATE SENATE
**Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester** · Jacob R. Oliveira

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
**South Hadley Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### South Hadley scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 61 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**40** / 100

219th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 31 | 45 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 181st to 267th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

South Hadley received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 37 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**61** / 100

145th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 51 | 70 | 64 |

Rank under other weightings: 132nd to 165th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

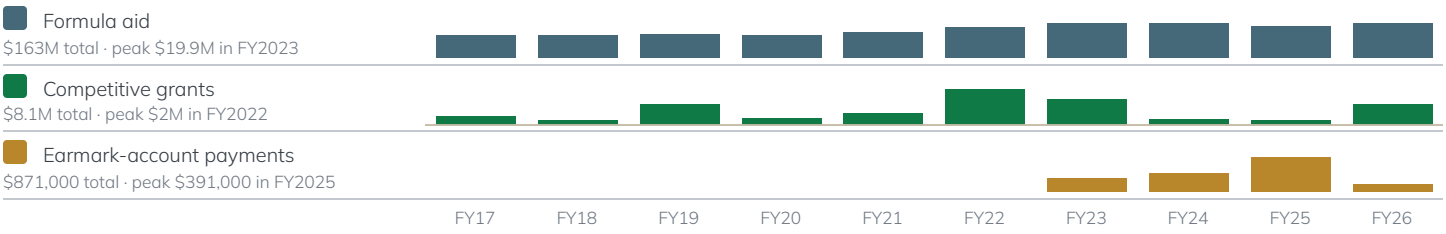
South Hadley received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 61 stays between 57 and 64 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### South Hadley's town government and school districts received $163 million in formula aid and $8.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$163M** | **$8.1M** | **$871,000** |
| $9,190 per resident (210th of 351) · gross | $458 per resident (150th of 351) | $49.05 per resident (80th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to South Hadley peaked in FY2022 at $2 million, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### South Hadley received $500,000 in local earmarks to its government, $565,000 placed in the city or town and $565,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$500,000** | **$565,000** | **$565,000** | **No** |
| $28.16 per resident (174th of 351) | $31.82 per resident (230th of 351) · 12% to organizations | $31.82 per resident (233rd of 351) · 12% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $500,000 went to South Hadley's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $65,000 went to organizations in South Hadley or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in South Hadley, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $250,000 | "a culinary arts program at South Hadley High School to provide vocational training to students" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "improvements to parking and accessibility at the Leaping Well nature trail in the town of South Hadley" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $75,000 | "the South Hadley Senior Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "radio and communications upgrades and improvements to the South Hadley fire department district 1" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the maintenance and operation of Ledges golf club in the town of South Hadley" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, South Hadley received 1.61 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**84.9**<br>138th of 351 · 4.8 per 1,000 residents (245th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.8M**<br>scored exposure $2.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**73**<br>186th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.7 sq mi**<br>11% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**17,949**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.21**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.61; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**693 acres**<br>6.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$50,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$72.79**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$9,062**<br>FY2017–2025 · 330th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SOUTH HADLEY

## South Hadley has 1,284 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 532 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,284 acres**<br>11.3% of South Hadley's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**532 acres**<br>4.7% of South Hadley's land · 33 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**246 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**278 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 24 | 1,284 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 24 | 687 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 2 | 4 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 25 | 415 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 112 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 246 |
| Conservation restriction | 12 | 278 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 24 | 687 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Holyoke Range State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,032 | |
| J.A. Skinner State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 252 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 103.8 miles of public road in South Hadley, the state maintains 8.7 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.7 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 84.5 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 10.0 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends South Hadley $16.4 million and takes back $4.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $12.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$16.4 million** | **$4.1 million** | **$12.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 25% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $531,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $726,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $118,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $126,000 |
| State Owned Land | $52,000 |
| Public Libraries | $64,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,878 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $10,000 |
| Regional Transit | $163,000 |
| Special Education | $18,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.3M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.6M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SOUTH HADLEY

## State programs also awarded $296,000 to organizations in South Hadley other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving South Hadley. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | South Hadley Human Services Department nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $98,000 |
| FY2023 | Kestrel Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $20,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2022 | Kestrel Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |

A further $166,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 27.7% of South Hadley's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 34.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **34.6%** | **31.2%** | **27.7%** | **21.7%** |
| $10.8M of $31.3M · median town 14.1% | $12.9M of $41.5M · median town 12.2% | $15.5M of $56M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 31.3% · median town 10.0% |


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+37.1%** | **+56.7%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $3.7M to $5M · all towns +54.0% | $7M to $11M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

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SCHOOLS

## South Hadley's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 239th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$11.1M** | **$16.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+10%** |
| 239th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

South Hadley runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving South Hadley, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## South Hadley has $537,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.3M** | **$6M** | **$537,000** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 318th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **7** | **2** | **$1.6M** |
| one rated poor; about $737,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | of four town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $162,000 · culverts $1.5M |

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**South Hadley owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $505,000 | $0 | $828,000 | $158,000 |
| FY2018 | $501,000 | $0 | $583,000 | $76,000 |
| FY2019 | $498,000 | $100,000 | $309,000 | $364,000 |
| FY2020 | $498,000 | $50,000 | $0 | $912,000 |
| FY2021 | $498,000 | $0 | $297,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2022 | $498,000 | $281,000 | $0 | $1.9M |
| FY2023 | $492,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $495,000 | $291,000 | $1.4M | $626,000 |
| FY2025 | $495,000 | $138,000 | $216,000 | $1M |
| FY2026 | $775,000 | $436,000 | $1.7M | $537,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $774,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 16 bridges in South Hadley in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Pearl Street/Elmer Brook Culvert Replacement source | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Pearl Street over Elmer Brook source | $50,000 |
| FY2023 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Queensville Dam and Buttery Brook Restoration source | $162,000 |
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Pearl Street over Elmer Brook source | $148,000 |
| FY2022 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Queensville Dam Removal Feasibility Study and Buttery Brook Watershed Enhancement source | $125,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## South Hadley received $8.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 59% more than the $5.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## South Hadley ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $565,000 in earmarks placed in South Hadley, $65,000 (12%) went to organizations rather than to South Hadley's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **South Hadley** this town | **40** | **$9,190** | **$458** | **$31.82** | **1.61** | **2.5%** |
| Belchertown peer | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |
| Ludlow peer | 42 | $10,596 | $407 | $132† | 1.85 | 2.8% |
| Agawam peer | 45 | $11,619 | $247 | $23.34 | 0.39 | 2.7% |
| Milford peer | 54 | $15,901 | $146 | $36.10 | 0.26 | 3.1% |
| Oxford peer | 52 | $13,864 | $491 | $15.69 | 1.37 | 2.7% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Southampton

Town · Hampshire County · 6,230 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

4th Hampden · Kelly W. Pease

STATE SENATE

Hampden and Hampshire · John C. Velis

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Southampton Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Hampshire Regional School District**, shared with Chesterfield, Goshen, Westhampton and Williamsburg

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Southampton scores 49 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 48 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**49** / 100

134th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 56 | 46 | 47 |

Rank under other weightings: 125th to 138th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Southampton received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 49 stays between 48 and 51 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**48** / 100

195th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 53 | 53 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 188th to 205th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

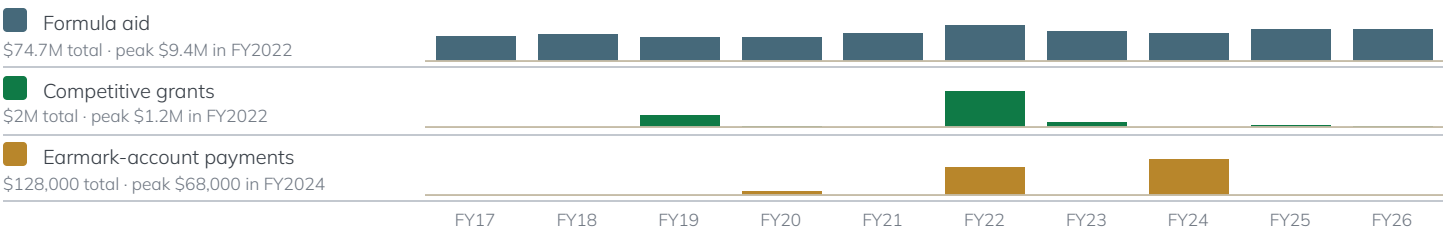
Southampton received less than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 46 and 51 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Southampton's town government and school districts received $74.7 million in formula aid and $2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$74.7M** | **$2M** | **$128,000** |
| $11,984 per resident (128th of 351) · gross | $317 per resident (201st of 351) | $20.59 per resident (199th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Southampton peaked in FY2022 at $1.2 million, 63% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Southampton received $101,000 in local earmarks to its government, $141,000 placed in the city or town and $141,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$101,000** | **$141,000** | **$141,000** | **No** |
| $16.23 per resident (234th of 351) | $22.65 per resident (265th of 351) · 28% to organizations | $22.65 per resident (267th of 351) · 28% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $101,000 went to Southampton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $40,000 went to organizations in Southampton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Southampton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (six clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $40,000 | "Southampton Youth Athletic Association, Inc. for facility improvements" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $35,000 | "public safety improvements in the town of Southampton" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the council on aging in the town of Southampton for capital improvements and programming" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "the town of Southampton for a new hybrid police cruiser" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $10,000 (split four ways) | "equally between the municipalities of Russell, Southampton, Montgomery and Westfield for the maintenance and repair of war memorials" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 6 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Southampton received 1.74 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**69.7**<br>188th of 351 · 11.2 per 1,000 residents (93rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$14.9M**<br>scored exposure $3.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**61**<br>226th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**28.2 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,382**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.93**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.74; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**138 acres**<br>0.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$18,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$127**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,000**<br>FY2017–2025 · 240th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SOUTHAMPTON

## Southampton has 184 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 5,439 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**184 acres**<br>1.0% of Southampton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**5,439 acres**<br>30.2% of Southampton's land · 193 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**922 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**938 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 184 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 137 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 38 | 2,145 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 94 | 2,123 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 61 | 1,170 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 7 | 116 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 28 | 922 |
| Conservation restriction | 25 | 938 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 127 |
| Other state agencies | 3 | 10 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Southampton WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 174 | |
| Hampton Ponds State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 77.2 miles of public road in Southampton, the state maintains 5.3 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.3 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 68.1 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.8 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Southampton $4.1 million and takes back $355,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.1 million** | **$355,000** | **$3.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $2.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $23,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $333,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $827,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $13,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $95,000 |
| State Owned Land | $18,000 |
| Public Libraries | $19,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,876 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,000 |
| Regional Transit | $6,299 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $123,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $219,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SOUTHAMPTON

## State programs also awarded $827,000 to organizations in Southampton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Southampton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Hassanamisco Nipmuc Band tribal nation | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $823,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 19.0% of Southampton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 31.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **31.2%** | **23.6%** | **19.0%** | **17.4%** |
| $3.5M of $11.1M · median town 14.1% | $3.5M of $15.1M · median town 12.2% | $3.9M of $20.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 28.1% · median town 10.0% |

Southampton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Southampton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 26.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 35.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $3.5 million in FY2006 to $3.9 million in FY2025, +13.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $243,000 of Southampton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+34.4%** | **+53.4%** | **6 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $941,000 to $1.3M · all towns +54.0% | $1.7M to $2.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Southampton's health insurance would have been $1.17 million in FY2025; it was $1.26 million, $89,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.10 million in FY2025; it was $2.58 million, $480,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Southampton's government came to $76,000, 23.6% of the $323,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $76,000 | 23.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $116,000 | 35.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $116,000 | 35.9% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Southampton's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 105th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$4.7M** | **$8.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **–10%** |
| 105th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Southampton runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Hampshire for others; Southampton accounts for 56% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Southampton, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Southampton has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.1M** | **$3.1M** | **$1.4M** |
| $1.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 123rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **16** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Southampton came on average 33 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $325,000 | $0 | $448,000 | $190,000 |
| FY2018 | $317,000 | $0 | $675,000 | $355,000 |
| FY2019 | $315,000 | $63,000 | $62,000 | $704,000 |
| FY2020 | $314,000 | $31,000 | $134,000 | $994,000 |
| FY2021 | $314,000 | $0 | $111,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $314,000 | $226,000 | $964,000 | $778,000 |
| FY2023 | $314,000 | $0 | $336,000 | $756,000 |
| FY2024 | $316,000 | $311,000 | $283,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2025 | $322,000 | $192,000 | $1.1M | $541,000 |
| FY2026 | $552,000 | $341,000 | $0 | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $550,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the 18 bridges in Southampton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

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| Berkley peer | 51 | $12,903 | $95.35 | $13.91 | 0.18 | 2.7% |
| Halifax peer | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| Georgetown peer | 46 | $10,873 | $155 | $26.52 | 0.60 | 2.7% |
| Sturbridge peer | 51 | $13,598 | $158 | $56.22 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Shutesbury lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $14,882 | $4,462 | $0 | 0.50 | 2.0% |


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Southborough

Town · Worcester County · 10,493 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**19th Worcester** · Kate Donaghue

STATE SENATE

**Middlesex and Worcester** · James B. Eldridge

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Southborough Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Northboro-Southboro Regional School District**, shared with Northborough
**Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berlin, Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard, Northborough and Westborough

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Southborough scores 36 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 28 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**36** / 100

252nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 53 | 27 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 228th to 271st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Southborough received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 36 stays between 31 and 40 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**28** / 100

271st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 43 | 22 | 23 |

Rank under other weightings: 265th to 285th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

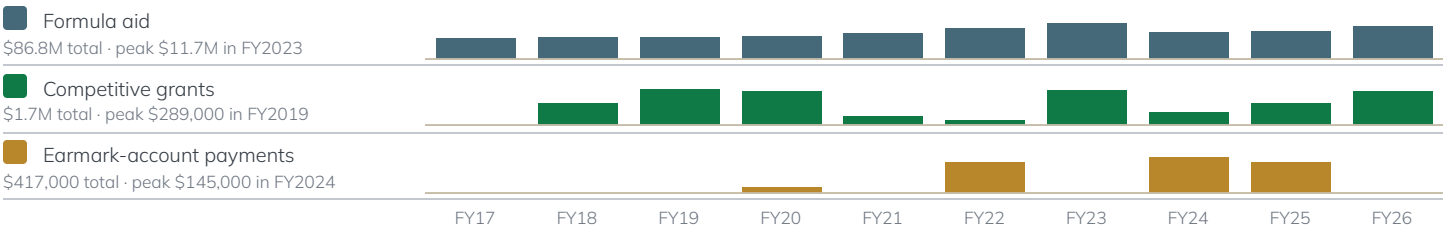
Southborough received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 25 and 32 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Southborough's town government and school districts received $86.8 million in formula aid and $1.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$86.8M** | **$1.7M** | **$417,000** |
| $8,275 per resident (242nd of 351) · gross | $159 per resident (276th of 351) | $39.75 per resident (111th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Southborough were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Southborough received $330,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$330,000** | **$330,000** | **$330,000** | **No** |
| $31.45 per resident (152nd of 351) | $31.45 per resident (233rd of 351) | $31.45 per resident (237th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Southborough's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Southborough, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $100,000 | "public safety improvements in Southborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "the town of Southborough to support initiatives to promote the environment and increase accessibility for individuals with disabilities" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the town of Southborough, in support of purchasing and upgrading equipment required to host hybrid meetings" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "Southborough, in support of implementing recommendations to improve municipal property relative to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the town of Southborough for water infrastructure improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Southborough received 58% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**70.7**<br>186th of 351 · 6.7 per 1,000 residents (164th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3M**<br>scored exposure $413,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**114**<br>87th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.0 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**10,526**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.06**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.58; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**15 acres**<br>0.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$5,973**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$394**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$36,674**<br>FY2017–2025 · 75th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SOUTHBOROUGH

## Southborough has 1,287 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 74 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,287 acres**<br>14.4% of Southborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**74 acres**<br>0.8% of Southborough's land · 10 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**357 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 21 | 1,287 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 37 | 2,272 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 16 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 58 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 42 |
| Conservation restriction | 19 | 357 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 35 | 2,257 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 15 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sudbury Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 1,272 | |
| Hopkinton State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | |
| Callahan State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 85.7 miles of public road in Southborough, the state maintains 13.6 (16%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 13.0 | 15% |
| DCR | 0.5 | 1% |
| Town-accepted | 70.7 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.5 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Southborough $4.4 million and takes back $205,000 in assessments and charges, a net $4.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.4 million** | **$205,000** | **$4.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $3.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $6,668 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $596,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $5,304 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $62,000 |
| State Owned Land | $5,973 |
| Public Libraries | $26,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $59,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,449 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $6,416 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,060 |
| Regional Transit | $111,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $20,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SOUTHBOROUGH

## State programs also awarded $200,000 to organizations in Southborough other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Southborough. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Southborough Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.3% of Southborough's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 14.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.9%** | **11.5%** | **6.3%** | **5.9%** |
| $5.1M of $34M · median town 14.1% | $5.5M of $47.8M · median town 12.2% | $3.9M of $62M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.7% · median town 10.0% |

Southborough's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Southborough's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 50.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 55.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5.1 million in FY2006 to $3.9 million in FY2025, −22.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.2 million of Southborough's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+57.7%** | **+63.5%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $3.7M to $5.8M · all towns +54.0% | $6.1M to $9.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Southborough's health insurance would have been $4.56 million in FY2025; it was $5.76 million, $1.20 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $7.60 million in FY2025; it was $9.95 million, $2.35 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Southborough's government came to $305,000, 14.5% of the $2.11 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $305,000 | 14.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $305,000 | 14.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $305,000 | 14.5% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Southborough's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 233rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$5.1M** | **$18.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **−0%** |
| 233rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Southborough runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Northboro-Southboro and Assabet Valley for others; Southborough accounts for 39% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $4 million for schools serving Southborough, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Southborough's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$4M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $380 per resident (192nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Southborough's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | P. Brent Trottier Middle School | Southborough | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3.6M | $3.6M |
| FY2020 | Mary E. Finn Elementary School | Southborough | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $379,000 | $379,000 |

Not counted: Margaret A. Neary Elementary School (Southborough), approved FY2025 for up to $35.3 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Southborough has $2.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.3M** | **$3.2M** | **$2.5M** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 3.3 years of its yearly money · 19th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **5**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$220,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $220,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Southborough came on average 60 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $432,000 | $0 | $116,000 | $316,000 |
| FY2018 | $430,000 | $0 | $459,000 | $610,000 |
| FY2019 | $434,000 | $87,000 | $152,000 | $978,000 |
| FY2020 | $435,000 | $44,000 | $38,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2021 | $434,000 | $0 | $189,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2022 | $435,000 | $235,000 | $3,100 | $2.4M |
| FY2023 | $437,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $1.8M |
| FY2024 | $429,000 | $244,000 | $225,000 | $2.2M |
| FY2025 | $430,000 | $116,000 | $280,000 | $2.7M |
| FY2026 | $663,000 | $367,000 | $1.2M | $2.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $660,000 | $0 | $44,000 | $3.1M |

The full list of the 31 bridges in Southborough in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Willow Street over Unnamed Stream / Willow Street over Unnamed stream source | $220,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Southborough received $2.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 55% of the $3.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Southborough ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Southborough** this town | **36** | **$8,275** | **$159** | **$31.45** | **0.58** | **2.5%** |
| Groton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |
| Middleton peer | 30 | $6,815 | $154 | $32.88 | 0.83 | 2.6% |
| Upton peer | 56 | $14,491 | $622 | $40.72 | 1.73 | 2.8% |
| Wayland peer | 33 | $8,090 | $399 | $51.45† | 1.55 | 2.6% |
| Boxford peer | 40 | $9,338 | $156 | $74.78 | 0.46 | 2.6% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Southbridge

City · Worcester County · 17,928 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

6th Worcester · John J. Marsi

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Southbridge Public Schools**, the city's own district

**Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District**, vocational, shared with Auburn, Charlton, Dudley, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Spencer and one other

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Southbridge scores 68 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 81 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**68** / 100

15th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 70 | 59 | 69 | 74 |

Rank under other weightings: 13th to 24th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Southbridge received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 68 stays between 66 and 71 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**81** / 100

77th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 82 | 73 | 83 | 85 |

Rank under other weightings: 70th to 83rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

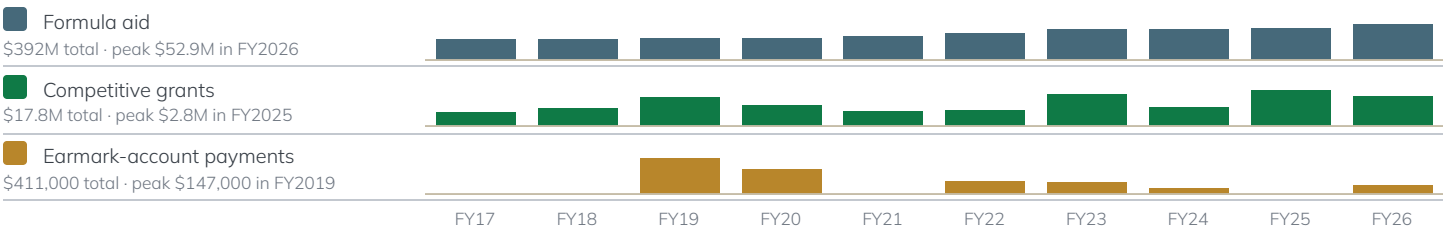
Southbridge received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 81 stays between 79 and 82 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Southbridge's town government and school districts received $392 million in formula aid and $17.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$392M** | **$17.8M** | **$411,000** |
| $21,891 per resident (19th of 351) · gross | $992 per resident (78th of 351) | $22.92 per resident (185th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Southbridge were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $25.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Southbridge received $554,000 in local earmarks to its government, $604,000 placed in the city or town and $604,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$554,000** | **$604,000** | **$604,000** | **No** |
| $30.93 per resident (158th of 351) | $33.72 per resident (221st of 351) · 8% to organizations | $33.72 per resident (226th of 351) · 8% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $554,000 went to Southbridge's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $50,000 went to organizations in Southbridge or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Southbridge, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (14 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the purchase of public safety communications equipment in the town of Southbridge" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $65,000 | "the town of Southbridge for asbestos remediation" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Southbridge for the design and construction of a veterans war memorial" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the town of Southbridge for heating, ventilation and air conditioning system improvements at the town's public safety facility" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "the Southbridge Fire Department to purchase extraction equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 14 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Southbridge received 1.54 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**80.0**<br>156th of 351 · 4.5 per 1,000 residents (262nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$30.8M**<br>scored exposure $9.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**130**<br>64th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**5**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.2 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**17,928**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.32**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.54; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**153 acres**<br>1.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$7,128**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$46.62**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,000**<br>FY2017–2025 · 324th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SOUTHBRIDGE

## Southbridge has 171 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,198 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**171 acres**<br>1.3% of Southbridge's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,198 acres**<br>9.3% of Southbridge's land · 51 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**9 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**243 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 171 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 163 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 35 | 899 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 15 | 295 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 5 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 9 |
| Conservation restriction | 2 | 243 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 163 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| McKinstry Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 146 | |
| Breakneck Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 19 | |
| Petro Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 87.5 miles of public road in Southbridge, the state maintains 3.0 (3%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.0 | 3% |
| Town-accepted | 80.1 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.4 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Southbridge $42.2 million and takes back $6.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $36 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$42.2 million** | **$6.2 million** | **$36 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 15% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $36.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $926,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $121,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $78,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $53,000 |
| State Owned Land | $7,128 |
| Public Libraries | $69,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,471 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $41,000 |
| Regional Transit | $136,000 |
| Special Education | $56,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.7M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $4.2M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SOUTHBRIDGE

## State programs also awarded $246,000 to organizations in Southbridge other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | CENTRO nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2025 | CENTRO nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2024 | Southbridge Tech Incubator nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $20,000 |
| FY2023 | Southbridge Tech Incubator nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $19,000 |
| FY2025 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission - Charlton regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,875 (shared four ways) |


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A further $800 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 51.8% of Southbridge's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 52.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **52.6%** | **46.4%** | **51.8%** | **45.9%** |
| $19.8M of $37.5M · median town 14.1% | $23.2M of $49.9M · median town 12.2% | $37.3M of $72M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 44.5% · median town 10.0% |

Southbridge's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Southbridge's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 21.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 8.3% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $19.8 million in FY2006 to $37.3 million in FY2025, +88.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.2 million of Southbridge's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+73.4%** | **+53.8%** | **4 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $3M to $5.3M · all towns +54.0% | $7.4M to $11.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Southbridge's health insurance would have been $3.78 million in FY2025; it was $5.25 million, $1.47 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.23 million in FY2025; it was $11.4 million, $2.14 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+37%); fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (−44%) and FY2025 (+112%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Southbridge's government came to $529,000, 23.8% of the $2.22 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $529,000 | 23.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $579,000 | 26.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $579,000 | 26.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Southbridge's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 277th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$37.7M** | **$11.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **+30%** |
| 277th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Southbridge runs its own school district and also belongs to Southern Worcester; Southbridge accounts for 17% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Southbridge, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Southbridge has $2.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns five


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## bridges rated poor and five high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.2M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | **$4.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$2.1M**<br>annual program: 2.4 years of its yearly money · 49th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **24**<br>five rated poor; likely about $9.2M of work on those ($8M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **5**<br>of eight town-owned dams | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Southbridge came on average 61 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Southbridge owns five high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $486,000 | $0 | $455,000 | $307,000 |
| FY2018 | $488,000 | $0 | $251,000 | $544,000 |
| FY2019 | $489,000 | $98,000 | $475,000 | $1M |
| FY2020 | $491,000 | $49,000 | $268,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2021 | $494,000 | $0 | $123,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2022 | $493,000 | $267,000 | $1.2M | $2.5M |
| FY2023 | $491,000 | $0 | $357,000 | $2.7M |
| FY2024 | $492,000 | $282,000 | $439,000 | $3M |
| FY2025 | $491,000 | $136,000 | $884,000 | $2.8M |
| FY2026 | $754,000 | $416,000 | $1.9M | $2.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $754,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.8M |

The full list of the 28 bridges in Southbridge in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2021 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2020 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Southbridge received $18.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 18% more than the $15.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Southbridge ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $604,000 in earmarks placed in Southbridge, $50,000 (8%) went to organizations rather than to Southbridge's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Southbridge** this town | **68** | **$21,891** | **$992** | **$33.72** | **1.54** | **2.3%** |
| Gardner peer | 60 | $17,461 | $784 | $85.79† | 2.19 | 2.3% |
| North Adams peer | 71 | $21,747 | $1,967 | $32.72 | 3.15 | 2.5% |
| Athol peer | 69 | $23,699 | $853 | $117† | 1.25 | 1.4% |
| Greenfield peer | 53 | $14,180 | $1,705 | $134† | 4.81 | 2.9% |
| Winchendon peer | 62 | $18,732 | $518 | $42.62 | 1.52 | 2.6% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| North Brookfield lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Southwick

Town · Hampden County · 9,217 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Hampden · Nicholas A. Boldyga

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District, shared with Granville and Tolland

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Southwick scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 72 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**56** / 100

72nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 60 | 58 | 51 |

Rank under other weightings: 55th to 96th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Southwick received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 54 and 58 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**72** / 100

108th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 75 | 74 | 67 |

Rank under other weightings: 101st to 115th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

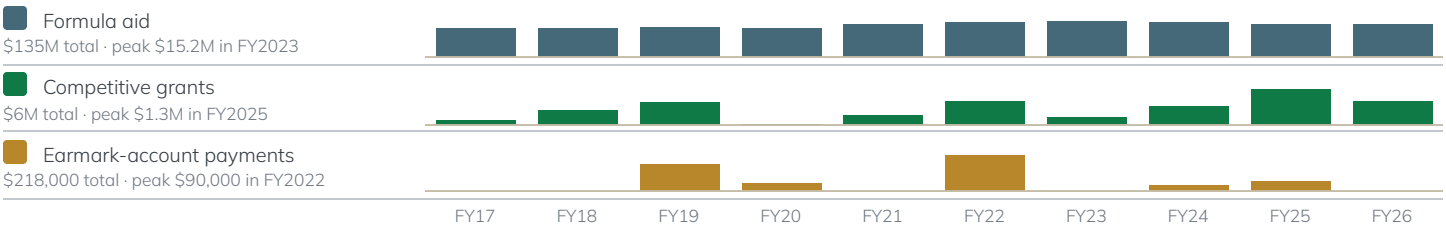
Southwick received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 72 stays between 70 and 74 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Southwick's town government and school districts received $135 million in formula aid and $6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$135M** | **$6M** | **$218,000** |
| $14,645 per resident (79th of 351) · gross | $652 per resident (117th of 351) | $23.61 per resident (181st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Southwick peaked in FY2025 at $1.3 million, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.9 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Southwick received $478,000 in local earmarks to its government, $528,000 placed in the city or town and $528,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$478,000** | **$528,000** | **$528,000** | **No** |
| $51.87 per resident (77th of 351) | $57.30 per resident (147th of 351) · 9% to organizations | $57.30 per resident (154th of 351) · 9% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $478,000 went to Southwick's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $50,000 went to organizations in Southwick or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Southwick, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (14 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $142,000 | "maintenance equipment in the town of Southwick" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "the purchase of equipment necessary to upgrade the infrastructure of public safety radio equipment to improve the public safety in the town of Southwick" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "facility improvements to the Southwick Recreation Center located in the town of Southwick" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "classroom upgrades at the Woodland, Powder Mill and High Schools in the town of Southwick" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "classroom safety and security upgrades at the Woodland, Powder Mill and High Schools in the Town of Southwick" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 14 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Southwick received 77% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**74.5**<br>175th of 351 · 8.1 per 1,000 residents (135th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8M**<br>scored exposure $1.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**108**<br>102nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**30.8 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,217**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.35**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.77; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**432 acres**<br>2.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$54,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$126**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,583**<br>FY2017–2025 · 259th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SOUTHWICK

## Southwick has 433 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 253 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**433 acres**<br>2.2% of Southwick's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**253 acres**<br>1.3% of Southwick's land · 9 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,032 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**300 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 8 | 433 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 527 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 50 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 50 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 153 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 7 | 780 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 27 | 1,032 |
| Conservation restriction | 22 | 300 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 8 | 527 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Southwick WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 349 | |
| Honey Pot WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 82 | |
| Boat Ramp | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 90.1 miles of public road in Southwick, the state maintains 7.2 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.2 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 73.7 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 9.2 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Southwick $2.1 million and takes back $37,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.1 million** | **$37,000** | **$2.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 2% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $220,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $69,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $95,000 |
| State Owned Land | $54,000 |
| Public Libraries | $30,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,737 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,040 |
| Regional Transit | $9,570 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $20,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SOUTHWICK

## State programs also awarded $50,000 to organizations in Southwick other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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A further $50,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.0% of Southwick's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 8.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8.6%** | **6.5%** | **6.0%** | **5.9%** |
| $1.2M of $14.3M · median town 14.1% | $1.3M of $20.4M · median town 12.2% | $1.7M of $29.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.1% · median town 10.0% |

Southwick's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $8.8 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Southwick's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 8.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 18.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.2 million in FY2006 to $1.7 million in FY2025, +42.0% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+66.0%** | **+71.2%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $461,000 to $766,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.8M to $3.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Southwick's health insurance would have been $576,000 in FY2025; it was $766,000, $190,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.30 million in FY2025; it was $3.16 million, $854,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Southwick's government came to $478,000, 157.1% of the $304,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $478,000 | 157.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $528,000 | 173.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $528,000 | 173.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Southwick's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 262nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$9.1M** | **$11M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **−2%** |
| 262nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Southwick has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Southwick and Southwick Tolland; Southwick accounts for 100% and 87% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Southwick, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Southwick has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.9M** | **$3.7M** | **$1.5M** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 134th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **14** | **0** | **$2M** |
| none rated poor | of three town-owned dams | bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $1.5M |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $360,000 | $0 | $604,000 | $243,000 |
| FY2018 | $366,000 | $0 | $222,000 | $388,000 |
| FY2019 | $373,000 | $75,000 | $546,000 | $289,000 |
| FY2020 | $373,000 | $37,000 | $63,000 | $636,000 |
| FY2021 | $383,000 | $0 | $353,000 | $665,000 |
| FY2022 | $382,000 | $246,000 | $50,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2023 | $375,000 | $0 | $1M | $612,000 |
| FY2024 | $373,000 | $338,000 | $733,000 | $591,000 |
| FY2025 | $372,000 | $206,000 | $615,000 | $553,000 |
| FY2026 | $615,000 | $369,000 | $0 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $620,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.2M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Kline Road/Shurtleff Brook Culvert Replacement Project source | $527,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2022 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Klaus Anderson Road/Johnson Brook Replacement Culvert and Green Infrastructure source | $728,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Kline Road over Shurtleff Brook source | $80,000 |
| FY2019 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Klaus Anderson Road Johnson Brook Road-Stream Crossing Redesign, Floodplain Restoration and Green Stormwater Management source | $128,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Southwick received $6.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 21% more than the $5.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Southwick ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $528,000 in earmarks placed in Southwick, $50,000 (9%) went to organizations rather than to Southwick's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Southwick** this town | **56** | **$14,645** | **$652** | **$57.30** | **0.77** | **2.4%** |
| West Bridgewater peer | 41 | $10,584 | $177 | $65.30 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Tyngsborough peer | 42 | $10,115 | $758 | $44.22 | 2.20 | 3.2% |
| Millbury peer | 44 | $9,909 | $648 | $53.29 | 1.09 | 2.5% |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| East Bridgewater peer | 48 | $11,873 | $303 | $82.76† | 1.19 | 2.4% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Spencer

Town · Worcester County · 12,008 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. 76% of residents

6th Worcester · John J. Marsi 24% of residents

Spencer is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Spencer-E Brookfield Regional School District, shared with East Brookfield

Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District, vocational, shared with Auburn, Charlton, Dudley, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge and one other

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Spencer scores 59 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 73 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**59** / 100

49th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 50 | 61 | 66 |

Rank under other weightings: 35th to 73rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Spencer received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 56 and 62 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**73** / 100

104th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 73 | 65 | 75 | 78 |

Rank under other weightings: 94th to 119th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

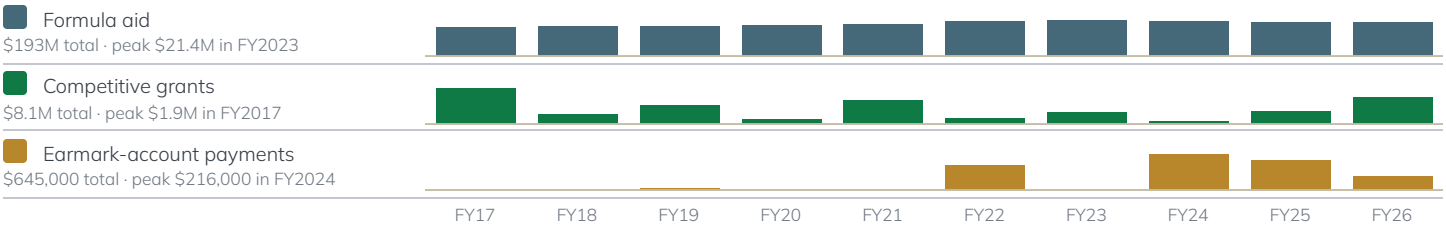
Spencer received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 73 stays between 70 and 75 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Spencer's town government and school districts received $193 million in formula aid and $8.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$193M** | **$8.1M** | **$645,000** |
| $16,090 per resident (59th of 351) · gross | $675 per resident (116th of 351) | $53.75 per resident (71st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Spencer peaked in FY2017 at $1.9 million, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Spencer received $666,000 in local earmarks to its government, $666,000 placed in the city or town and $716,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$666,000** | **$666,000** | **$716,000** | **No** |
| $55.46 per resident (66th of 351) | $55.46 per resident (152nd of 351) | $59.63 per resident (146th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Spencer's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Clauses that name Spencer but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $50,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $50,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Spencer (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Spencer, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (ten clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $200,000 | "roof repairs for the Richard Sugden Library in the town of Spencer" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $150,000 | "the purchase of a wood chipper and a hook and go truck for the town of Spencer" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the town of Spencer for the repair and repaving of East Charlton road" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "an accessible playground at Power Mill park in the town of Spencer" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $55,000 | "the town of Spencer for improvements at the police department and for the purchase of a rescue truck for the fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 10 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Spencer received 85% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**99.1**<br>98th of 351 · 8.3 per 1,000 residents (134th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$11.2M**<br>scored exposure $2.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**189**<br>15th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**32.9 sq mi**<br>9% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**12,372**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.88**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.85; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,557 acres**<br>7.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$129,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$83.03**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,649**<br>FY2017–2025 · 269th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SPENCER

## Spencer has 1,916 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,036 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,916 acres**<br>9.1% of Spencer's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,036 acres**<br>9.7% of Spencer's land · 75 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**733 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**629 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 71 | 1,916 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 27 | 1,720 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 223 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 53 | 1,203 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 17 | 610 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 66 | 2,638 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 13 | 733 |
| Conservation restriction | 12 | 629 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 20 | 865 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 4 | 418 |
| Other state agencies | 2 | 400 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 37 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spencer State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,276 | |
| Four Chimneys WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 215 | |
| Moose Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 196 | |
| Kittredge Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 105 | |
| Sevenmile River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 75 | |
| Moose Hill Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 38 | |
| Browning Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 12 | |
| State Beach | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 114.8 miles of public road in Spencer, the state maintains 4.2 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.2 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 99.1 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 11.5 | 10% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $50,000 | “the operation and rehabilitation of Howe State Park in the town of Spencer” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Spencer $3.3 million and takes back $137,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.3 million** | **$137,000** | **$3.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $35,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $126,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $83,000 |
| State Owned Land | $129,000 |
| Public Libraries | $37,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,368 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $26,000 |
| Regional Transit | $107,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SPENCER

## State programs also awarded $142,000 to organizations in Spencer other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Spencer. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Snowbirds Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $17,000 |
| FY2022 | Worcester County 4-H Center, Inc. regional body | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 |
| FY2025 | Heart of New England BSA nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $9,490 (shared two ways) |

A further $106,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.8% of Spencer's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.4%** | **13.5%** | **11.8%** | **11.3%** |
| $2.4M of $13.2M · median town 14.1% | $2.4M of $17.7M · median town 12.2% | $3.2M of $26.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.6% · median town 10.0% |

Spencer's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $13.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Spencer's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 16.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 25.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.4 million in FY2006 to $3.2 million in FY2025, +30.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+15.8%** | **+127.9%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $821,000 to $951,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.2M to $2.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Spencer's health insurance would have been $1.03 million in FY2025; it was $951,000, $75,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.46 million in FY2025; it was $2.66 million, $1.20 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+56%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2021 (+114%) and FY2022 (–62%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Spencer's government came to $558,000, 4.3 times the $130,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $558,000 | 4.3 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $558,000 | 4.3 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $608,000 | 4.7 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Spencer's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 208th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$13.6M** | **$10.7M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **–7%** |
| 208th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Spencer has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Spencer, Spencer East Brookfield and Southern Worcester; Spencer accounts for 100%, 83% and 10% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $45 million for schools serving Spencer, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Spencer's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$45M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,747 per resident (28th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Spencer's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | David Prouty High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Spencer East Brookfield | Core | $7.2M | $6M (83%) |
| FY2022 | David Prouty High School | Spencer East Brookfield | Core | $46.8M | $39M (83%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Spencer; Spencer's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $6 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Spencer has $2.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.5M** | **$4.3M** | **$2.4M** |
| $1.4M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.2 years of its yearly money · 66th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **16** | **2** | **$991,000** |
| none rated poor | of three town-owned dams | bridges $991,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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**Spencer owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $503,000 | $0 | $294,000 | $351,000 |
| FY2018 | $504,000 | $0 | $559,000 | $358,000 |
| FY2019 | $502,000 | $100,000 | $544,000 | $457,000 |
| FY2020 | $499,000 | $50,000 | $296,000 | $1M |
| FY2021 | $498,000 | $0 | $165,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2022 | $497,000 | $331,000 | $98,000 | $2.2M |
| FY2023 | $493,000 | $0 | $1M | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | $491,000 | $313,000 | $787,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2025 | $490,000 | $135,000 | $535,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2026 | $817,000 | $491,000 | $641,000 | $2.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $816,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.2M |

The full list of the 23 bridges in Spencer in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

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## years, about the $8.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




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| Montague peer | 55 | $14,528 | $1,282 | $26.53 | 2.38 | 2.7% |
| Webster peer | 56 | $14,621 | $927 | $27.75 | 0.46 | 2.8% |
| Palmer peer | 58 | $16,159 | $720 | $29.88† | 0.54 | 2.2% |
| Templeton peer | 61 | $18,577 | $420 | $27.27 | 0.60 | 2.0% |
| Winchendon peer | 62 | $18,732 | $518 | $42.62 | 1.52 | 2.6% |
| Greenfield best in class of 30 | 53 | $14,180 | $1,705 | $134† | 4.81 | 2.9% |
| North Brookfield lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Springfield

City · Hampden County · 154,749 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**11th Hampden** · Bud L. Williams
28% of residents
**10th Hampden** · Carlos González
28% of residents
**9th Hampden** · Orlando Ramos 27% of residents
**12th Hampden** · Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.
14% of residents
**2nd Hampden** · Brian M. Ashe 3% of residents

Springfield is split among five House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Hampden** · Adam Gómez
88% of residents
**Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester** · Jacob R. Oliveira
12% of residents

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Springfield Public Schools**, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Springfield scores 79 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 45 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**79** / 100

3rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 83 | 74 | 76 | 83 |

Rank 3rd under every weighting tested.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Springfield received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 79 stays between 77 and 82 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**45** / 100

209th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 35 | 49 | 48 |

Rank under other weightings: 197th to 223rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

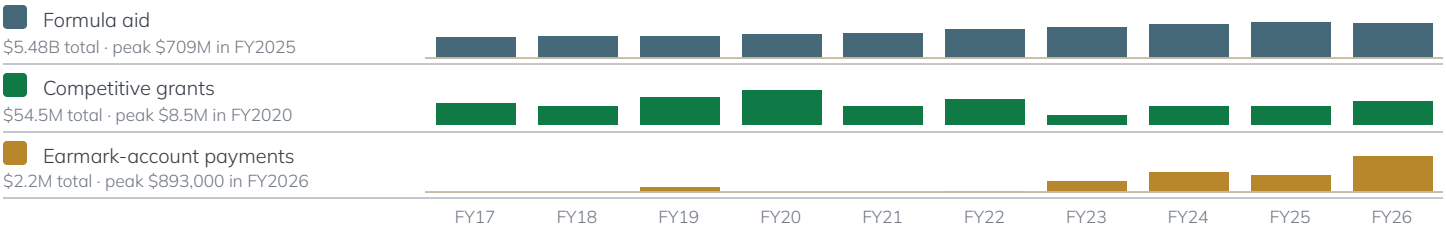
Springfield received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 42 and 47 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Springfield's town government and school districts received $5.48 billion in formula aid and $54.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.48B** | **$54.5M** | **$2.2M** |
| $35,424 per resident (2nd of 351) · gross | $352 per resident (187th of 351) | $14.48 per resident (232nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Springfield were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $281 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Springfield received $1.2 million in local earmarks to its government, $27.5 million placed in the city or town and $27.7 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **$27.5M** | **$27.7M** | **No** |
| $7.52 per resident (279th of 351) | $178 per resident (13th of 351) · 96% to organizations | $179 per resident (23rd of 351) · 95% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 341 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.2 million went to Springfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $26.3 million went to organizations in Springfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Clauses that name Springfield but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $125,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $175,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Springfield (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.

Every local earmark in Springfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (343 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $800,000 | "equally for the Urban League of Springfield, Inc., in the city of Springfield and the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, Inc." | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $800,000 | "equally to the Urban League of Springfield, Inc., in the city of Springfield and the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $400,000 | "the Urban League of Springfield, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $400,000 | "the Urban League of Springfield, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $400,000 | "the Urban League of Springfield, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 343 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Springfield received 1.27 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**444.5**<br>2nd of 351 · 2.9 per 1,000 residents (320th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$56.5M**<br>scored exposure $23.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**152**<br>38th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**14**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**31.9 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**155,064**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.73**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.27; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**63 acres**<br>0.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$43,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$680**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,218**<br>FY2017–2025 · 320th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SPRINGFIELD

## Springfield has 10 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 39 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**10 acres**<br>0.0% of Springfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**39 acres**<br>0.2% of Springfield's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 10 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 11 | 66 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 20 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 19 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 8 | 64 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 1 |
| Environmental Protection | 1 | 1 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ray Smead Memorial Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |
| John H. Thomas Memorial Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Lake Lorraine State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Lake Lorraine Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 505.9 miles of public road in Springfield, the state maintains 12.3 (2%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.3 | 2% |
| Town-accepted | 444.3 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 41.0 | 8% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $50,000 | “the Springfield Technical Community college assistance corporation established by section 125 of chapter 273 of the acts of 1994” |
| FY2017 | $125,000 | “the establishment of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Center for the Study of Racial Justice and Urban Affairs, in Springfield” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Springfield $656 million and takes back $125 million in assessments and charges, a net $531 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$656 million** | **$125 million** | **$531 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 19% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $583M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $22.2M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $46,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $48.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $847,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $865,000 |
| State Owned Land | $43,000 |
| Public Libraries | $615,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $37,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $350,000 |
| Regional Transit | $3.5M |
| Special Education | $332,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $6.9M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $114M |

### STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SPRINGFIELD

## State programs also awarded $14 million to organizations in Springfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Springfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | JC Williams Community Center, Inc. nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $600,000 |
| FY2024 | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $486,000 |
| FY2025 | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $420,000 |
| FY2019 | Hampden County Sheriff's Department – FY19 regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $400,000 |
| FY2020 | Hampden County Sheriff's Department regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $400,000 |
| FY2021 | Hampden County Sheriff's Department regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $400,000 |
| FY2022 | Hampden County Sheriff's Department regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $400,000 |
| FY2025 | Hampden County Sheriff's Department regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $400,000 |
| FY2025 | Hampden County Sheriff's Department regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $375,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2019 | Hampden County Sheriff's Department – FY18 regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $365,000 |
| FY2026 | Springfield Technical Community College nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $359,000 |
| FY2017 | Springfield Preservation Trust nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $350,000 |
| FY2027 | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $337,000 |
| FY2018 | Springfield Museums nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | New England Public Radio Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 64 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $3.4 million in 25 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 63.0% of Springfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 58.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **58.8%** | **59.8%** | **63.0%** | **51.3%** |
| $286M of $486M · median town 14.1% | $367M of $614M · median town 12.2% | $580M of $920M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 53.0% · median town 10.0% |

**Springfield's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 30.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 16.3% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $286 million in FY2006 to $580 million in FY2025, +102.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $16.6 million of Springfield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+32.7%** | **+72.8%** | **5 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $62.4M to $82.8M · all towns +54.0% | $108M to $187M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Springfield's health insurance would have been $77.9 million in FY2025; it was $82.8 million, $4.91 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $135 million in FY2025; it was $187 million, $52 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Springfield's government came to $1.1 million, 5.6% of the $20.4 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.1M | 5.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $23.9M | 117.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $24.1M | 117.9% | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## Springfield's required school contribution is 1.8% of median household income, 324th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$546M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$54.3M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.8%**<br>324th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+30%**<br>after inflation |

Springfield runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $177 million for schools serving Springfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Springfield's share<br>**$177M**<br>$1,143 per resident (143rd of 351) | Projects<br>**24**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Springfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Sumner Avenue Elementary School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.9M | $2.9M |
| FY2026 | Samuel Bowles Elementary School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3M | $3M |
| FY2025 | Springfield Central High School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $6M | $6M |
| FY2025 | Rebecca M. Johnson Elementary School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $3.1M | $3.1M |
| FY2025 | Milton Bradley Elementary School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Partial Windows/Doors) | $1.8M | $1.8M |
| FY2025 | Mary O. Pottenger Elementary School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $3.3M | $3.3M |
| FY2025 | Indian Orchard Elementary School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $4.8M | $4.8M |
| FY2025 | High School of Commerce | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $9.4M | $9.4M |
| FY2024 | Rebecca M. Johnson School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.3M | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | Milton Bradley School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.7M | $1.7M |
| FY2023 | Thomas M. Balliet School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.3M | $1.3M |
| FY2023 | Springfield Central High School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.3M | $1.3M |
| FY2023 | Alfred M. Glickman Elementary School | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $2.7M | $2.7M |
| FY2022 | Springfield High School of Science and Technology | Springfield | Accelerated Repair (Partial Windows/Doors) | $4.9M | $4.9M |
| FY2020 | William N. DeBerry Elementary School | Springfield | Core | $54.2M | $54.2M |

Printed: the 15 most recent of 28 rows; the web page lists all of them.

**Cost after approval.** Of the 15 projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $194 million against an approved budget of $218 million (under by $23.9 million); the local share moved from $83.9 million to $75.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Springfield has $12.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and 14 high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$50.8M**<br>$7.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$33.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$12.2M**<br>annual program: 1.9 years of its yearly money · 82nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**20**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1.9M of work on those ($931,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**14**<br>of 24 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$424,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $424,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Springfield came on average 23 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October


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2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Springfield owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $3.6M | $0 | $2.5M | $3.6M |
| FY2018 | $3.7M | $0 | $4.8M | $3.6M |
| FY2019 | $3.7M | $736,000 | $3.7M | $4.3M |
| FY2020 | $3.7M | $366,000 | $4.1M | $4.2M |
| FY2021 | $3.7M | $0 | $3.5M | $4.3M |
| FY2022 | $3.7M | $1.5M | $3.3M | $6.2M |
| FY2023 | $3.6M | $0 | $6M | $3.8M |
| FY2024 | $3.6M | $1.8M | $3.8M | $5.5M |
| FY2025 | $3.6M | $992,000 | $1.9M | $8.2M |
| FY2026 | $5M | $2.5M | $3.6M | $12.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $5M | $0 | $0 | $17.2M |

The full list of the 75 bridges in Springfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Breckwood Pond Dam Phase II source | $90,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Upper Van Horn Dam Repair Permit source | $250,000 |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Upper Van Horn Dam Repair Design source | $84,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Springfield received $99.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 69% of the $143 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Springfield ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $27.5 million in earmarks placed in Springfield, $26.3 million (96%) went to organizations rather than to Springfield's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Springfield** this town | **79** | **$35,424** | **$352** | **$178**† | **1.27** | **1.8%** |
| Worcester peer | 65 | $19,940 | $387 | $92.28† | 0.90 | 2.4% |
| New Bedford peer | 73 | $27,251 | $466 | $126† | 1.34 | 1.9% |
| Fall River peer | 72 | $25,031 | $426 | $77.65† | 0.89 | 2.0% |
| Lowell peer | 70 | $24,024 | $384 | $66.99 | 0.82 | 2.3% |
| Lawrence peer | 81 | $35,983 | $392 | $72.86† | 1.09 | 1.0% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |


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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Sterling

Town · Worcester County · 8,183 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

12th Worcester · Meghan K. Kilcoyne

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Wachusett Regional School District, shared with Holden, Paxton, Princeton and Rutland

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden and nine others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Sterling scores 34 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 24 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**34** / 100

269th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33 | 38 | 32 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 252nd to 283rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Sterling received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 33 and 35 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**24** / 100

299th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 27 | 23 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 291st to 300th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

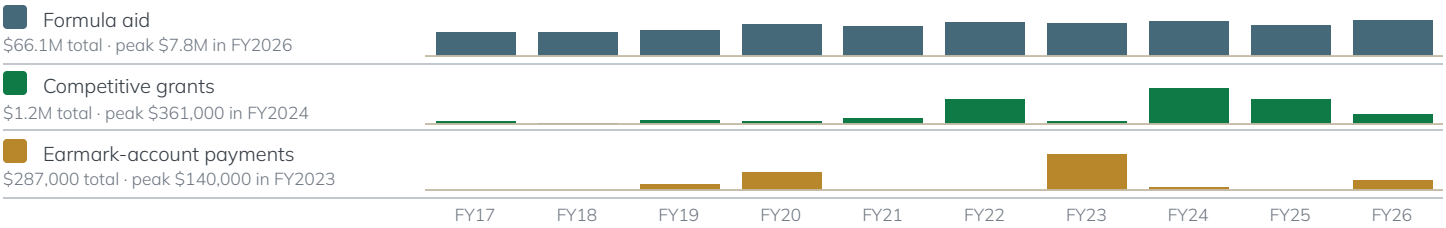
Sterling received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 24 stays between 24 and 25 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Sterling's town government and school districts received $66.1 million in formula aid and $1.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $66.1M | $1.2M | $287,000 |
| $8,083 per resident (251st of 351) · gross | $141 per resident (298th of 351) | $35.06 per resident (129th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Sterling peaked in FY2024 at $361,000, 31% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Sterling received $290,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $290,000 | $290,000 | $290,000 | No |
| $35.44 per resident (135th of 351) | $35.44 per resident (218th of 351) | $35.44 per resident (224th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Sterling's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Sterling, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "the town of Sterling for the study of West Sterling Water Source Wells access road" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $70,000 | "the town of Sterling to increase the quantity and improve the quality of athletic fields and other recreation facilities" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "beach erosion control, monitoring, refurbishments and related activities at Sterling town beach" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "the town of Sterling for an electronic sign at the Council on Aging" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "municipal signage and branding in the town of Sterling" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Sterling received 62% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**93.8**<br>110th of 351 · 11.5 per 1,000 residents (92nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5.8M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**113**<br>89th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**30.6 sq mi**<br>27% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,183**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.40**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.62; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**63 acres**<br>0.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$43,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$688**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,876**<br>FY2017–2025 · 231st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN STERLING

## Sterling has 5,403 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,002 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5,403 acres**<br>27.6% of Sterling's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,002 acres**<br>10.2% of Sterling's land · 104 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**329 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**532 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 121 | 5,403 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 114 | 5,595 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 10 | 281 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 90 | 1,652 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 69 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 6 | 294 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 13 | 329 |
| Conservation restriction | 17 | 532 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 30 | 597 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 113 | 5,588 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 8 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wachusett Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 5,341 | |
| Leominster State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 62 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 114.0 miles of public road in Sterling, the state maintains 16.6 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 16.6 | 15% |
| Town-accepted | 93.3 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.2 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Sterling $1.1 million and takes back $73,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.1 million** | **$73,000** | **$1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 7% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $907,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $40,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $94,000 |
| State Owned Land | $44,000 |
| Public Libraries | $24,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,738 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $6,720 |
| MBTA | $26,000 |
| Regional Transit | $37,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN STERLING

## State programs also awarded $628,000 to organizations in Sterling other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Sterling. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute nonprofit | MOTT Destination Development grants | $25,000 |

A further $603,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.4% of Sterling's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 4.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.3%** | **8.2%** | **3.4%** | **3.1%** |
| $755,000 of $17.5M · median town 14.1% | $1.8M of $21.4M · median town 12.2% | $1M of $29.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.0% · median town 10.0% |

Sterling's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Sterling's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 14.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 23.7% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $755,000 in FY2006 to $1 million in FY2025, +33.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1 million of Sterling's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+35.3%** | **+79.7%** | **6 of 9** | **3 of 5** |
| $1.1M to $1.4M · all towns +54.0% | $1.8M to $3.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth · four years not reported |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Sterling's health insurance would have been $1.32 million in FY2025; it was $1.43 million, $110,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.21 million in FY2025; it was $3.18 million, $969,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Sterling's government came to $215,000, 57.5% of the $374,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $215,000 | 57.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $215,000 | 57.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $215,000 | 57.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Sterling's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 200th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.7M** | **$10.9M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **–4%** |
| 200th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Sterling has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Wachusett and Montachusett; Sterling accounts for 14% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Sterling, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Sterling has $489,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.7M** | **$5.5M** | **$489,000** |
| $1.5M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 306th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **11** | **0** | **$0** |
| one rated poor; about $467,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Sterling came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Sterling owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $417,000 | $0 | $0 | $417,000 |
| FY2018 | $414,000 | $0 | $0 | $831,000 |
| FY2019 | $412,000 | $82,000 | $0 | $1.3M |
| FY2020 | $410,000 | $41,000 | $1.2M | $862,000 |
| FY2021 | $410,000 | $0 | $581,000 | $692,000 |
| FY2022 | $411,000 | $282,000 | $529,000 | $855,000 |
| FY2023 | $408,000 | $0 | $400,000 | $864,000 |
| FY2024 | $442,000 | $390,000 | $1.3M | $414,000 |
| FY2025 | $441,000 | $224,000 | $513,000 | $566,000 |
| FY2026 | $752,000 | $461,000 | $1.3M | $489,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $750,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The full list of the 42 bridges in Sterling in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Sterling received $1.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 50% of the $3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Sterling ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sterling** this town | **34** | **$8,083** | **$141** | **$35.44** | **0.62** | **2.6%** |
| Westminster peer · best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Sutton peer | 44 | $10,223 | $840 | $107 | 1.91 | 3.1% |
| Hull peer | 42 | $8,515 | $509 | $61.46† | 1.65 | 1.6% |
| Mendon peer | 50 | $13,851 | $425 | $113 | 1.05 | 3.6% |
| Rochester peer | 43 | $11,142 | $331 | $47.11 | 0.45 | 3.3% |
| Seekonk lowest in class of 30 | 31 | $7,825 | $53.68 | $16.99 | 1.67 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Stockbridge

Town · Berkshire County · 2,056 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Berkshire Hills Regional School District, shared with Great Barrington and West Stockbridge

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Stockbridge scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 86 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

42 / 100

194th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | 45 | 45 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 169th to 227th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Stockbridge received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 41 and 44 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

86 / 100

58th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 88 | 92 | 74 | 91 |

Rank under other weightings: 51st to 68th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

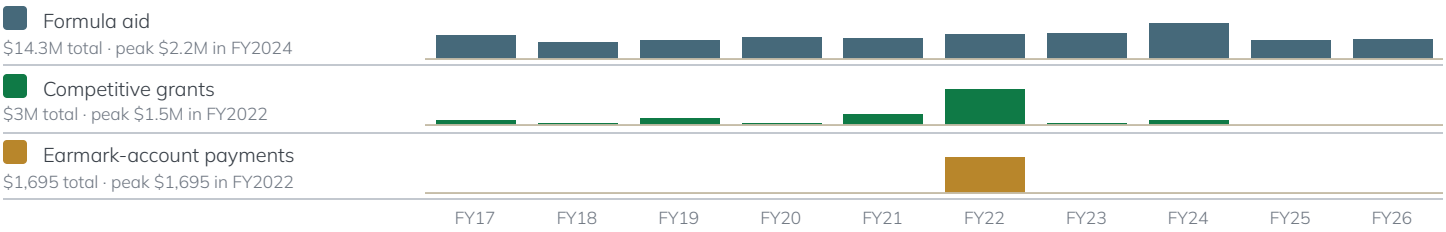
Stockbridge received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 86 stays between 83 and 89 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Stockbridge's town government and school districts received $14.3 million in formula aid and $3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $14.3M | $3M | $1,695 |
| $6,979 per resident (290th of 351) · gross | $1,448 per resident (59th of 351) | $0.82 per resident (329th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Stockbridge peaked in FY2022 at $1.5 million, 51% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $6.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Stockbridge received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $288,000 placed in the city or town and $288,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $288,000 | $288,000 | No |
| enacted, ten budgets | $140 per resident (33rd of 351) · all to organizations | $140 per resident (41st of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $0 went to Stockbridge's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $288,000 went to organizations in Stockbridge or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Stockbridge, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (six clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "the Norman Rockwell Museum, Inc. to showcase illustration art to reflect and shape society and advance the enduring Rockwell values of kindness, respect and social equity" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the Berkshire Theatre Group for repairs and the replacement of the roof at the historical playhouse in the town of Stockbridge" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "lighting and other wayfinding improvements to the public parking areas of the Berkshire Theatre Group, Inc. located in the town of Stockbridge including, but not limited to, the Carter White walkway, which provides access through the property from state highway route 102 to United States highway..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the Berkshire Theatre Group for use in summer programing" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $38,000 | "the restoration of the historic blue steps at the Naumkeag house in the town of Stockbridge" | Enacted organization named with the town |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Stockbridge received 2.33 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**42.5**<br>281st of 351 · 20.7 per 1,000 residents (57th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.1M**<br>scored exposure $7.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**105**<br>111th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.7 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**43%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,626**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.89**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.33; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**893 acres**<br>6.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$68,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$75.81**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$38,033**<br>FY2017–2025 · 66th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN STOCKBRIDGE

## Stockbridge has 1,139 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,399 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,139 acres**<br>7.8% of Stockbridge's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,399 acres**<br>9.6% of Stockbridge's land · 27 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**84 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,371 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 9 | 1,139 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 832 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 13 | 444 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 8 | 454 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 502 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 39 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 84 |
| Conservation restriction | 23 | 1,371 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 433 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 399 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beartown State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 433 | |
| Agawam Lake WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 366 | |
| Rockdale Highlands WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 268 | |
| Kampoosa Fen WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 72 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 56.2 miles of public road in Stockbridge, the state maintains 12.4 (22%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.4 | 22% |
| Town-accepted | 42.5 | 76% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.4 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Stockbridge $250,000 and takes back $35,000 in assessments and charges, a net $215,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$250,000** | **$35,000** | **$215,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 14% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $134,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $12,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $11,000 |
| State Owned Land | $88,000 |
| Public Libraries | $6,477 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,232 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $340 |
| Regional Transit | $34,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN STOCKBRIDGE

## State programs also awarded $4.3 million to organizations in Stockbridge other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans (Stockbridge-Munsee Community) tribal nation | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $2.3M |
| FY2016 | The Norman Rockwell Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $300,000 |
| FY2019 | The Norman Rockwell Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Botanical Garden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2023 | Chesterwood nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | Berkshire Botanical Garden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2019 | Chesterwood Museum and Estate nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $175,000 |
| FY2022 | Norman Rockwell Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $140,000 |
| FY2017 | The Norman Rockwell Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2025 | Norman Rockwell Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $115,000 |
| FY2016 | Chesterwood Museum and Estate nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $107,000 |
| FY2018 | The Berkshire Botanical Garden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $75,000 |
| FY2026 | Berkshire Art Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2026 | Berkshire Botanical Garden nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |
| FY2026 | Chesterwood nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $35,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 19 awards; the web page lists all of them.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 1.8% of Stockbridge's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 2.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2.0%** | **1.8%** | **1.8%** | **1.4%** |
| $132,000 of $6.6M · median town 14.1% | $165,000 of $9.3M · median town 12.2% | $213,000 of $11.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 0.7% · median town 10.0% |

Stockbridge's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $359,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Stockbridge's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 4.4% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 7.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $132,000 in FY2006 to $213,000 in FY2025, +61.9% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+4.6%** | **+32.5%** | **3 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $511,000 to $535,000 · all towns +54.0% | $931,000 to $1.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Stockbridge's health insurance would have been $639,000 in FY2025; it was $535,000, $104,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.16 million in FY2025; it was $1.23 million, $70,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Stockbridge's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $24,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $163,000 | 6.9 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $163,000 | 6.9 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Stockbridge's required school contribution is 1.5% of


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## median household income, 337th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$440,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$1.8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.5%**<br>337th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+1%**<br>after inflation |

Stockbridge has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Berkshire Hills; Stockbridge accounts for 14% of that district's foundation budget. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $8.5 million for schools serving Stockbridge, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Stockbridge's share<br>**$8.5M**<br>$4,130 per resident (18th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Stockbridge's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Monument Mountain Regional High School | Berkshire Hills | Core | $61M | $8.5M (14%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Stockbridge has $998,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3.2M**<br>$797,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$998,000**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 117th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**11**<br>three rated poor; likely about $12.9M of work on those ($11.8M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.2M**<br>bridges $1M · dams $0 · culverts $154,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Stockbridge came on average 24 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Stockbridge owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $201,000 | $0 | $584,000 | $11,000 |
| FY2018 | $200,000 | $0 | $182,000 | $94,000 |
| FY2019 | $200,000 | $40,000 | $257,000 | $77,000 |
| FY2020 | $200,000 | $20,000 | $340,000 | $57,000 |
| FY2021 | $199,000 | $0 | $0 | $256,000 |
| FY2022 | $198,000 | $142,000 | $30,000 | $566,000 |
| FY2023 | $192,000 | $0 | $142,000 | $617,000 |
| FY2024 | $194,000 | $231,000 | $936,000 | $105,000 |
| FY2025 | $194,000 | $156,000 | $0 | $456,000 |
| FY2026 | $335,000 | $208,000 | $0 | $998,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $334,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 24 bridges in Stockbridge in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Rattlesnake Mountain Road over Marsh Brook source | $57,000 |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Rattlesnake Mountain Road over Marsh Brook source | $52,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Hawthorne St over Marsh Brook source | $46,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Stockbridge received $3.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 76% of the $4.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Stockbridge ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $288,000 in earmarks placed in Stockbridge went to organizations; none went to Stockbridge's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Stockbridge** this town | **42** | **$6,979** | **$1,448** | **$140†** | **2.33** | **1.5%** |
| Truro peer | 56 | $7,537 | $7,483 | $130† | 1.62 | 1.6% |
| Otis peer · lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $6,679 | $2,109 | $0 | 1.01 | 2.2% |
| Provincetown peer | 39 | $4,983 | $2,004 | $154† | 1.92 | 0.5% |
| Berlin peer | 32 | $7,567 | $464 | $104 | 2.37 | 2.7% |
| Edgartown peer | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Stoneham

Town · Middlesex County · 23,355 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**31st Middlesex** · Michael S. Day

STATE SENATE

**Fifth Middlesex** · Jason M. Lewis

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Stoneham Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Wakefield and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Stoneham scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 26 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

319th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 30 | 30 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 301st to 333rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Stoneham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 29 stays between 27 and 30 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**26** / 100

284th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 27 | 32 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 272nd to 296th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

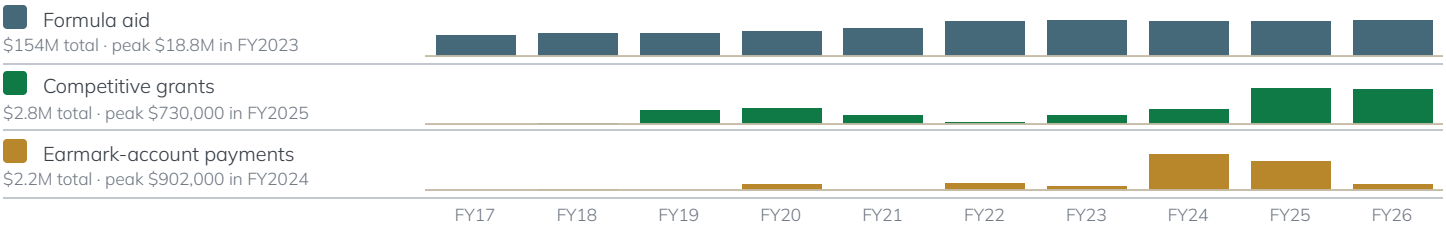
Stoneham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 25 and 28 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Stoneham's town government and school districts received $154 million in formula aid and $2.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$154M** | **$2.8M** | **$2.2M** |
| $6,600 per resident (312th of 351) · gross | $119 per resident (316th of 351) | $94.06 per resident (27th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Stoneham peaked in FY2025 at $730,000, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $13.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Stoneham received $1.4 million in local earmarks to its government, $2 million placed in the city or town and $2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.4M** | **$2M** | **$2M** | **No** |
| $60.44 per resident (56th of 351) | $85.70 per resident (90th of 351) · 29% to organizations | $85.70 per resident (99th of 351) · 29% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 28 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.4 million went to Stoneham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $590,000 went to organizations in Stoneham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Stoneham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (28 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $200,000 | "the town of Stoneham to provide assistance and services to seniors" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "the town of Stoneham for curriculum improvements for the Stoneham public schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the town of Stoneham for transportation infrastructure and pedestrian accessibility improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the marking of the tricentennial anniversary in Stoneham" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "Stoneham Historical Society, Inc. for programming and facility maintenance" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 28 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Stoneham received 1.97 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**63.6**<br>208th of 351 · 2.7 per 1,000 residents (326th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.3M**<br>scored exposure $500,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**8**<br>339th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**6.0 sq mi**<br>22% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**23,393**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**4.51**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.97; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**26 acres**<br>0.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$4,611**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$177**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,357**<br>FY2017–2025 · 237th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN STONEHAM

## Stoneham has 954 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**954 acres**<br>24.8% of Stoneham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 17 | 954 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 13 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 53 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 13 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 0 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Middlesex Fells Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 814 | |
| Middlesex Fells Reservation | DCR Water Supply Protection | 124 | |
| Stone Zoo | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | |
| Lynn Fells Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 79.3 miles of public road in Stoneham, the state maintains 9.1 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.3 | 5% |
| DCR | 4.8 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 63.6 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.6 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Stoneham $14.6 million and takes back $6 million in assessments and charges, a net $8.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.6 million** | **$6 million** | **$8.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 41% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.2M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $74,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $190,000 |
| State Owned Land | $4,611 |
| Public Libraries | $63,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,558 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $15,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $23,000 |
| MBTA | $626,000 |
| Special Education | $6,258 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $185,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $5.1M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN STONEHAM

## State programs also awarded $247,000 to organizations in Stoneham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Friends of the Fells nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Bike to the Sea nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,880 (shared five ways) |

A further $182,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.6% of Stoneham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.9%** | **14.3%** | **14.6%** | **9.7%** |
| $9.3M of $49.1M · median town 14.1% | $8.8M of $61.3M · median town 12.2% | $13.4M of $91.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.7% · median town 10.0% |

Stoneham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $367,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Stoneham's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 7.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 17.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $9.3 million in FY2006 to $13.4 million in FY2025, +44.0% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.7 million of Stoneham's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+44.8%** | **+44.1%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $7.4M to $10.8M · all towns +54.0% | $13.8M to $19.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Stoneham's health insurance would have been $9.29 million in FY2025; it was $10.8 million, $1.48 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $17.2 million in FY2025; it was $19.8 million, $2.64 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Stoneham's government came to $1.1 million, 31.8% of the $3.34 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.1M | 31.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.7M | 49.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.7M | 49.5% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Stoneham's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 188th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.3M** | **$28.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+38%** |
| 188th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Stoneham runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Stoneham accounts for 5% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $64.6 million for schools serving Stoneham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Stoneham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$64.6M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,767 per resident (61st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Stoneham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Stoneham High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Stoneham | Core | $7.6M | $7.6M |
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $1.1M (5%) |
| FY2022 | Stoneham High School | Stoneham | Core | $49M | $49M |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $6.9M (5%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Stoneham; Stoneham's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $8.7 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Stoneham has $708,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.7M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$708,000**<br>annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 321st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Stoneham came on average 14 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $486,000 | $0 | $531,000 | $68,000 |
| FY2018 | $477,000 | $0 | $770,000 | $68,000 |
| FY2019 | $476,000 | $95,000 | $575,000 | $150,000 |
| FY2020 | $474,000 | $47,000 | $586,000 | $87,000 |
| FY2021 | $473,000 | $0 | $322,000 | $237,000 |
| FY2022 | $471,000 | $212,000 | $429,000 | $492,000 |
| FY2023 | $474,000 | $0 | $631,000 | $335,000 |
| FY2024 | $474,000 | $251,000 | $564,000 | $496,000 |
| FY2025 | $471,000 | $133,000 | $770,000 | $330,000 |
| FY2026 | $684,000 | $347,000 | $654,000 | $708,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $684,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Stoneham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Stoneham received $4.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 65% of the $7.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Stoneham ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2 million in earmarks placed in Stoneham, $590,000 (29%) went to organizations rather than to Stoneham's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Stoneham** this town | **28** | **$6,600** | **$119** | **$85.70** | **1.97** | **2.6%** |
| Westborough peer | 30 | $7,679 | $215 | $21.64 | 1.49 | 3.7% |
| Easton peer | 30 | $7,249 | $236 | $53.96 | 1.08 | 3.3% |
| Sandwich peer | 31 | $7,257 | $332 | $24.72 | 0.71 | 2.7% |
| Dedham peer | 28 | $6,510 | $161 | $77.66 | 0.48 | 2.4% |
| Foxborough peer | 34 | $8,398 | $121 | $73.28† | 1.08 | 3.7% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Stoughton

Town · Norfolk County · 29,225 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

8th Norfolk · Edward R. Philips 50% of residents
6th Norfolk · William C. Galvin 50% of residents

Stoughton is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol · William J. Driscoll, Jr.

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Stoughton Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon and West Bridgewater

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Old Colony Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Stoughton scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 54 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**43** / 100

180th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 43 | 43 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 170th to 203rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Stoughton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 43 and 43 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**54** / 100

173rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 52 | 57 | 52 |

Rank under other weightings: 168th to 180th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

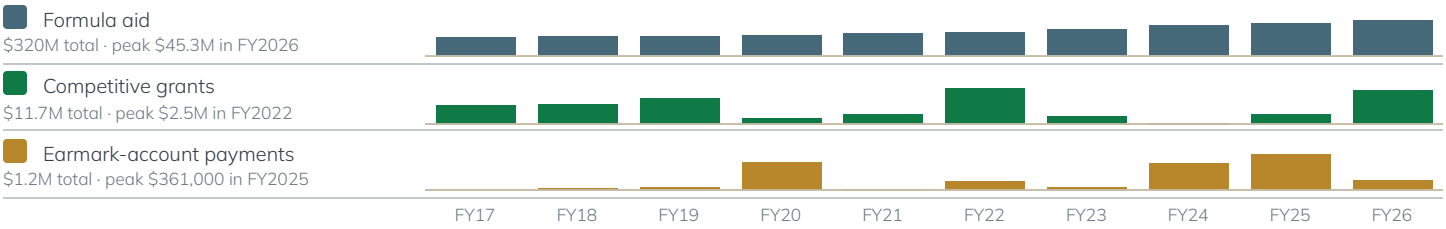
Stoughton received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 53 and 55 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Stoughton's town government and school districts received $320 million in formula aid and $11.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$320M** | **$11.7M** | **$1.2M** |
| $10,942 per resident (148th of 351) · gross | $402 per resident (167th of 351) | $40.84 per resident (107th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Stoughton peaked in FY2022 at $2.5 million, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $21.1 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Stoughton received $811,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.2 million placed in the city or town and $1.2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$811,000** | **$1.2M** | **$1.2M** | **No** |
| $27.74 per resident (175th of 351) | $41.94 per resident (191st of 351) · 34% to organizations | $41.94 per resident (196th of 351) · 34% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 23 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $811,000 went to Stoughton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $415,000 went to organizations in Stoughton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Stoughton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (23 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $105,000 | "in equal 138 amounts to the following substance abuse coalitions and community partnerships: (i) Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Abuse; (ii) Bridging L.I.V.E.S.; (iii) Easton Wings of Hope; (iv) EB Hope, Inc.; (v) Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition; (vi) Healthy Empowered…" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the town of Stoughton for planning and implementation of Stoughton's 300th anniversary celebration" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "renovation of the Stoughton train depot building" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "the restoration of the State Theatre in Stoughton" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the restoration of State Theatre in Stoughton" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 23 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Stoughton received 88% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**112.2**<br>73rd of 351 · 3.8 per 1,000 residents (287th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$277,000**<br>scored exposure $20,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**81**<br>161st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.1 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**29,261**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.88; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,172**<br>FY2017–2025 · 279th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN STOUGHTON

## No state conservation land is mapped in Stoughton; 73 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**73 acres**<br>0.7% of Stoughton's land · 12 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**425 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61A farm land | 12 | 73 |
| Conservation restriction | 22 | 425 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 127.8 miles of public road in Stoughton, the state maintains 8.5 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.5 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 112.0 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.3 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Stoughton $37.4 million and takes back $6.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $31.3 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$37.4 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$6.1 million**<br>16% of what is sent | Net<br>**$31.3 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $32M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $731,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $159,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $278,000 |
| Public Libraries | $82,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $212,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $2.5M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $110,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,536 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $18,000 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $49,000 |
| Regional Transit | $248,000 |
| Special Education | $14,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $365,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.5M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN STOUGHTON

## State programs also awarded $88,000 to organizations in Stoughton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Stoughton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Old Colony Planning Council - Avon nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $41,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2022 | Bulgarian Center of New England nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $40,000 |
| FY2020 | Bulgarian Center of New England nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

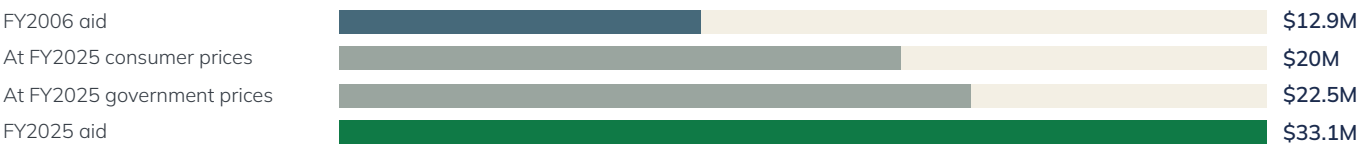
## State aid covered 23.2% of Stoughton's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 19.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **19.0%** | **21.8%** | **23.2%** | **19.7%** |
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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+132.5%** | **+147.2%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $11.8M to $27.5M · all towns +54.0% | $14.1M to $34.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

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Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+58%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+67%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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SCHOOLS

## Stoughton's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 82nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$32.7M** | **$35.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **+46%** |
| 82nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Stoughton runs its own school district and also belongs to Southeastern and Norfolk County; Stoughton accounts for 6% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $48 million for schools serving Stoughton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Stoughton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$48M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,641 per resident (108th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Stoughton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | South Elementary School | Stoughton | Core | $47.9M | $47.9M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $39,000 (2%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Stoughton has $2.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.1M** | **$7.3M** | **$2.6M** |
| $1.8M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 127th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **2** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | of four town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $767,000 | $0 | $752,000 | $767,000 |
| FY2018 | $779,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $1.5M |
| FY2019 | $773,000 | $155,000 | $87,000 | $2.5M |
| FY2020 | $775,000 | $78,000 | $1.7M | $2.3M |
| FY2021 | $774,000 | $0 | $1.9M | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $767,000 | $374,000 | $789,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $773,000 | $0 | $1.8M | $544,000 |
| FY2024 | $773,000 | $419,000 | $380,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2025 | $773,000 | $213,000 | $0 | $2.3M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $600,000 | $1.5M | $2.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $3.8M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Stoughton Town-Wide Culvert Assessment source | $313,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Stoughton** this town | **43** | **$10,942** | **$402** | **$41.94** | **0.88** | **3.0%** |
| Randolph peer | 46 | $11,148 | $123 | $35.83 | 0.23 | 2.3% |
| Dracut peer | 46 | $11,847 | $125 | $51.31 | 0.50 | 2.5% |
| Middleborough peer | 45 | $12,235 | $110 | $12.65 | 0.78 | 2.8% |
| Agawam peer | 45 | $11,619 | $247 | $23.34 | 0.39 | 2.7% |
| Milford peer | 54 | $15,901 | $146 | $36.10 | 0.26 | 3.1% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Stow

Town · Middlesex County · 7,165 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

3rd Middlesex · Kate Hogan

STATE SENATE

Middlesex and Worcester · James B. Eldridge

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Nashoba Regional School District**, shared with Bolton and Lancaster
**Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Acton, Arlington, Bolton, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington and Needham

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Stow scores 33 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 65 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**33** / 100

279th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33 | 46 | 29 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 264th to 294th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Stow received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 33 stays between 29 and 37 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**65** / 100

129th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 76 | 63 | 54 |

Rank under other weightings: 125th to 141st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

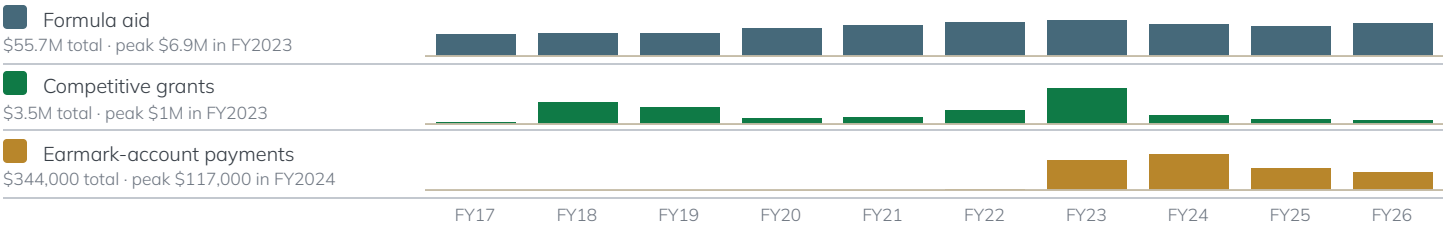
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STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Stow's town government and school districts received $55.7 million in formula aid and $3.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$55.7M** | **$3.5M** | **$344,000** |
| $7,771 per resident (266th of 351) · gross | $488 per resident (141st of 351) | $48.06 per resident (82nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Stow peaked in FY2023 at $1 million, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Stow received $625,000 in local earmarks to its government, $645,000 placed in the city or town and $645,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$625,000** | **$645,000** | **$645,000** | **No** |
| $87.23 per resident (32nd of 351) | $90.02 per resident (82nd of 351) · 3% to organizations | $90.02 per resident (93rd of 351) · 3% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in five of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $625,000 went to Stow's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $20,000 went to organizations in Stow or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Stow, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (six clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $150,000 | "the town of Stow for the development of an installation of new firefighting water cisterns" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "the development of an installation of new firefighting cisterns in the town of Stow" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "the town of Stow for the development and installation of new firefighting cisterns" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the town of Stow for PFAS removal in the town's public buildings" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "the town of Stow for the preliminary design and repair of the Wheeler road bridge" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 6 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Stow received 2.17 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**55.0**<br>229th of 351 · 7.7 per 1,000 residents (143rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.3M**<br>scored exposure $2.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**68**<br>203rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.3 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,242**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.31**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.17; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$25,088**<br>FY2017–2025 · 138th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN STOW

## Stow has 262 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,060 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**262 acres**<br>2.4% of Stow's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,060 acres**<br>9.6% of Stow's land · 69 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**101 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**901 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 17 | 262 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 19 | 294 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 29 | 382 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 21 | 385 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 12 | 517 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 101 |
| Conservation restriction | 44 | 901 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delaney Flood Control Site | DCR and Fish and Game | 166 | |
| Marlborough-Sudbury State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 97 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 62.9 miles of public road in Stow, the state maintains 0.1 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.1 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 55.0 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.8 | 12% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Stow $598,000 and takes back $138,000 in assessments and charges, a net $460,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$598,000** | **$138,000** | **$460,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 23% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $561,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $7,600 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $12,000 |
| Public Libraries | $18,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $63,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,733 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $4,453 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,960 |
| Regional Transit | $66,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN STOW

## State programs also awarded $1,050 to organizations in Stow other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Stow. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $1,050 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 1.5% of Stow's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 2.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2.5%** | **3.7%** | **1.5%** | **1.2%** |
| $454,000 of $18.3M · median town 14.1% | $969,000 of $26.2M · median town 12.2% | $565,000 of $37.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.1% · median town 10.0% |

Stow's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Stow's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 19.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 28.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $454,000 in FY2006 to $565,000 in FY2025, +24.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $543,000 of Stow's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+65.1%** | **+69.6%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $711,000 to $1.2M · all towns +54.0% | $1.7M to $2.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Stow's health insurance would have been $888,000 in FY2025; it was $1.17 million, $286,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.06 million in FY2025; it was $2.80 million, $737,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+30%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.


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LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Stow's government came to $475,000, 102.7% of the $463,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $475,000 | 102.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $495,000 | 107.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $495,000 | 107.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Stow's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 257th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$3.2M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$12.4M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.4%**<br>257th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+34%**<br>after inflation |

Stow has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Nashoba and Minuteman; Stow accounts for 34% and 11% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $27 million for schools serving Stow, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Stow's share<br>**$27M**<br>$3,763 per resident (26th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Stow's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Nashoba Regional High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Nashoba | Core | $14.9M | $5.1M (34%) |
| FY2024 | Nashoba Regional High School | Nashoba | Core | $64.8M | $21.9M (34%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Stow; Stow's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $5.1 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Stow has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.5M**<br>$1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.3M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 112th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**7**<br>one rated poor; about $2.8M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $1M · culverts $0 |

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**Stow owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**


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| FY2019 | $282,000 | $56,000 | $64,000 | $483,000 |
| FY2020 | $283,000 | $28,000 | $731,000 | $345,000 |
| FY2021 | $285,000 | $0 | $477,000 | $153,000 |
| FY2022 | $282,000 | $182,000 | $283,000 | $334,000 |
| FY2023 | $281,000 | $0 | $387,000 | $228,000 |
| FY2024 | $280,000 | $279,000 | $499,000 | $288,000 |
| FY2025 | $279,000 | $180,000 | $177,000 | $571,000 |
| FY2026 | $461,000 | $274,000 | $26,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $461,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.7M |

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|---|---|---|---|
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| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Lake Boon Dam Repair Design source | $45,000 |

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| Groveland peer | 52 | $13,007 | $476 | $36.55 | 0.95 | 2.5% |
| Freetown peer | 43 | $10,093 | $164 | $145† | 0.30 | 2.8% |
| Littleton peer | 37 | $7,885 | $1,660 | $62.74 | 5.22 | 3.1% |
| Topsfield peer | 34 | $8,832 | $158 | $67.96 | 1.04 | 2.6% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Sturbridge

Town · Worcester County · 9,960 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Hampden · Todd M. Smola

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Sturbridge Public Schools, the town's own district

Tantasqua Regional School District, shared with Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland and Wales

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Sturbridge scores 51 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 26 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**51** / 100

115th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 52 | 60 | 43 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 95th to 129th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Sturbridge received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 51 stays between 48 and 54 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**26** / 100

288th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 33 | 21 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 279th to 293rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

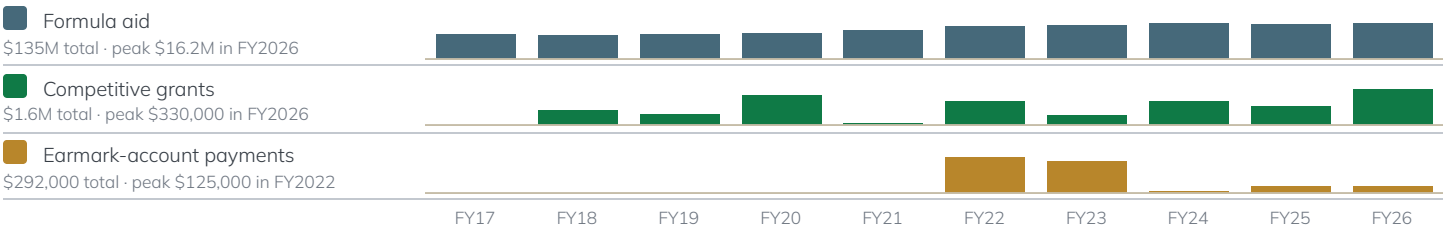
Sturbridge received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 24 and 28 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Sturbridge's town government and school districts received $135 million in formula aid and $1.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $135M | $1.6M | $292,000 |
| $13,598 per resident (104th of 351) · gross | $158 per resident (277th of 351) | $29.34 per resident (150th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Sturbridge peaked in FY2026 at $330,000, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $22.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Sturbridge received $385,000 in local earmarks to its government, $560,000 placed in the city or town and $560,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $385,000 | $560,000 | $560,000 | No |
| $38.65 per resident (117th of 351) | $56.22 per resident (150th of 351) · 31% to organizations | $56.22 per resident (158th of 351) · 31% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 13 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $385,000 went to Sturbridge's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $175,000 went to organizations in Sturbridge or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Sturbridge, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (13 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $75,000 | "costs related to the study, planning and engineering of a water line connection in the town of Sturbridge" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $60,000 | "the fire department in the town of Sturbridge for a new command vehicle" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "interior improvements to the Sturbridge senior center in the town of Sturbridge" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Sturbridge for tourism website development and marketing" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the town of Sturbridge for the purchase of a K-9 cruiser and related equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 13 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Sturbridge received 74% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**78.8**<br>160th of 351 · 7.9 per 1,000 residents (139th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.4M**<br>scored exposure $3.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**209**<br>9th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**37.2 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**6%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**10,577**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.64**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.74; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,272 acres**<br>13.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$244,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$74.47**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,020**<br>FY2017–2025 · 226th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN STURBRIDGE

## Sturbridge has 3,156 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,483 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,156 acres**<br>13.2% of Sturbridge's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,483 acres**<br>10.4% of Sturbridge's land · 91 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**85 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,376 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 44 | 3,156 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 60 | 3,240 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 47 | 1,502 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 25 | 509 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 19 | 472 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 4 | 85 |
| Conservation restriction | 19 | 2,376 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 46 | 1,791 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | 1,448 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wells State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,445 | |
| Breakneck Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 800 | |
| Leadmine WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 519 | |
| Wolf Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 244 | |
| McKinstry Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 145 | |
| Leadmine Pond Public Access | State: Secretary of the Commonwealth | 1 | |
| Big Alum Public Access | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |
| Leadmine Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 119.7 miles of public road in Sturbridge, the state maintains 25.8 (22%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 25.8 | 22% |
| Town-accepted | 78.8 | 66% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 14.1 | 12% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Sturbridge $7 million and takes back $883,000 in assessments and charges, a net $6.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$7 million** | **$883,000** | **$6.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 13% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $5.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $140,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $73,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $84,000 |
| State Owned Land | $245,000 |
| Public Libraries | $31,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $124,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,138 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $10,000 |
| Regional Transit | $59,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $132,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $554,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN STURBRIDGE

## State programs also awarded $254,000 to organizations in Sturbridge other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Sturbridge. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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| Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
| FY2017 | Old Sturbridge Village nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $125,000 |
| FY2022 | Old Sturbridge Village nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2023 | Old Sturbridge Village nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $31,000 |
| FY2023 | Central MA Regional Planning Commission - Grafton regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $18,000 (shared six ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 15.3% of Sturbridge's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 9.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9.9% | 15.0% | 15.3% | 13.7% |
| $2M of $20M · median town 14.1% | $4.4M of $29.6M · median town 12.2% | $6.6M of $43M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 11.9% · median town 10.0% |

Sturbridge's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $5.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Sturbridge's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 114.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 90.4% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2 million in FY2006 to $6.6 million in FY2025, +232.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +51.6% | +76.0% | 6 of 9 | 6 of 9 |
| $1.4M to $2.1M · all towns +54.0% | $2.9M to $5.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Sturbridge's health insurance would have been $1.71 million in FY2025; it was $2.08 million, $366,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.58 million in FY2025; it was $5.05 million, $1.47 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Sturbridge's government came to $360,000, 50.9% of the $707,000 rise in its health insurance.

| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $360,000 | 50.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $535,000 | 75.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $535,000 | 75.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Sturbridge's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 228th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $10.9M | $13.9M |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.5% | +8% |
| 228th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Sturbridge runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Tantasqua for others; Sturbridge accounts for 52% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $559,000 for schools serving


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## Sturbridge, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Sturbridge's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$559,000**<br>$56.14 per resident (251st of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Sturbridge's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Tantasqua Regional Junior High School | Tantasqua | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.1M | $559,000 (52%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Sturbridge's share of the final cost was $855,000 against its share of the approved budget of $1 million (under by $183,000); the local share moved from $479,000 to $387,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Sturbridge has $4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.6M**<br>$1.4M of it one-time supplements | **$1.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$4M**<br>annual program: 6.5 years of its yearly money · 2nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
| **9**<br>two rated poor; about $4.1M of work on those, by planning estimates | **3**<br>of four town-owned dams | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Sturbridge came on average 94 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Sturbridge owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Sturbridge owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $433,000 | $0 | $389,000 | $301,000 |
| FY2018 | $433,000 | $0 | $0 | $734,000 |
| FY2019 | $432,000 | $86,000 | $298,000 | $954,000 |
| FY2020 | $432,000 | $43,000 | $0 | $1.4M |
| FY2021 | $431,000 | $0 | $322,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2022 | $428,000 | $264,000 | $495,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2023 | $426,000 | $0 | $426,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2024 | $427,000 | $361,000 | $710,000 | $2.3M |
| FY2025 | $427,000 | $220,000 | $300,000 | $2.9M |
| FY2026 | $688,000 | $398,000 | $0 | $4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $688,000 | $0 | $0 | $4.7M |

The full list of the 48 bridges in Sturbridge in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Sturbridge received $3.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 66% of the $5.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Sturbridge ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $560,000 in earmarks placed in Sturbridge, $175,000 (31%) went to organizations rather than to Sturbridge's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sturbridge** this town | **51** | **$13,598** | **$158** | **$56.22** | **0.74** | **2.5%** |
| Halifax peer | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| Douglas peer | 58 | $14,824 | $571 | $28.78 | 1.44 | 2.2% |
| East Bridgewater peer | 48 | $11,873 | $303 | $82.76† | 1.19 | 2.4% |
| Southwick peer | 56 | $14,645 | $652 | $57.30 | 0.77 | 2.4% |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Sudbury

Town · Middlesex County · 19,306 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
13th Middlesex · Carmine Lawrence Gentile

**STATE SENATE**
Middlesex and Worcester · James B. Eldridge

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Sudbury Public Schools, the town's own district
Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District, shared with Lincoln

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Sudbury scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 27 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**38** / 100

236th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 62 | 26 | 27 |

Rank under other weightings: 175th to 272nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Sudbury received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 31 and 45 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**27** / 100

283rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 44 | 24 | 15 |

Rank under other weightings: 268th to 302nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

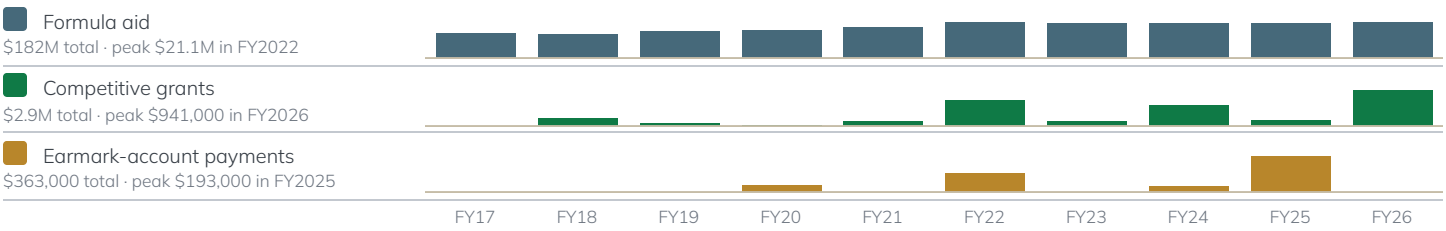
Sudbury received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 22 and 31 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Sudbury's town government and school districts received $182 million in formula aid and $2.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$182M** | **$2.9M** | **$363,000** |
| $9,414 per resident (199th of 351) · gross | $150 per resident (290th of 351) | $18.83 per resident (209th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Sudbury peaked in FY2026 at $941,000, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $9.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Sudbury received $534,000 in local earmarks to its government, $914,000 placed in the city or town and $914,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$534,000** | **$914,000** | **$914,000** | **No** |
| $27.69 per resident (177th of 351) | $47.32 per resident (177th of 351) · 41% to organizations | $47.32 per resident (183rd of 351) · 41% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 20 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $534,000 went to Sudbury's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $379,000 went to organizations in Sudbury or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Sudbury, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (20 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $125,000 | "subsidized rideshare and taxi transportation for the GoSudbury! program in the town of Sudbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the Sudbury Community Food Pantry, Inc. for food security infrastructure" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the town of Sudbury to fund an environmental sustainability director position for one year" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $75,000 | "the Sudbury Public Schools to investigate the financial and enhanced student service opportunities, benefits, and challenges created by the consolidation, regionalization, and/or sharing of critically limited and required educational resources among multiple school districts" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $75,000 | "public safety improvements in Sudbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 20 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Sudbury received 49% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**138.6**<br>42nd of 351 · 7.2 per 1,000 residents (152nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.2M**<br>scored exposure $2.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**135**<br>58th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**24.3 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**19,446**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.41**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.49; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**485 acres**<br>3.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$65,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$134**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$25,980**<br>FY2017–2025 · 133rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SUDBURY

## Sudbury has 732 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 481 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**732 acres**<br>4.7% of Sudbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**481 acres**<br>3.1% of Sudbury's land · 41 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**256 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**677 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 14 | 732 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 9 | 485 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 8 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 32 | 334 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 140 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 17 | 268 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 10 | 256 |
| Conservation restriction | 71 | 677 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 9 | 485 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pantry Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 403 | |
| Marlborough-Sudbury State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 247 | |
| Bay Circuit Trail | DCR and Fish and Game | 82 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 145.8 miles of public road in Sudbury, the state maintains 5.1 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.1 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 138.6 | 95% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.0 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Sudbury $8.6 million and takes back $264,000 in assessments and charges, a net $8.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.6 million** | **$264,000** | **$8.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $29,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.8M |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $38,000 |
| State Owned Land | $66,000 |
| Public Libraries | $56,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,653 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,540 |
| MBTA | $29,000 |
| Regional Transit | $121,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $19,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $68,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SUDBURY

## State programs also awarded $475,000 to organizations in Sudbury other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Sudbury. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Mass Audubon nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $46,000 |
| FY2020 | Mayflower Council, Inc., and Boy Scouts of America nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 |

A further $419,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.3% of Sudbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.3%** | **8.4%** | **6.3%** | **6.1%** |
| $8.5M of $74.9M · median town 14.1% | $7.5M of $89.4M · median town 12.2% | $7.8M of $123M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.7% · median town 10.0% |

Sudbury's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.5 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Sudbury's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 41.0% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 47.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.5 million in FY2006 to $7.8 million in FY2025, –8.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.7 million of Sudbury's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+42.0%** | **+59.9%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $4.4M to $6.2M · all towns +54.0% | $10.1M to $16.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Sudbury's health insurance would have been $5.46 million in FY2025; it was $6.20 million, $746,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $12.6 million in FY2025; it was $16.1 million, $3.53 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Sudbury's government came to $534,000, 29.2% of the $1.83 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $534,000 | 29.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $784,000 | 42.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $784,000 | 42.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Sudbury's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 163rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$9.9M** | **$39.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.7%** | **+14%** |
| 163rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Sudbury runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Lincoln-Sudbury for others; Sudbury accounts for 87% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $4.8 million for schools serving Sudbury, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Sudbury's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.8M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $249 per resident (221st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Sudbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Josiah Haynes Elementary School | Sudbury | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3.1M | $3.1M |
| FY2026 | General John Nixon Elementary School | Sudbury | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.7M | $1.7M |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Sudbury has $1.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$11M**<br>$2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.1M**<br>annual program: 0.5 years of its yearly money · 289th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**10**<br>one rated poor; about $8.9M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$500,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Sudbury came on average 26 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Sudbury owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $751,000 | $0 | $816,000 | $347,000 |
| FY2018 | $742,000 | $0 | $50,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2019 | $736,000 | $147,000 | $995,000 | $977,000 |
| FY2020 | $733,000 | $73,000 | $744,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $731,000 | $0 | $402,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2022 | $728,000 | $462,000 | $688,000 | $2M |
| FY2023 | $728,000 | $0 | $531,000 | $2.2M |
| FY2024 | $727,000 | $449,000 | $1.7M | $1.6M |
| FY2025 | $730,000 | $201,000 | $1.7M | $829,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $696,000 | $1.2M | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $367,000 | $2.3M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Sudbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Sudbury received $3.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 54% of the $7.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Sudbury ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $914,000 in earmarks placed in Sudbury, $379,000 (41%) went to organizations rather than to Sudbury's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sudbury** this town | **38** | **$9,414** | **$150** | **$47.32** | **0.49** | **2.7%** |
| Belmont peer | 32 | $7,271 | $63.18 | $101 | 0.65 | 2.6% |
| Wellesley peer | 28 | $6,221 | $46.83 | $85.74 | 0.18 | 1.9% |
| Concord peer | 34 | $8,067 | $148 | $84.78 | 0.61 | 2.5% |
| Hopkinton peer | 31 | $7,048 | $297 | $94.08 | 0.33 | 3.1% |
| Scituate peer | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Sunderland

Town · Franklin County · 3,641 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Franklin · Natalie M. Blais

STATE SENATE

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Sunderland Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Frontier Regional School District**, shared with Conway, Deerfield and Whately
**Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield and ten others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Sunderland scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 52 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**38** / 100

235th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 39 | 30 | 50 | 33 |

Rank under other weightings: 187th to 282nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Sunderland received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 34 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**52** / 100

182nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 46 | 58 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 167th to 195th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

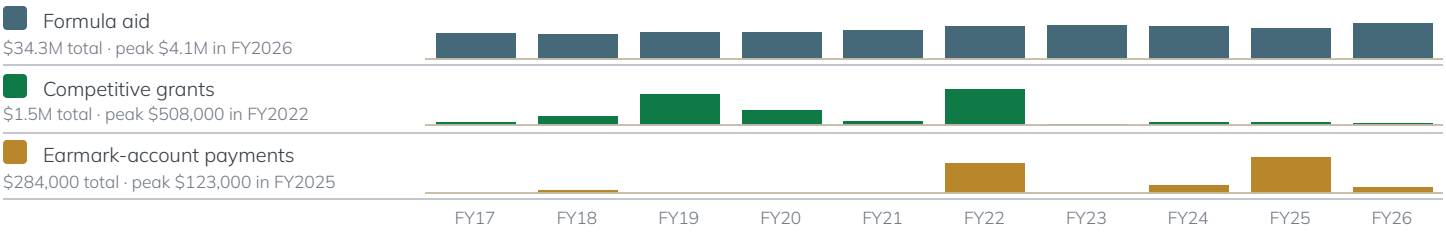
Sunderland received more than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 50 and 55 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Sunderland's town government and school districts received $34.3 million in formula aid and $1.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $34.3M | $1.5M | $284,000 |
| $9,413 per resident (200th of 351) · gross | $417 per resident (161st of 351) | $78.04 per resident (36th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Sunderland peaked in FY2022 at $508,000, 33% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Sunderland received $143,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $143,000 | $143,000 | $143,000 | No |
| $39.37 per resident (110th of 351) | $39.37 per resident (202nd of 351) | $39.37 per resident (208th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2023. All of it went to Sunderland's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Sunderland, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "parks and playgrounds in the town of Sunderland" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $33,000 (split three ways) | "the town of Deerfield for improvements to the regional senior center in the town that serves the towns of Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $10,000 | "the Sunderland 300 anniversary" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Sunderland received 2.35 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**37.7**<br>302nd of 351 · 10.4 per 1,000 residents (103rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$139,000**<br>scored exposure $36,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**56**<br>240th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**14.2 sq mi**<br>21% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,745**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.45**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.35; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,027 acres**<br>22.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$259,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$128**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,765**<br>FY2017–2025 · 175th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SUNDERLAND

## Sunderland has 1,977 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,970 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,977 acres**<br>21.7% of Sunderland's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,970 acres**<br>21.6% of Sunderland's land · 139 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,218 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**201 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 50 | 1,977 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 32 | 1,525 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 30 | 779 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 106 | 1,170 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 21 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 44 | 769 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 71 | 1,218 |
| Conservation restriction | 8 | 201 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 661 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 20 | 467 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | 397 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Toby State Forest | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 878 | |
| Mt. Toby WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 524 | |
| Mount Toby State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 421 | |
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 61 | |
| Sunderland Fish Hatchery | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 47 | |
| Montague WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 28 | |
| Sunderland Islands WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 18 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 45.1 miles of public road in Sunderland, the state maintains 4.3 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.3 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 37.7 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.2 | 0% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Sunderland $2.1 million and takes back $198,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.9 million.

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|---|---|---|
| **$2.1 million** | **$198,000** | **$1.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $955,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $170,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $650,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $38,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $354 |
| State Owned Land | $265,000 |
| Public Libraries | $15,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,091 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,520 |
| Regional Transit | $106,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $87,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SUNDERLAND

## State programs also awarded $1.9 million to organizations in Sunderland other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Kestrel Land Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2021 | Kestrel Land Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $7,450 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |


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A further $1.9 million in 13 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 19.1% of Sunderland's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 32.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **32.9%** | **25.4%** | **19.1%** | **16.9%** |
| $2.2M of $6.6M · median town 14.1% | $1.8M of $7.1M · median town 12.2% | $2.1M of $11M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 22.3% · median town 10.0% |

Sunderland's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $812,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Sunderland's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 37.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 44.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.2 million in FY2006 to $2.1 million in FY2025, –3.1% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+216.6%** | **+135.7%** | **8 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $174,000 to $550,000 · all towns +54.0% | $526,000 to $1.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Sunderland's health insurance would have been $217,000 in FY2025; it was $550,000, $333,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $657,000 in FY2025; it was $1.24 million, $583,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+37%), FY2018 (+36%) and FY2023 (+33%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Sunderland's government came to $143,000, 38.1% of the $376,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $143,000 | 38.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $143,000 | 38.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $143,000 | 38.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Sunderland's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 93rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.8M** | **$3.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **–3%** |
| 93rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Sunderland runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Frontier and Franklin County for others; Sunderland accounts for 27% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.7 million for schools serving Sunderland, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Sunderland's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.7M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $476 per resident (186th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Sunderland's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $1.7M (2%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Sunderland has $413,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$3M**<br>$738,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$413,000**<br>annual program: 0.8 years of its yearly money · 246th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Sunderland owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $187,000 | $0 | $153,000 | $187,000 |
| FY2018 | $183,000 | $0 | $100,000 | $353,000 |
| FY2019 | $182,000 | $36,000 | $233,000 | $451,000 |
| FY2020 | $182,000 | $18,000 | $235,000 | $416,000 |
| FY2021 | $182,000 | $0 | $183,000 | $414,000 |
| FY2022 | $181,000 | $126,000 | $185,000 | $537,000 |
| FY2023 | $179,000 | $0 | $328,000 | $389,000 |
| FY2024 | $179,000 | $220,000 | $376,000 | $412,000 |
| FY2025 | $179,000 | $153,000 | $229,000 | $514,000 |
| FY2026 | $302,000 | $185,000 | $588,000 | $413,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $300,000 | $0 | $0 | $714,000 |

The full list of the four bridges in Sunderland in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Sunderland received $2.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 65% of the $4.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Sunderland ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sunderland** this town | **38** | **$9,413** | **$417** | **$39.37** | **2.35** | **2.9%** |
| North Brookfield peer | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |
| Shelburne peer · best in class of 30 | 66 | $14,126 | $8,461 | $182† | 2.94 | 3.0% |
| Hardwick peer | 63 | $20,446 | $849 | $101 | 2.32 | 2.5% |
| West Brookfield peer | 56 | $14,082 | $1,069 | $66.08 | 1.84 | 2.6% |
| Buckland peer | 59 | $14,272 | $4,838 | $55.26† | 6.12 | 2.3% |
| Granville lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Sutton

Town · Worcester County · 9,452 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

18th Worcester · Joseph D. McKenna

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Sutton Public Schools, the town's own district

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury and four others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Sutton scores 44 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 80 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**44** / 100

168th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 54 | 39 | 41 |

Rank under other weightings: 155th to 189th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Sutton received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 42 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**80** / 100

79th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 79 | 85 | 77 | 78 |

Rank under other weightings: 77th to 85th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

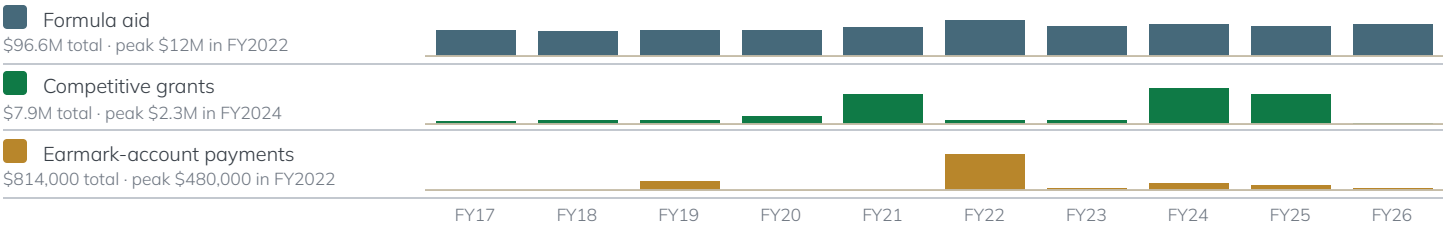
Sutton received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 80 stays between 78 and 81 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Sutton's town government and school districts received $96.6 million in formula aid and $7.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$96.6M** | **$7.9M** | **$814,000** |
| $10,223 per resident (171st of 351) · gross | $840 per resident (91st of 351) | $86.12 per resident (32nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Sutton peaked in FY2024 at $2.3 million, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Sutton received $730,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1 million placed in the city or town and $1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$730,000** | **$1M** | **$1M** | **No** |
| $77.23 per resident (38th of 351) | $107 per resident (58th of 351) · 28% to organizations | $107 per resident (66th of 351) · 28% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 16 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $730,000 went to Sutton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $282,000 went to organizations in Sutton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Sutton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (16 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $250,000 | "the town of Sutton for facilitating compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act at Nathan's Barn at Waters Farm" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $175,000 | "Waters farm in the town of Sutton for phase 2 capital improvements for Nathan's Barn" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $125,000 | "the purchase of public safety communications equipment in the town of Sutton" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $80,000 | "the Sutton Historical Society, Inc. to repair and renovate the Sutton Meetinghouse in the town of Sutton" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $70,000 | "the town of Sutton for safety and security upgrades at Sutton public schools" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 16 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Sutton received 1.91 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**94.8**<br>107th of 351 · 10.0 per 1,000 residents (108th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.8M**<br>scored exposure $5.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**179**<br>21st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**32.4 sq mi**<br>11% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,674**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.07**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.91; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,279 acres**<br>11.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$260,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$114**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$33,171**<br>FY2017–2025 · 90th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SUTTON

## Sutton has 2,458 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,939 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,458 acres**<br>11.8% of Sutton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,939 acres**<br>9.3% of Sutton's land · 114 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**631 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**148 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 140 | 2,458 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 78 | 1,998 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 32 | 378 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 59 | 1,200 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 23 | 362 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 55 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 20 | 631 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 148 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 29 | 1,016 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 49 | 982 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sutton State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,574 | |
| Merrill Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 621 | |
| Purgatory Chasm State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 239 | |
| Lackey Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 23 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 112.3 miles of public road in Sutton, the state maintains 14.0 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.0 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 94.8 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.1 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Sutton $8 million and takes back $480,000 in assessments and charges, a net $7.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$8 million** | **$480,000** | **$7.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $7,193 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $297,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $46,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $97,000 |
| State Owned Land | $267,000 |
| Public Libraries | $25,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,352 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $6,000 |
| MBTA | $69,000 |
| Regional Transit | $4,332 |
| Special Education | $22,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $332,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $44,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SUTTON

## State programs also awarded $35,000 to organizations in Sutton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Sutton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Central MA Regional Planning Commission - Grafton regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $18,000 (shared six ways) |

A further $17,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **32.1%** | **21.5%** | **18.5%** | **17.5%** |
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Gross state aid went from $7.2 million in FY2006 to $7.5 million in FY2025, +4.7% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.1 million of Sutton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+43.4%** | **+67.9%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $2.4M to $3.5M · all towns +54.0% | $3.6M to $6.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Sutton's health insurance would have been $3.06 million in FY2025; it was $3.51 million, $453,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.52 million in FY2025; it was $6.08 million, $1.56 million above the path.

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| Everything placed | $1M | 95.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Sutton's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 56th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$6.3M** | **$15.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.1%** | **−10%** |
| 56th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Sutton runs its own school district and also belongs to Blackstone Valley; Sutton accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $230,000 for schools serving Sutton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Sutton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$230,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $24.34 per resident (265th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Sutton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $181,000 (6%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $49,000 (6%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Sutton has $656,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7.3M**<br>$1.6M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$656,000**<br>annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 309th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**13**<br>two rated poor; likely about $5.4M of work on those ($5M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$334,000**<br>bridges $95,000 · dams $238,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $471,000 | $0 | $855,000 | $203,000 |
| FY2018 | $462,000 | $0 | $302,000 | $374,000 |
| FY2019 | $463,000 | $93,000 | $355,000 | $575,000 |
| FY2020 | $464,000 | $46,000 | $569,000 | $773,000 |
| FY2021 | $466,000 | $0 | $533,000 | $706,000 |
| FY2022 | $466,000 | $316,000 | $1.1M | $425,000 |
| FY2023 | $466,000 | $0 | $344,000 | $547,000 |
| FY2024 | $466,000 | $400,000 | $1.3M | $71,000 |
| FY2025 | $466,000 | $231,000 | $367,000 | $401,000 |
| FY2026 | $782,000 | $470,000 | $745,000 | $907,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $781,000 | $0 | $251,000 | $1.4M |

The full list of the 28 bridges in Sutton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Stevens Pond Dam Rehabilitation Design source | $238,000 |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Sutton received $9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.0 times the $4.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Sutton ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1 million in earmarks placed in Sutton, $282,000 (28%) went to organizations rather than to Sutton's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sutton** this town | **44** | **$10,223** | **$840** | **$107** | **1.91** | **3.1%** |
| Westminster peer · best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Kingston peer | 44 | $10,470 | $762 | $41.35 | 2.68 | 3.0% |
| Millis peer | 39 | $9,221 | $150 | $151 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Sterling peer | 34 | $8,083 | $141 | $35.44 | 0.62 | 2.6% |
| Wrentham peer | 39 | $9,318 | $289 | $48.99 | 0.85 | 3.0% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |

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ESSEX COUNTY

# Swampscott

Town · Essex County · 15,277 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
8th Essex · Jennifer Balinsky Armini

**STATE SENATE**
Third Essex · Brendan P. Crighton

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Swampscott Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea and eight others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Swampscott scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 35 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**28** / 100

322nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 36 | 26 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 313th to 329th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Swampscott received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 27 and 30 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**35** / 100

249th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 40 | 41 | 29 |

Rank under other weightings: 237th to 256th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

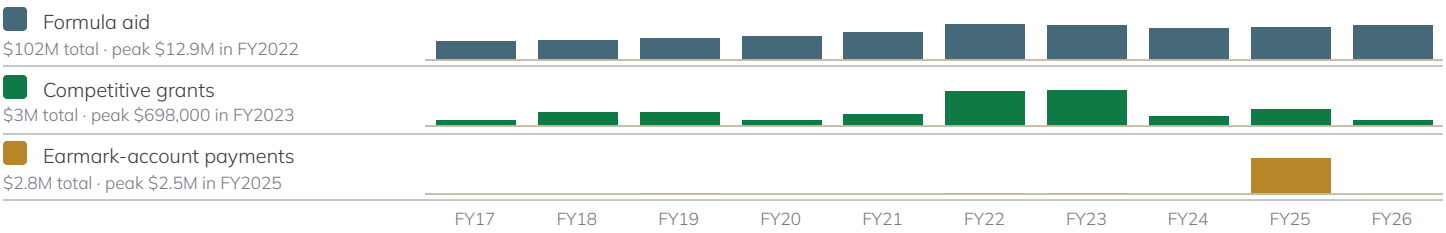
Swampscott received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 32 and 39 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Swampscott's town government and school districts received $102 million in formula aid and $3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$102M** | **$3M** | **$2.8M** |
| $6,662 per resident (307th of 351) · gross | $197 per resident (253rd of 351) | $180 per resident (7th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Swampscott peaked in FY2023 at $698,000, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $10 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Swampscott received $535,000 in local earmarks to its government, $552,000 placed in the city or town and $552,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$535,000** | **$552,000** | **$552,000** | **No** |
| $35.02 per resident (138th of 351) | $36.11 per resident (215th of 351) · 3% to organizations | $36.11 per resident (221st of 351) · 3% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 12 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $535,000 went to Swampscott's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $17,000 went to organizations in Swampscott or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Swampscott, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (12 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the town of Swampscott to create a racial equity municipal action plan" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "property damage repairs to the Town Pier and Historic Fish House and to support efforts for a more resilient and safer waterfront in Swampscott" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $65,000 | "the town of Swampscott for design improvements to street signs around Hadley elementary school to increase pedestrian safety" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the planning and design of renovations and improvements to open spaces in the town of Swampscott" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the town of Swampscott to assist with the fulfilment of studies, plans and projects outlined within the town's harbor and waterfront plan" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 12 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Swampscott received 1.27 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**42.9**<br>278th of 351 · 2.8 per 1,000 residents (323rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**7**<br>340th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**3.0 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**15,887**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.65**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.27; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$2,931**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$26,645**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$16,956**<br>FY2017–2025 · 227th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SWAMPSCOTT

## Swampscott has 2 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 11 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2 acres**<br>0.1% of Swampscott's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**11 acres**<br>0.6% of Swampscott's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**16 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 2 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 11 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 16 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lynn Shore Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 47.0 miles of public road in Swampscott, the state maintains 1.7 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.6 | 3% |
| DCR | 0.2 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 42.7 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.5 | 5% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Swampscott $8 million and takes back $1.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $6.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$8 million** | **$1.4 million** | **$6.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 18% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $54,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $18,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $96,000 |
| State Owned Land | $2,931 |
| Public Libraries | $44,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $27,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,145 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $9,505 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $15,000 |
| MBTA | $399,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $142,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $821,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.1% of Swampscott's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 9.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.4%** | **8.1%** | **10.1%** | **7.5%** |
| $3.8M of $40.9M · median town 14.1% | $4.5M of $55.4M · median town 12.2% | $7.3M of $72.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.6% · median town 10.0% |

Swampscott's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $96,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Swampscott's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 22.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 9.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $3.8 million in FY2006 to $7.3 million in FY2025, +90.3% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+44.6%** | **+42.3%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $4.9M to $7.1M · all towns +54.0% | $10.3M to $14.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Swampscott's health insurance would have been $6.16 million in FY2025; it was $7.13 million, $973,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $12.9 million in FY2025; it was $14.7 million, $1.80 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Swampscott's government came to $475,000, 21.6% of the $2.20 million rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $475,000 | 21.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $483,000 | 22.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $483,000 | 22.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Swampscott's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 138th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$5.9M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$22.9M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.8%**<br>138th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+31%**<br>after inflation |

Swampscott runs its own school district and also belongs to Essex North Shore; Swampscott accounts for 1% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $39.8 million for schools serving Swampscott, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Swampscott's share<br>**$39.8M**<br>$2,602 per resident (69th of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Swampscott's share |
| FY2024 | Hadley Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Swampscott | Core | $5.4M | $5.4M |
| FY2021 | Hadley Elementary School | Swampscott | Core | $32.6M | $32.6M |
| FY2021 | Hadley Elementary School grant increased by Board vote | Swampscott | Core | $1.8M | $1.8M |
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $9,624 (1%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Swampscott; Swampscott's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $7.2 million, $5.4 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Swampscott's share of the final cost was $15,000 against its share of the approved budget of $22,000 (under by $8,000); the local share moved from $13,000 to $9,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Swampscott has $421,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.2M**<br>$708,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$421,000**<br>annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 311th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Swampscott came on average 26 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $298,000 | $0 | $0 | $298,000 |
| FY2018 | $296,000 | $0 | $190,000 | $404,000 |
| FY2019 | $295,000 | $59,000 | $653,000 | $404,000 |
| FY2020 | $295,000 | $29,000 | $65,000 | $663,000 |
| FY2021 | $295,000 | $0 | $415,000 | $543,000 |
| FY2022 | $294,000 | $143,000 | $448,000 | $532,000 |
| FY2023 | $298,000 | $0 | $143,000 | $687,000 |
| FY2024 | $297,000 | $163,000 | $145,000 | $1M |
| FY2025 | $296,000 | $84,000 | $687,000 | $695,000 |
| FY2026 | $436,000 | $229,000 | $938,000 | $421,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $436,000 | $0 | $0 | $857,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Swampscott** this town | **28** | **$6,662** | **$197** | **$36.11** | **1.27** | **2.8%** |
| Harwich peer · lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |
| Dedham peer | 28 | $6,510 | $161 | $77.66 | 0.48 | 2.4% |
| Ipswich peer | 28 | $6,449 | $237 | $49.75 | 0.55 | 2.3% |
| Lynnfield peer · best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Newburyport peer | 33 | $6,797 | $442 | $77.12 | 0.78 | 2.0% |

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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Swansea

Town · Bristol County · 17,359 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

5th Bristol · Justin Thurber 60% of residents
4th Bristol · Steven S. Howitt 40% of residents

Swansea is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

First Bristol and Plymouth · Michael J. Rodrigues

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Swansea Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Greater Fall River Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Fall River, Somerset and Westport

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Swansea scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 68 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**40** / 100

211th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 47 | 39 | 37 |

Rank under other weightings: 202nd to 222nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Swansea received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 39 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**68** / 100

123rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 66 | 74 | 68 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 118th to 126th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

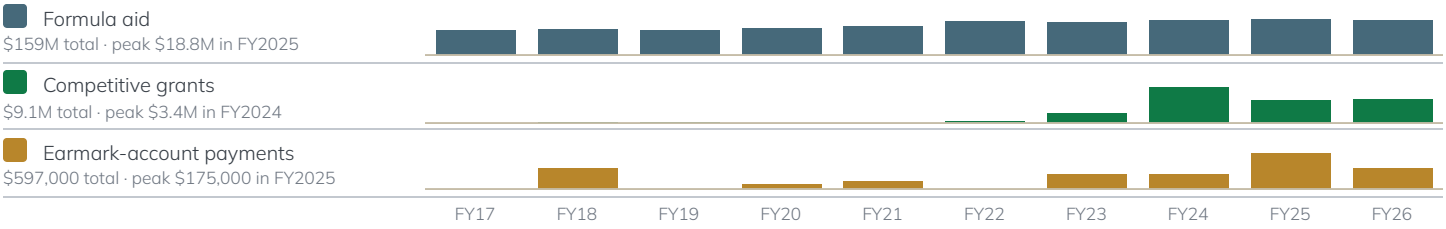
Swansea received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 68 stays between 67 and 70 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Swansea's town government and school districts received $159 million in formula aid and $9.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$159M** | **$9.1M** | **$597,000** |
| $9,140 per resident (214th of 351) · gross | $526 per resident (133rd of 351) | $34.37 per resident (135th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Swansea peaked in FY2024 at $3.4 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Swansea received $1.2 million in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **$1.2M** | **$1.2M** | **No** |
| $72.01 per resident (41st of 351) | $72.01 per resident (111th of 351) | $72.01 per resident (118th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 16 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Swansea's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Swansea, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (16 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "the purpose of the Swansea sewer infrastructure project" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "the town of Swansea to construct an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant and architectural access board-compliant sidewalk along the north side of Stevens road along with sharrows and signage that is compliant with the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices between Base Lodge road..." | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the town of Swansea to be applied toward the upgrades and repairs of the crossing at Sharps lot road and Lewin brook" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | "the Swansea beach revitalization project" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | "the commemoration of the town of Swansea's 350th Anniversary Celebration" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 16 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Swansea received 1.42 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**103.3**<br>84th of 351 · 6.0 per 1,000 residents (192nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.4M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**100**<br>116th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.7 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**17,359**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.41**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.42; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,522**<br>FY2017–2025 · 177th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN SWANSEA

## No state conservation land is mapped in Swansea; 772 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**772 acres**<br>5.3% of Swansea's land · 40 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**292 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**74 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61 forest land | 11 | 264 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 25 | 457 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 51 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 5 | 527 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 9 | 292 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 74 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 124.2 miles of public road in Swansea, the state maintains 14.7 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 14.7 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 103.3 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.2 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Swansea $14.6 million and takes back $1.1 million in assessments


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## and charges, a net $13.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.6 million** | **$1.1 million** | **$13.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $50,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $80,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $134,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $217,000 |
| Public Libraries | $48,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $283,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $75,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,585 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $22,000 |
| Regional Transit | $160,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $193,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $361,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN SWANSEA

## State programs also awarded $442,000 to organizations in Swansea other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Swansea. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $439,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 24.0% of Swansea's general-fund spending in FY2025, the same share as in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **24.0%** | **23.1%** | **24.0%** | **22.2%** |
| $6.7M of $27.7M · median town 14.1% | $9.1M of $39.5M · median town 12.2% | $13.7M of $57M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 21.1% · median town 10.0% |

Swansea's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Swansea's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 32.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 17.8% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $6.7 million in FY2006 to $13.7 million in FY2025, +105.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $295,000 of Swansea's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+45.1%** | **+50.1%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $5M to $7.3M · all towns +54.0% | $7.7M to $11.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Swansea's health insurance would have been $6.26 million in FY2025; it was $7.28 million, $1.01 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.65 million in FY2025; it was $11.6 million, $1.95 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Swansea's government came to $1.1 million, 50.8% of the $2.26 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.1M | 50.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.1M | 50.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.1M | 50.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Swansea's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 183rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$12.7M** | **$20.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+15%** |
| 183rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Swansea runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater Fall River and Bristol County; Swansea accounts for 10% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $20.7 million for schools serving Swansea, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Swansea's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$20.7M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,191 per resident (140th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Swansea's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Greater Fall River | Core | $24.4M | $2.4M (10%) |
| FY2022 | Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School | Greater Fall River | Core | $149M | $14.6M (10%) |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$11,000 (6%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $2.9M (6%) |
| FY2017 | Elizabeth S. Brown Elementary School | Swansea | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $789,000 | $789,000 |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Swansea; Swansea's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $2.4 million, $2.4 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Swansea's share of the final cost was $7.1 million against its share of the approved budget of $7.2 million (under by $50,000); the local share moved from $3.5 million to $3.7 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Swansea has $1.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$8.5M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | **$5.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.7M**<br>annual program: 0.9 years of its yearly money · 233rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **9**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of four town-owned dams | **$466,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $188,000 · culverts $278,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Swansea came on average 33 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $565,000 | $0 | $693,000 | $565,000 |
| FY2018 | $570,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $962,000 |
| FY2019 | $572,000 | $114,000 | $244,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2020 | $572,000 | $57,000 | $730,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2021 | $569,000 | $0 | $47,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2022 | $564,000 | $345,000 | $1.1M | $1.7M |
| FY2023 | $568,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $567,000 | $343,000 | $901,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2025 | $566,000 | $157,000 | $1.4M | $525,000 |
| FY2026 | $907,000 | $524,000 | $282,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $907,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.6M |

The full list of the 19 bridges in Swansea in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Milford Pond Dam Rehabilitation Design source | $68,000 |
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Stephen French Road over Kickemuit River / Burnside Drive over Kickemuit River / Lynnwood Road over Kickemuit River source | $152,000 |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | Milford Pond Dam Repair Design and Permit source | $120,000 |
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Stephen French Road over Kickemuit River source | $126,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Swansea received $10.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.6 times the $4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Swansea ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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## nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Swansea** this town | **40** | **$9,140** | **$526** | **$72.01** | **1.42** | **2.6%** |
| Pembroke peer | 45 | $10,627 | $65.81 | $40.00 | 0.27 | 2.6% |
| Uxbridge peer | 48 | $11,199 | $436 | $15.55 | 1.22 | 2.8% |
| Norton peer | 44 | $10,594 | $69.10 | $29.56 | 0.74 | 3.1% |
| East Bridgewater peer | 48 | $11,873 | $303 | $82.76† | 1.19 | 2.4% |
| Mansfield peer | 46 | $11,457 | $163 | $30.37 | 0.28 | 3.4% |
| Halifax best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| Berkley lowest in class of 30 | 51 | $12,903 | $95.35 | $13.91 | 0.18 | 2.7% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Taunton

City · Bristol County · 60,433 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

### STATE HOUSE

3rd Bristol · Lisa Field and Carol A. Doherty (until February 2025) 62% of residents
12th Bristol · Norman J. Orrall 24% of residents
5th Bristol · Justin Thurber 13% of residents

Taunton is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

### STATE SENATE

Third Bristol and Plymouth · Kelly A. Dooner

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Taunton Public Schools**, the city's own district
**Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berkley, Bridgewater, Dighton, Freetown, Middleborough, Raynham and Rehoboth

### REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

## FAIRNESS INDEX

**Taunton scores 59 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 23 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.**

### ALL STATE AID

**59** / 100

47th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 62 | 52 | 58 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 42nd to 63rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Taunton received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 57 and 62 under every weighting tested.

### DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**23** / 100

302nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | 16 | 25 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 283rd to 311th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

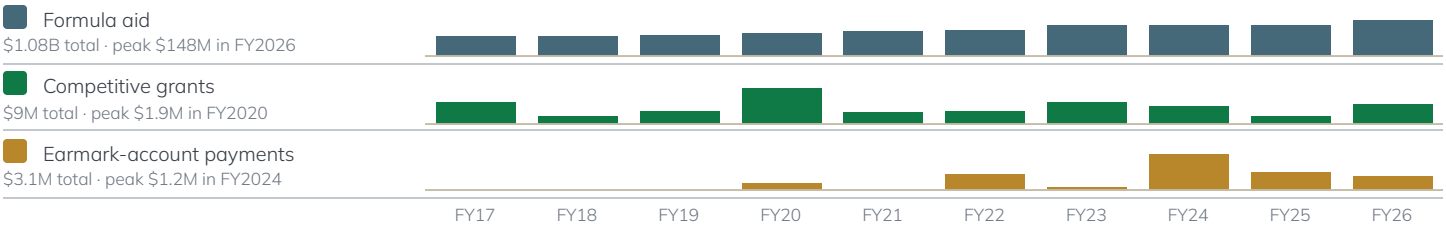
Taunton received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 23 stays between 21 and 24 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

**Taunton's town government and school districts received $1.08 billion in formula aid and $9 million in competitive grants over ten years.**

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.08B** | **$9M** | **$3.1M** |
| $17,881 per resident (43rd of 351) · gross | $149 per resident (291st of 351) | $52.03 per resident (76th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Taunton peaked in FY2020 at $1.9 million, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $39 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

**Taunton received $2 million in local earmarks to its government, $5.7 million placed in the city or town and $6.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.**

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$2M** | **$5.7M** | **$6.5M** | **No** |
| $33.09 per resident (146th of 351) | $94.17 per resident (75th of 351) · 65% to organizations | $107 per resident (67th of 351) · 57% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 45 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $2 million went to Taunton's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $3.7 million went to organizations in Taunton or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Taunton but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $760,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $760,000 in three clauses for state facilities located in Taunton (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Taunton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (48 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $500,000 | "Bristol county for the restoration and replacement of the torch at the Bristol county superior court house in the city of Taunton" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2024 | $500,000 | "upgrades to the existing central fire station located at 50 School street for its continued use for firefighting services with at least 1 fire truck and personnel" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $500,000 | "the school system of the city of Taunton for the development of a curriculum-based Education Corps to address learning loss" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $300,000 | "Project Newborns Exposed to Substances: Support and Therapy" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2017 | $275,000 | "the education and training collaborative established in section 9 of chapter 419 of the acts of 2008 for the operation of the life sciences, education and training center located at the former Paul A. Dever state school in the city of Taunton" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 48 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Taunton received 82% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**208.1**<br>13th of 351 · 3.4 per 1,000 residents (302nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$53.1M**<br>scored exposure $16.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**174**<br>25th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**46.7 sq mi**<br>11% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**60,465**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.82; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,011 acres**<br>10.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$312,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$104**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,155**<br>FY2017–2025 · 252nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN TAUNTON

## Taunton has 3,435 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,611 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,435 acres**<br>11.5% of Taunton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,611 acres**<br>5.4% of Taunton's land · 73 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**128 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**197 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 187 | 3,435 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 40 | 1,056 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 15 | 319 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 54 | 1,224 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 68 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 71 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 11 | 128 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 197 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 619 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 32 | 262 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 148 |
| Other state agencies | 4 | 28 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hockomock Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,372 | |
| Massasoit State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,163 | |
| Erwin S. Wilder WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 362 | |
| Puddingstone WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 217 | |
| Watson Pond State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 163 | |
| Taunton State Hospital | State: Health and Human Services | 154 | |
| Theodore J. Aleixo Jr. Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Morey's Bridge Dam | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 270.4 miles of public road in Taunton, the state maintains 21.2 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 21.2 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 207.0 | 77% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 37.1 | 14% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $500,000 | “Bristol county for the restoration and replacement of the torch at the Bristol county superior court house in the city of Taunton” |
| FY2025 | $250,000 | “Bristol county for renewable and sustainable initiatives at the Bristol county superior courthouse in the city of Taunton” |
| FY2020 | $10,000 | “transportation expenses for participants in the Taunton District Drug Court program” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Taunton $124 million and takes back $7.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $116 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$124 million** | **$7.6 million** | **$116 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $110M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $1.1M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $968,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $10.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $376,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $360,000 |
| State Owned Land | $319,000 |
| Public Libraries | $185,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $755,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $173,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $18,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $130,000 |
| Regional Transit | $520,000 |
| Special Education | $4,948 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $2M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $4M |


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STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN TAUNTON

## State programs also awarded $4.2 million to organizations in Taunton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Taunton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Southern Regional Planning & Economic Development (SRPEDD) regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $235,000 |
| FY2022 | Tux Towne nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $225,000 |
| FY2018 | Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2019 | Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Northcounty Group Inc regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $188,000 |
| FY2026 | Old Colony History Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $169,000 |
| FY2026 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $150,000 |
| FY2027 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $125,000 |
| FY2025 | Northcounty Group Inc regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | Wildlands Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $60,000 |
| FY2026 | Polish American Citizens' Club of Taunton nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $15,000 |
| FY2017 | Old Colony Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $5,200 |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $2.1 million in 8 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 39.4% of Taunton's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 35.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **35.3%** | **36.1%** | **39.4%** | **37.2%** |
| $54.6M of $155M · median town 14.1% | $64.3M of $178M · median town 12.2% | $108M of $274M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 35.1% · median town 10.0% |

Taunton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $8.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Taunton's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 27.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 13.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $54.6 million in FY2006 to $108 million in FY2025, +97.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $3.1 million of Taunton's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+24.9%** | **+32.6%** | **3 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $28.3M to $35.3M · all towns +54.0% | $46.2M to $61.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Taunton's health insurance would have been $35.3 million in FY2025; it was $35.3 million, $7,628 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $57.7 million in FY2025; it was $61.2 million, $3.54 million above the path.


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LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Taunton's government came to $2 million, 28.4% of the $7.03 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $2M | 28.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $5.4M | 76.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $6.2M | 87.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Taunton's required school contribution is 2.7% of median household income, 156th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$113M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$51.6M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.7%**<br>156th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+31%**<br>after inflation |

Taunton runs its own school district and also belongs to Bristol Plymouth and Bristol County; Taunton accounts for 36% and 9% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $111 million for schools serving Taunton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Taunton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$111M**<br>$1,834 per resident (99th of 351) | **6**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Taunton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | John F. Parker Middle School | Taunton | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $5M | $5M |
| FY2024 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $20.2M | $7.3M (36%) |
| FY2022 | Harold H. Galligan School | Taunton | Accelerated Repair (Boilers; Windows/Doors) | $1.4M | $1.4M |
| FY2022 | Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical High School | Bristol Plymouth | Core | $126M | $45.6M (36%) |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$18,000 (9%) |
| FY2019 | Taunton Alternative High School | Taunton | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Windows/Doors) | $4.3M | $4.3M |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $5M (9%) |
| FY2018 | James L. Mulcahey Elementary School | Taunton | Core | $42.3M | $42.3M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Taunton; Taunton's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $7.3 million, $7.3 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the four projects closed with a final audit, Taunton's share of the final cost was $70 million against its share of the approved budget of $82.2 million (under by $12.2 million); the local share moved from $29.3 million to $21.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Taunton has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$20.6M**<br>$3.4M of it one-time supplements | **$17M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.5M**<br>annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 312th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **18**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.6M of work on those ($1.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **1**<br>of two town-owned dams | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Taunton came on average 28 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Taunton owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.4M | $0 | $2.2M | $927,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.4M | $0 | $2M | $429,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.4M | $286,000 | $195,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2020 | $1.4M | $144,000 | $1.2M | $2.4M |
| FY2021 | $1.4M | $0 | $2.8M | $978,000 |
| FY2022 | $1.4M | $690,000 | $179,000 | $2.9M |
| FY2023 | $1.4M | $0 | $690,000 | $3.7M |
| FY2024 | $1.4M | $783,000 | $707,000 | $5.2M |
| FY2025 | $1.5M | $404,000 | $0 | $7.1M |
| FY2026 | $2.1M | $1.1M | $8.7M | $1.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2.1M | $0 | $169,000 | $3.6M |

The full list of the 45 bridges in Taunton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Taunton received $16.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 64% of the $25.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Taunton ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $5.7 million in earmarks placed in Taunton, $3.7 million (65%) went to organizations rather than to Taunton's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Taunton** this town | **59** | **$17,881** | **$149** | **$94.17**† | **0.82** | **2.7%** |
| Everett peer | 68 | $22,244 | $337 | $120 | 2.38 | 3.1% |
| Leominster peer | 58 | $16,497 | $382 | $54.84† | 1.58 | 2.5% |
| Westfield peer | 52 | $14,111 | $235 | $64.11 | 0.63 | 2.6% |
| West Springfield peer | 57 | $16,581 | $376 | $85.85 | 0.82 | 2.9% |
| Pittsfield peer | 59 | $17,230 | $454 | $131† | 1.56 | 2.6% |
| Springfield best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Templeton

Town · Worcester County · 8,252 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Worcester · Jonathan D. Zlotnik

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Narragansett Regional School District**, shared with Phillipston

**Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden and nine others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Templeton scores 61 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 56 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**61** / 100

42nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 56 | 58 | 66 |

Rank under other weightings: 35th to 50th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Templeton received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 61 stays between 59 and 63 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**56** / 100

166th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 47 | 61 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 153rd to 178th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

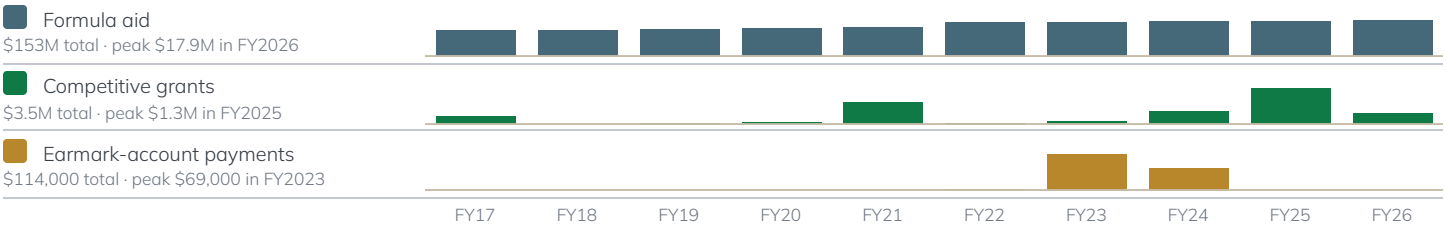
Templeton received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 53 and 58 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Templeton's town government and school districts received $153 million in formula aid and $3.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$153M** | **$3.5M** | **$114,000** |
| $18,577 per resident (41st of 351) · gross | $420 per resident (160th of 351) | $13.77 per resident (236th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Templeton peaked in FY2025 at $1.3 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Templeton received $225,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$225,000** | **$225,000** | **$225,000** | **No** |
| $27.27 per resident (179th of 351) | $27.27 per resident (249th of 351) | $27.27 per resident (253rd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2020. All of it went to Templeton's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Templeton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $225,000 | "improvements to the police department of the town of Templeton" | Enacted to the city or town government |



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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Templeton received 60% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**75.7**<br>172nd of 351 · 9.2 per 1,000 residents (118th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.2M**<br>scored exposure $6.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**95**<br>128th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**31.9 sq mi**<br>16% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,546**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.60; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,662 acres**<br>13.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$163,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$61.30**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,369**<br>FY2017–2025 · 315th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN TEMPLETON

## Templeton has 3,336 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,288 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,336 acres**<br>16.4% of Templeton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,288 acres**<br>6.3% of Templeton's land · 64 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**195 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 66 | 3,336 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 45 | 3,657 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 21 | 550 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 23 | 332 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 20 | 406 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 5 | 167 |
| Conservation restriction | 11 | 195 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 1 | 78 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 19 | 1,805 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | 1,217 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 14 | 576 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 60 |
| Other state agencies | 1 | 0 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Norcross Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,480 | |
| Templeton State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 724 | |
| Otter River State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 545 | |
| Stone Bridge WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 253 | |
| Ware River Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 179 | |
| Templeton Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 83 | |
| Ware River Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 48 | |
| Birch Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 21 | |
| Templeton Sf | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 3 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 104.6 miles of public road in Templeton, the state maintains 18.8 (18%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 18.8 | 18% |
| Town-accepted | 75.1 | 72% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.9 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $66,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $96,000 |
| State Owned Land | $168,000 |
| Public Libraries | $26,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,296 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $13,000 |
| Regional Transit | $49,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN TEMPLETON

## State programs also awarded $771,000 to organizations in Templeton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Coldbrook Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $11,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2022 | Coldbrook Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 |

A further $750,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 9.9% of Templeton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 14.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.1%** | **11.5%** | **9.9%** | **9.6%** |
| $1.4M of $9.8M · median town 14.1% | $1.5M of $13.2M · median town 12.2% | $2M of $20.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.0% · median town 10.0% |

Templeton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $12.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Templeton's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 5.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 16.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.4 million in FY2006 to $2 million in FY2025, +46.2% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+14.6%** | **+53.5%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $1.1M to $1.2M · all towns +54.0% | $1.9M to $2.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Templeton's health insurance would have been $1.32 million in FY2025; it was $1.21 million, $109,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.39 million in FY2025; it was $2.93 million, $547,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Templeton's government came to $225,000, 145.6% of the $155,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $225,000 | 145.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $225,000 | 145.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $225,000 | 145.6% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Templeton's required school contribution is 2.0% of median household income, 310th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$12.7M** | **$6.5M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.0%** | **–5%** |
| 310th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Templeton has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Templeton, Narragansett and Montachusett; Templeton accounts for 100%, 85% and 6% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $5.5 million for schools serving Templeton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Templeton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.5M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $663 per resident (171st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Templeton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Narragansett Regional High School | Narragansett | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $5.4M | $4.6M (85%) |
| FY2026 | Narragansett Middle School | Narragansett | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $994,000 | $848,000 (85%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Templeton has $981,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns five bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.6M** | **$4M** | **$981,000** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 223rd of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **19**<br>five rated poor; likely about $6.7M of work on those ($6.1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$100,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $100,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Templeton came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Templeton owns two poor bridges of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $336,000 | $0 | $350,000 | $113,000 |
| FY2018 | $333,000 | $0 | $142,000 | $304,000 |
| FY2019 | $333,000 | $67,000 | $252,000 | $452,000 |
| FY2020 | $336,000 | $34,000 | $496,000 | $325,000 |
| FY2021 | $335,000 | $0 | $346,000 | $313,000 |
| FY2022 | $362,000 | $250,000 | $521,000 | $406,000 |
| FY2023 | $359,000 | $0 | $628,000 | $137,000 |
| FY2024 | $358,000 | $336,000 | $630,000 | $202,000 |
| FY2025 | $360,000 | $203,000 | $432,000 | $332,000 |
| FY2026 | $611,000 | $373,000 | $334,000 | $981,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $610,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |

The full list of the 54 bridges in Templeton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Old Royalston Road Culvert Replacement source | $75,000 |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Stone Bridge Road over Burnshirt River source | $25,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Templeton received $3.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 70% of the $5.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Templeton ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Templeton** this town | **61** | **$18,577** | **$420** | **$27.27** | **0.60** | **2.0%** |
| Palmer peer | 58 | $16,159 | $720 | $29.88† | 0.54 | 2.2% |
| Montague peer | 55 | $14,528 | $1,282 | $26.53 | 2.38 | 2.7% |
| Dalton peer | 58 | $17,590 | $490 | $27.97† | 1.32 | 2.7% |
| Spencer peer | 59 | $16,090 | $675 | $55.46 | 0.85 | 2.5% |
| Monson peer | 55 | $15,493 | $338 | $14.84 | 2.33 | 2.6% |
| Ludlow best in class of 30 | 42 | $10,596 | $407 | $132† | 1.85 | 2.8% |
| North Brookfield lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Tewksbury

Town · Middlesex County · 31,273 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**19th Middlesex** · David Allen Robertson 60% of residents
**18th Essex** · Tram T. Nguyen 27% of residents
**17th Middlesex** · Vanna Howard (until taking the First Middlesex Senate seat in March 2026; seat vacant) 12% of residents

Tewksbury is split among three House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Second Essex and Middlesex** · Barry R. Finegold

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Tewksbury Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bedford, Billerica, Burlington and Wilmington

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Northern Middlesex Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Tewksbury scores 38 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 34 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**38** / 100

238th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 48 | 39 | 30 |

Rank under other weightings: 221st to 243rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Tewksbury received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 35 and 41 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**34** / 100

255th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 43 | 36 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 245th to 261st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

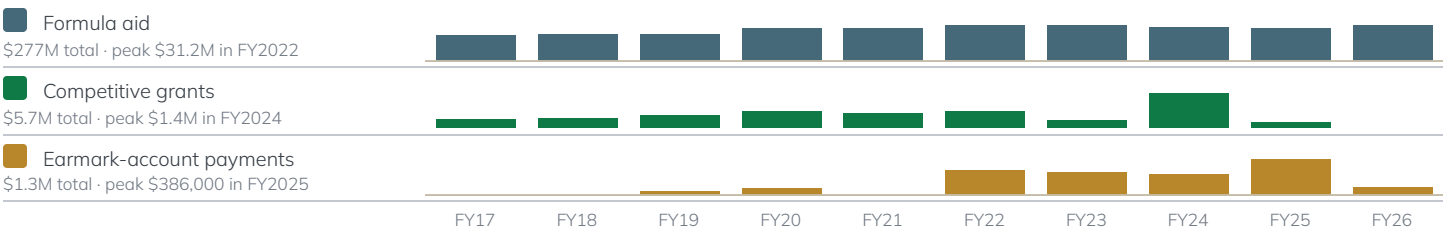
Tewksbury received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 31 and 37 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Tewksbury's town government and school districts received $277 million in formula aid and $5.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$277M** | **$5.7M** | **$1.3M** |
| $8,861 per resident (224th of 351) · gross | $181 per resident (265th of 351) | $42.14 per resident (102nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Tewksbury peaked in FY2024 at $1.4 million, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $28.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Tewksbury received $1.7 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.9 million placed in the city or town and $1.9 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.7M** | **$1.9M** | **$1.9M** | **No** |
| $54.70 per resident (69th of 351) | $59.49 per resident (140th of 351) · 8% to organizations | $59.49 per resident (147th of 351) · 8% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 31 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.7 million went to Tewksbury's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $150,000 went to organizations in Tewksbury or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Tewksbury, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (31 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | $200,000 | "emergency repairs by the school department in the town of Tewksbury to the North Street elementary school" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $150,000 | "the construction of bathroom facilities at Frasca field in Tewksbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the survey, redesign and reconstruction of route 38 in the town of Tewksbury" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the town of Tewksbury for a police radio system to replace old equipment that cannot be fixed and requires a full replacement" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $90,000 | "the town of Tewksbury for services provided by the police department to the Tewksbury State Hospital" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 31 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Tewksbury received 24% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**144.2**<br>37th of 351 · 4.6 per 1,000 residents (257th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5.3M**<br>scored exposure $1.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**107**<br>105th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.7 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**31,380**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.91**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.24; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**614 acres**<br>4.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$392,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$638**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$24,758**<br>FY2017–2025 · 141st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN TEWKSBURY

## Tewksbury has 589 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 55 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**589 acres**<br>4.4% of Tewksbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**55 acres**<br>0.4% of Tewksbury's land · 10 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**43 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 18 | 589 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 15 | 677 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 22 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 32 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 178 |
| Conservation restriction | 6 | 43 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Public Health and Soldiers' Homes | 14 | 669 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 8 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tewksbury State Hospital Land | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 573 | |
| State Field | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 12 | |
| Harold Parker State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 166.5 miles of public road in Tewksbury, the state maintains 10.2 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.2 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 141.2 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 15.0 | 9% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Tewksbury $20.2 million and takes back $1.7 million in assessments and charges, a net $18.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$20.2 million** | **$1.7 million** | **$18.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $15.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $322,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $236,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $340,000 |
| State Owned Land | $392,000 |
| Public Libraries | $85,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $94,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $27,000 |
| Regional Transit | $323,000 |
| Special Education | $6,146 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $195,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN TEWKSBURY

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Northern Middlesex Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $12,000 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2021 | The Public Health Museum in Massachusetts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $10,000 |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.9% of Tewksbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 22.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **22.8%** | **15.7%** | **11.9%** | **10.8%** |
| $16.4M of $71.9M · median town 14.1% | $16.2M of $103M · median town 12.2% | $18.5M of $156M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 19.1% · median town 10.0% |


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Gross state aid went from $16.4 million in FY2006 to $18.5 million in FY2025, +13.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+45.0%** | **+55.4%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $15.8M to $22.9M · all towns +54.0% | $23.2M to $36.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Tewksbury's health insurance would have been $19.7 million in FY2025; it was $22.9 million, $3.18 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $29 million in FY2025; it was $36.1 million, $7.08 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

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SCHOOLS

## Tewksbury's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 134th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$16.6M** | **$41.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **–10%** |
| 134th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Tewksbury runs its own school district and also belongs to Shawsheen Valley; Tewksbury accounts for 28% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $32.7 million for schools serving Tewksbury, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Tewksbury's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$32.7M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,047 per resident (148th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Tewksbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Louise Davy Trahan Elementary School | Tewksbury | Core | $32.7M | $32.7M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Tewksbury has $2.9 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.4M** | **$9M** | **$2.9M** |
| $2.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 155th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **6**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$600,000**<br>bridges $600,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $916,000 | $0 | $896,000 | $339,000 |
| FY2018 | $924,000 | $0 | $1M | $339,000 |
| FY2019 | $922,000 | $184,000 | $1.2M | $1.4M |
| FY2020 | $921,000 | $92,000 | $1.4M | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $926,000 | $0 | $866,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $923,000 | $468,000 | $632,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2023 | $929,000 | $0 | $1.7M | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $919,000 | $511,000 | $1.1M | $1.5M |
| FY2025 | $914,000 | $251,000 | $564,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2026 | $1.4M | $756,000 | $1.3M | $2.9M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.4M | $0 | $0 | $4.3M |

The full list of the 17 bridges in Tewksbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Tewksbury received $7.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $7.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Tewksbury ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1.9 million in earmarks placed in Tewksbury, $150,000 (8%) went to organizations rather than to Tewksbury's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tewksbury** this town | **38** | **$8,861** | **$181** | **$59.49** | **0.24** | **2.8%** |
| Shrewsbury peer | 36 | $8,418 | $158 | $25.41 | 0.74 | 3.1% |
| Holden peer | 50 | $13,276 | $103 | $15.70 | 0.39 | 2.6% |
| Franklin peer | 49 | $12,355 | $201 | $72.43† | 0.69 | 3.1% |
| Pembroke peer | 45 | $10,627 | $65.81 | $40.00 | 0.27 | 2.6% |
| Mansfield peer | 46 | $11,457 | $163 | $30.37 | 0.28 | 3.4% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |


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**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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DUKES COUNTY

# Tisbury

Town · Dukes County · 4,893 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**Barnstable-Dukes-Nantucket** · Thomas W. Moakley

STATE SENATE

**Cape and Islands** · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Tisbury Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Martha's Vineyard Regional School District**, shared with Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs and West Tisbury

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Martha's Vineyard Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Tisbury scores 27 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 48 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**27** / 100

337th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 31 | 32 | 15 |

Rank under other weightings: 309th to 345th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Tisbury received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 24 and 30 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**48** / 100

199th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 57 | 44 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 179th to 210th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

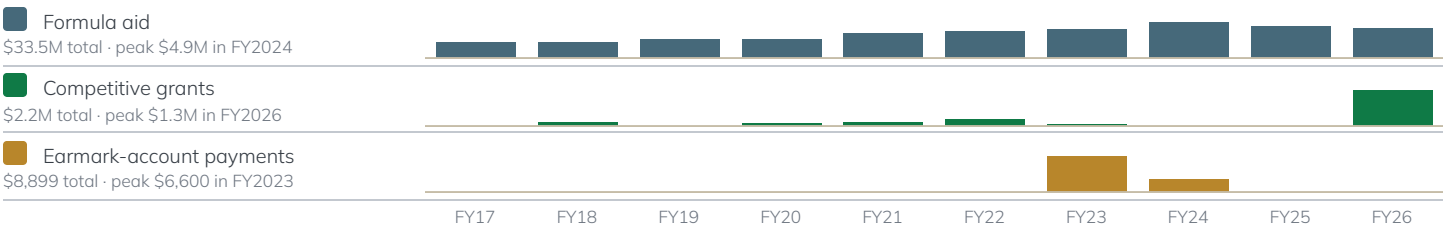
Tisbury received less than its share of discretionary money on two of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 43 and 53 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Tisbury's town government and school districts received $33.5 million in formula aid and $2.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $33.5M | $2.2M | $8,899 |
| $6,847 per resident (297th of 351) · gross | $443 per resident (153rd of 351) | $1.82 per resident (315th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Tisbury peaked in FY2026 at $1.3 million, 61% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $19.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Tisbury in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $8,899 in payments to Tisbury's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Tisbury.

Tisbury is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Tisbury's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Tisbury's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lenox | $75,000 | $75,000 | $75,000 | $14.77 |
| Rockport | $575,000 | $621,000 | $671,000 | $88.56 |
| Orleans | $12,000 | $737,000 | $737,000 | $115 |
| Chatham | $0 | $1.6M | $1.6M | $246 |
| Nahant | $420,000 | $437,000 | $2.3M | $131 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Tisbury received 1.19 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**21.5**<br>337th of 351 · 4.4 per 1,000 residents (265th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$325,000**<br>scored exposure $84,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**4**<br>343rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**6.5 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**39%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,289**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.19; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**13 acres**<br>0.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$25,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$1,969**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$66,260**<br>FY2017–2025 · 20th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN TISBURY

## Tisbury has 13 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 120 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**13 acres**<br>0.3% of Tisbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**120 acres**<br>2.9% of Tisbury's land · 18 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**145 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 1 | 13 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 14 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 12 | 63 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 57 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 16 |
| Conservation restriction | 21 | 145 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 13 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 1 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Manuel F. Correllus State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 26.9 miles of public road in Tisbury, the state maintains 3.2 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.2 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 21.5 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.2 | 8% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Tisbury $2.1 million and takes back $1.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $451,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.1 million** | **$1.6 million** | **$451,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 78% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $35,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $72,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $145,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $14,000 |
| State Owned Land | $26,000 |
| Public Libraries | $11,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $83,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,448 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $24,000 |
| Regional Transit | $272,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $399,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $863,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN TISBURY

## State programs also awarded $689,000 to organizations in Tisbury other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Tisbury. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2027 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $387,000 |
| FY2021 | Martha's Vineyard Film Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Martha's Vineyard Film Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $39,000 |
| FY2024 | Martha's Vineyard Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,500 |
| FY2021 | Martha's Vineyard Film Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2019 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,000 (shared seven ways) |

A further $42,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.8% of Tisbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 5.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5.4%** | **3.9%** | **4.8%** | **0.5%** |
| $908,000 of $16.8M · median town 14.1% | $953,000 of $24.4M · median town 12.2% | $2M of $42M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: -1.2% · median town 10.0% |

Tisbury's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $861,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Tisbury's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 42.8% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 26.9% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $908,000 in FY2006 to $2 million in FY2025, +121.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $180,000 of Tisbury's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+38.7%** | **+51.1%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $2.4M to $3.3M · all towns +54.0% | $3.9M to $5.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Tisbury's health insurance would have been $2.96 million in FY2025; it was $3.28 million, $326,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.86 million in FY2025; it was $5.88 million, $1.02 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Tisbury's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $915,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Tisbury's required school contribution is 5.5% of median household income, 1st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.5M** | **$7.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **5.5%** | **+38%** |
| 1st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Tisbury runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Martha's Vineyard for others; Tisbury accounts for 22% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $16.3 million for schools serving Tisbury, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Tisbury's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$16.3M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,328 per resident (40th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Tisbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Martha's Vineyard Regional High School | Marthas Vineyard | Core | $75.3M | $16.3M (22%) |

Not counted: Tisbury School (Tisbury), approved FY2018 for up to $15.1 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Tisbury has $1.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

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| **$2.1M** | **$145,000** | **$1.7M** |
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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **1**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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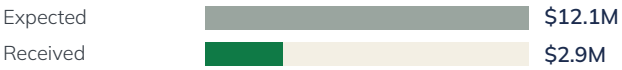
Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $146,000 | $0 | $9,827 | $146,000 |
| FY2018 | $144,000 | $0 | $0 | $289,000 |
| FY2019 | $143,000 | $29,000 | $257,000 | $461,000 |
| FY2020 | $142,000 | $14,000 | $0 | $617,000 |
| FY2021 | $142,000 | $0 | $125,000 | $758,000 |
| FY2022 | $142,000 | $72,000 | $0 | $972,000 |
| FY2023 | $147,000 | $0 | $72,000 | $1M |
| FY2024 | $148,000 | $80,000 | $73,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2025 | $144,000 | $39,000 | $0 | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $212,000 | $114,000 | $0 | $1.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $213,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.9M |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Tisbury received $2.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 24% of the $12.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

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| Orleans peer | 26 | $4,954 | $820 | $115† | 1.26 | 1.7% |
| Chatham peer | 23 | $4,225 | $743 | $246† | 0.70 | 1.8% |
| Nahant peer | 30 | $5,917 | $268 | $131 | 0.69 | 1.6% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Sheffield lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $9,816 | $2,468 | $0 | 1.94 | 3.3% |


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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Tolland

Town · Hampden County · 540 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Hampden · Nicholas A. Boldyga

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District, shared with Granville and Southwick

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Tolland scores 55 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 94 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**55** / 100

86th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 59 | 44 | 62 |

Rank under other weightings: 59th to 105th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Tolland received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 52 and 58 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**94** / 100

31st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 97 | 83 | 98 |

Rank under other weightings: 24th to 37th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

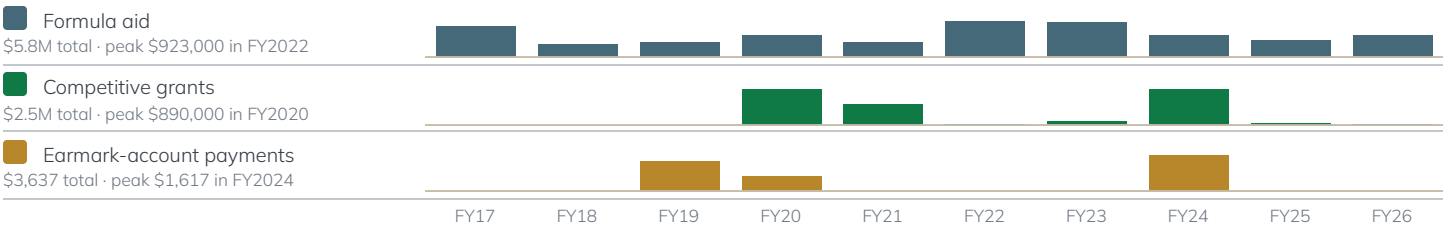
Tolland received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 94 stays between 92 and 96 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Tolland's town government and school districts received $5.8 million in formula aid and $2.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $5.8M | $2.5M | $3,637 |
| $10,826 per resident (153rd of 351) · gross | $4,602 per resident (17th of 351) | $6.74 per resident (275th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Tolland peaked in FY2020 at $890,000, 36% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 540 residents, a single payment moves Tolland's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $445,000, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Tolland received $6,111 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $6,111 | $6,111 | $6,111 | No |
| $11.32 per resident (264th of 351) | $11.32 per resident (306th of 351) | $11.32 per resident (307th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2019. All of it went to Tolland's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Tolland, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $6,111 (split nine ways) | "equally between the councils on aging located in the municipalities of Agawam, Chicopee, Easthampton, Holyoke. Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Southwick, Tolland and Westfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |


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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Tolland received 1.82 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**39.0**<br>294th of 351 · 72.3 per 1,000 residents (9th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.7M**<br>scored exposure $520,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**48**<br>270th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**31.5 sq mi**<br>22% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**52%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,173**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.82; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,098 acres**<br>20.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$109,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$26.72**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$36,225**<br>FY2017–2025 · 76th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN TOLLAND

## Tolland has 4,687 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,063 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,687 acres**<br>23.2% of Tolland's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,063 acres**<br>5.3% of Tolland's land · 45 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,212 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 51 | 4,687 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 570 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 40 | 493 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 6 | 864 |
| Conservation restriction | 16 | 2,212 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tolland State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3,960 | |
| Granville State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 727 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 41.3 miles of public road in Tolland, the state maintains 0.2 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.2 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 39.0 | 94% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.5 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Tolland $141,000 and takes back $600 in assessments and charges, a net $141,000.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$141,000**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$600**<br>0% of what is sent | Net<br>**$141,000**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $25,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $2,090 |
| State Owned Land | $109,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,313 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $260 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $340 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN TOLLAND

## State programs also awarded $29,000 to organizations in Tolland other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Tolland. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $9,400 (shared five ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,100 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2022 | Knox Trail Sno-Riders nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $6,297 (shared six ways) |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |
| FY2026 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $1,500 (shared ten ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

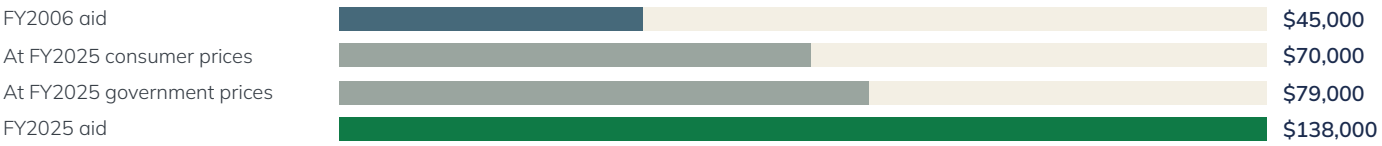
## State aid covered 5.8% of Tolland's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 5.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5.9%** | **5.5%** | **5.8%** | **5.7%** |
| $45,000 of $764,000 · median town 14.1% | $83,000 of $1.5M · median town 12.2% | $138,000 of $2.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.5% · median town 10.0% |

Tolland's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $175,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Tolland's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 97.0% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 75.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $45,000 in FY2006 to $138,000 in FY2025, +205.5% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+23.8%** | **+47.8%** | **6 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $42,000 to $51,000 · all towns +54.0% | $150,000 to $222,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Tolland's health insurance would have been $52,000 in FY2025; it was $51,000, $442 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $187,000 in FY2025; it was $222,000, $34,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (+34%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.


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LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Tolland's government came to $6,111, 61.8% of the $9,889 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $6,111 | 61.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $6,111 | 61.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $6,111 | 61.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Tolland's required school contribution is 1.1% of median household income, the ninth-lowest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$132,000**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$264,000**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**1.1%**<br>343rd of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+21%**<br>after inflation |

Tolland has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Southwick Tolland; Tolland accounts for 2% of that district's foundation budget. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide. Tolland had 21 resident pupils in FY2026, so per-pupil changes swing from year to year.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Tolland, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Tolland has $792,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.7M**<br>$723,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$792,000**<br>annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 173rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**9**<br>one rated poor; likely about $819,000 of work on those ($393,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$500,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Tolland came on average 25 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $162,000 | $0 | $442,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $158,000 | $0 | $0 | $158,000 |
| FY2019 | $158,000 | $32,000 | $0 | $348,000 |
| FY2020 | $157,000 | $16,000 | $218,000 | $347,000 |
| FY2021 | $156,000 | $0 | $0 | $503,000 |
| FY2022 | $156,000 | $130,000 | $453,000 | $336,000 |
| FY2023 | $155,000 | $0 | $460,000 | $31,000 |
| FY2024 | $155,000 | $214,000 | $119,000 | $280,000 |
| FY2025 | $155,000 | $145,000 | $41,000 | $538,000 |
| FY2026 | $284,000 | $186,000 | $216,000 | $792,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $283,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |


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The full list of the nine bridges in Tolland in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Tolland received $2.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 38% more than the $1.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Tolland ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tolland** this town | **55** | **$10,826** | **$4,602** | **$11.32** | **1.82** | **1.1%** |
| West Stockbridge peer · lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $9,304 | $478 | $0 | 0.46 | 2.4% |
| Worthington peer | 45 | $10,665 | $2,563 | $58.77 | 0.59 | 2.8% |
| Richmond peer | 40 | $8,072 | $776 | $0 | 0.19 | 2.2% |
| Blandford peer | 52 | $10,142 | $5,405 | $0 | 0.80 | 2.6% |
| Egremont peer · best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

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ESSEX COUNTY

# Topsfield

Town · Essex County · 6,564 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**2nd Essex** · Kristin E. Kassner 51% of residents
**13th Essex** · Sally P. Kerans 49% of residents

Topsfield is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**First Essex and Middlesex** · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Topsfield Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Masconomet Regional School District**, shared with Boxford and Middleton
**Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Topsfield scores 34 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 28 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**34** / 100

273rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 47 | 30 | 23 |

Rank under other weightings: 249th to 291st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Topsfield received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 29 and 39 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**28** / 100

276th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 39 | 26 | 17 |

Rank under other weightings: 266th to 289th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

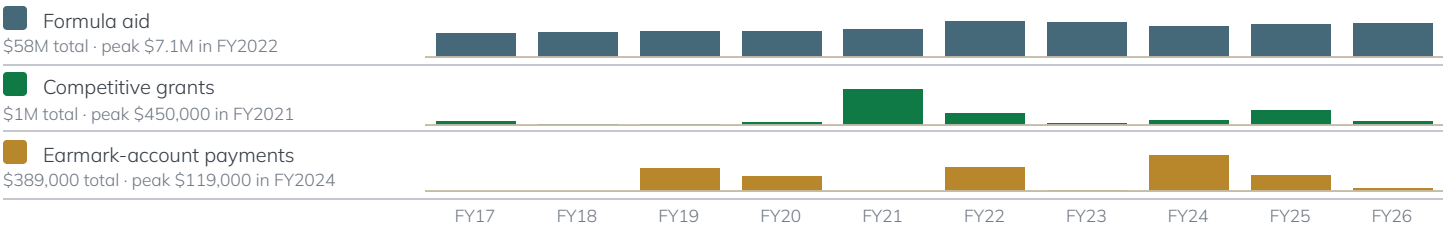
Topsfield received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 24 and 31 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Topsfield's town government and school districts received $58 million in formula aid and $1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$58M** | **$1M** | **$389,000** |
| $8,832 per resident (227th of 351) · gross | $158 per resident (278th of 351) | $59.24 per resident (58th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Topsfield peaked in FY2021 at $450,000, 43% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Topsfield received $350,000 in local earmarks to its government, $446,000 placed in the city or town and $446,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$350,000** | **$446,000** | **$446,000** | **No** |
| $53.32 per resident (73rd of 351) | $67.96 per resident (118th of 351) · 22% to organizations | $67.96 per resident (125th of 351) · 22% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $350,000 went to Topsfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $96,000 went to organizations in Topsfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Topsfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (14 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $75,000 | "the construction of an elevator in the town hall in the town of Topsfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "The Topsfield Historical Society for the installation of an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant parking lot and sidewalk access to 1710 Gould Barn" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "the linear common or rail trail in the town of Topsfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "improvements to Hood pond in the town of Topsfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $35,000 | "the acquisition of an autonomous robotic lawnmower in the town of Topsfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 14 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Topsfield received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**54.6**<br>232nd of 351 · 8.3 per 1,000 residents (131st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.7M**<br>scored exposure $2.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**81**<br>161st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**11.9 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**3%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,745**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.66**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.04; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**372 acres**<br>4.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$233,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$625**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,562**<br>FY2017–2025 · 273rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN TOPSFIELD

## Topsfield has 383 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 336 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**383 acres**<br>5.0% of Topsfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**336 acres**<br>4.4% of Topsfield's land · 12 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**471 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**310 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 13 | 383 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 12 | 388 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 8 | 122 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 214 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 19 | 705 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 6 | 471 |
| Conservation restriction | 26 | 310 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | 386 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 2 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bradley Palmer State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 246 | |
| Willowdale State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 136 | |
| Ipswich River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 61.1 miles of public road in Topsfield, the state maintains 6.1 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.1 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 50.2 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.8 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Topsfield $2.8 million and takes back $249,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.8 million** | **$249,000** | **$2.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.7M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $799,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $50,000 |
| State Owned Land | $233,000 |
| Public Libraries | $19,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $56,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,603 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $4,019 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,460 |
| MBTA | $169,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $15,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN TOPSFIELD

## State programs also awarded $100,000 to organizations in Topsfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $100,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.2% of Topsfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.4%** | **7.4%** | **7.2%** | **6.5%** |
| $2M of $17.6M · median town 14.1% | $1.8M of $24.6M · median town 12.2% | $2.6M of $36M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.8% · median town 10.0% |

Topsfield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Topsfield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 17.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 26.5% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2 million in FY2006 to $2.6 million in FY2025, +28.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $430,000 of Topsfield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+49.9%** | **+56.1%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $1.6M to $2.3M · all towns +54.0% | $3M to $4.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Topsfield's health insurance would have been $1.94 million in FY2025; it was $2.33 million, $389,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.78 million in FY2025; it was $4.72 million, $945,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Topsfield's government came to $295,000, 38.0% of the $776,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $295,000 | 38.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $384,000 | 49.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $384,000 | 49.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Topsfield's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 176th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.6M** | **$11.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+6%** |
| 176th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Topsfield runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Masconomet and Essex North Shore for others; Topsfield accounts for 31% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.5 million for schools serving Topsfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Topsfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.5M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $387 per resident (191st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Topsfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $11,000 (2%) |
| FY2017 | Steward Elementary School | Topsfield | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2017 | Proctor Elementary School | Topsfield | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.3M | $1.3M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the three projects closed with a final audit, Topsfield's share of the final cost was $7.9 million against its share of the approved budget of $7.8 million (over by $95,000); the local share moved from $5.3 million to $5.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Topsfield has $290,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one


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## bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4M**<br>$740,000 of it one-time supplements | **$3.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$290,000**<br>annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 296th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
| **5**<br>one rated poor; about $878,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$382,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $382,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Topsfield came on average 17 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Topsfield owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $272,000 | $0 | $101,000 | $272,000 |
| FY2018 | $270,000 | $0 | $397,000 | $237,000 |
| FY2019 | $267,000 | $53,000 | $422,000 | $134,000 |
| FY2020 | $265,000 | $26,000 | $410,000 | $15,000 |
| FY2021 | $260,000 | $0 | $160,000 | $115,000 |
| FY2022 | $257,000 | $166,000 | $354,000 | $184,000 |
| FY2023 | $256,000 | $0 | $224,000 | $216,000 |
| FY2024 | $256,000 | $161,000 | $148,000 | $485,000 |
| FY2025 | $256,000 | $71,000 | $609,000 | $203,000 |
| FY2026 | $423,000 | $263,000 | $598,000 | $290,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $453,000 | $0 | $0 | $744,000 |

The full list of the nine bridges in Topsfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Pond Strret over UNT to Pye Brook source | $367,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Topsfield received $2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $1.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Topsfield ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $446,000 in earmarks placed in Topsfield, $96,000 (22%) went to organizations rather than to Topsfield's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Topsfield** this town | **34** | **$8,832** | **$158** | **$67.96** | **1.04** | **2.6%** |
| Mattapoisett peer | 33 | $6,007 | $1,477 | $18.09 | 2.08 | 2.2% |
| Littleton peer | 37 | $7,885 | $1,660 | $62.74 | 5.22 | 3.1% |
| Rowley peer | 41 | $9,213 | $259 | $26.57 | 0.42 | 2.7% |
| Stow peer | 33 | $7,771 | $488 | $90.02 | 2.17 | 2.4% |
| Harvard peer | 39 | $8,662 | $563 | $18.05 | 0.96 | 2.1% |
| Essex best in class of 30 | 32 | $7,261 | $477 | $208 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Townsend

Town · Middlesex County · 9,100 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Middlesex · Margaret R. Scarsdale

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Middlesex · John J. Cronin

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**North Middlesex Regional School District**, shared with Ashby and Pepperell
**Nashoba Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ayer, Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Shirley and Westford

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Townsend scores 54 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 40 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**54** / 100

91st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 54 | 54 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 80th to 110th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Townsend received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 54 stays between 53 and 55 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**40** / 100

228th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 39 | 44 | 35 |

Rank under other weightings: 211th to 237th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

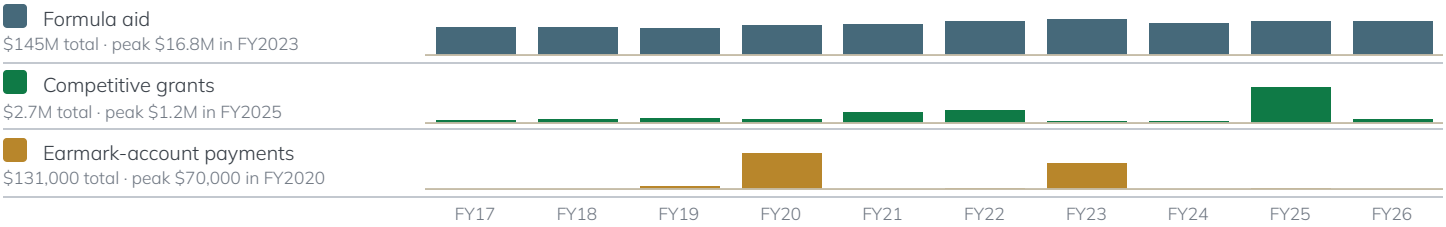
Townsend received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 38 and 42 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Townsend's town government and school districts received $145 million in formula aid and $2.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$145M** | **$2.7M** | **$131,000** |
| $15,988 per resident (61st of 351) · gross | $300 per resident (210th of 351) | $14.39 per resident (233rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Townsend peaked in FY2025 at $1.2 million, 43% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Townsend received $172,000 in local earmarks to its government, $267,000 placed in the city or town and $267,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$172,000** | **$267,000** | **$267,000** | **No** |
| $18.91 per resident (220th of 351) | $29.35 per resident (240th of 351) · 36% to organizations | $29.35 per resident (244th of 351) · 36% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $172,000 went to Townsend's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $95,000 went to organizations in Townsend or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Townsend, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $70,000 | "the removal and replacement of the sidewalks in the town common in the town of Townsend" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $65,000 | "the police department in the town of Townsend for new radio systems" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $35,000 | "Townsend Ecumenical Outreach, Inc. for infrastructure upgrades" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $30,000 | "the town of Townsend for the completion of the fitness court project" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "the connection of phase 2 of the Squannacook river rail trail to phase 4 through the construction of the connecting section of trail in the town of Townsend" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Townsend received 75% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**85.6**<br>136th of 351 · 9.4 per 1,000 residents (116th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$18M**<br>scored exposure $4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**148**<br>42nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**32.7 sq mi**<br>35% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,100**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.80**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.75; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**7,327 acres**<br>35.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$375,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$51.14**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$8,530**<br>FY2017–2025 · 333rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN TOWNSEND

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**7,330 acres**<br>35.0% of Townsend's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,420 acres**<br>6.8% of Townsend's land · 59 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**290 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 201 | 7,330 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 41 | 6,834 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 30 | 743 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 17 | 440 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 12 | 237 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 40 | 1,350 |
| Conservation restriction | 11 | 290 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 5,108 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 34 | 1,720 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 6 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Townsend State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3,133 | |
| Willard Brook State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,513 | |
| Squannacook River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,119 | |
| Townsend Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 771 | |
| Squannacook Brook State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 320 | |
| Hunting Hills WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 288 | |
| Pearl Hill State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 150 | |
| Fessenden Hill WMA | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 37 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 94.1 miles of public road in Townsend, the state maintains 6.5 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
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| Town-accepted | 85.3 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.3 | 2% |

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| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $2,859 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $86,000 |
| State Owned Land | $381,000 |
| Public Libraries | $31,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,674 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $9,340 |
| MBTA | $78 |
| Regional Transit | $70,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN TOWNSEND

## State programs also awarded $641,000 to organizations in Townsend other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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A further $641,000 in 7 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.6% of Townsend's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.8%** | **7.7%** | **7.6%** | **7.3%** |
| $1.4M of $14.4M · median town 14.1% | $1.5M of $19.4M · median town 12.2% | $2.1M of $27.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.1% · median town 10.0% |


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Gross state aid went from $1.4 million in FY2006 to $2.1 million in FY2025, +48.7% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+15.8%** | **+33.0%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $952,000 to $1.1M · all towns +54.0% | $1.9M to $2.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Townsend's health insurance would have been $1.19 million in FY2025; it was $1.10 million, $87,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.35 million in FY2025; it was $2.51 million, $152,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Townsend's government came to $142,000, 94.5% of the $150,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $142,000 | 94.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $237,000 | 157.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $237,000 | 157.7% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Townsend's required school contribution is 2.3% of median household income, 269th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$10.1M** | **$9.5M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.3%** | **–11%** |
| 269th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Townsend has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend North Middlesex and Nashoba Valley; Townsend accounts for 38% and 15% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.8 million for schools serving Townsend, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Townsend's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.8M** | **4** | **$8.66B** |
| $311 per resident (214th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Townsend's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Nashoba Valley Technical High School | Nashoba Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Windows/Doors) | $1.6M | $238,000 (15%) |
| FY2017 | Varnum Brook Elementary School | North Middlesex | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Window/Door) | $4.1M | $1.6M (38%) |
| FY2017 | Squannacook Early Childhood Center | North Middlesex | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.2M | $466,000 (38%) |
| FY2017 | Hawthorne Brook Middle School | North Middlesex | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $1.4M | $546,000 (38%) |


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**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Townsend's share of the final cost was $507,000 against its share of the approved budget of $538,000 (under by $31,000); the local share moved from $300,000 to $287,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Townsend has $464,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.5M**<br>$1.4M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$5.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$464,000**<br>annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 322nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**25**<br>one rated poor; likely about $763,000 of work on those ($366,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$500,000**<br>bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Townsend came on average 16 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $424,000 | $0 | $595,000 | $31,000 |
| FY2018 | $414,000 | $0 | $651,000 | $31,000 |
| FY2019 | $417,000 | $83,000 | $0 | $531,000 |
| FY2020 | $416,000 | $42,000 | $748,000 | $335,000 |
| FY2021 | $415,000 | $0 | $613,000 | $137,000 |
| FY2022 | $414,000 | $285,000 | $0 | $836,000 |
| FY2023 | $411,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $32,000 |
| FY2024 | $409,000 | $368,000 | $631,000 | $179,000 |
| FY2025 | $409,000 | $216,000 | $632,000 | $173,000 |
| FY2026 | $692,000 | $422,000 | $823,000 | $464,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $690,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The full list of the 34 bridges in Townsend in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Townsend received $3.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 46% of the $6.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Townsend ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $267,000 in earmarks placed in Townsend, $95,000 (36%) went to organizations rather than to Townsend's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Townsend** this town | **54** | **$15,988** | **$300** | **$29.35** | **0.75** | **2.3%** |
| Acushnet peer | 43 | $10,949 | $130 | $21.65 | 0.60 | 3.2% |
| Holbrook peer · best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Shirley peer | 48 | $11,957 | $554 | $23.80 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Northbridge peer | 56 | $14,554 | $230 | $124† | 0.74 | 2.4% |
| Oxford peer | 52 | $13,864 | $491 | $15.69 | 1.37 | 2.7% |
| Lanesborough lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Truro

Town · Barnstable County · 1,708 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
4th Barnstable · Hadley Luddy

**STATE SENATE**
Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Truro Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans and three others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Cape Cod Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Truro scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 98 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**56** / 100

68th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 68 | 55 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 41st to 99th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Truro received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 53 and 59 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**98** / 100

8th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 99 | 99 | 93 | 99 |

Rank under other weightings: 4th to 12th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

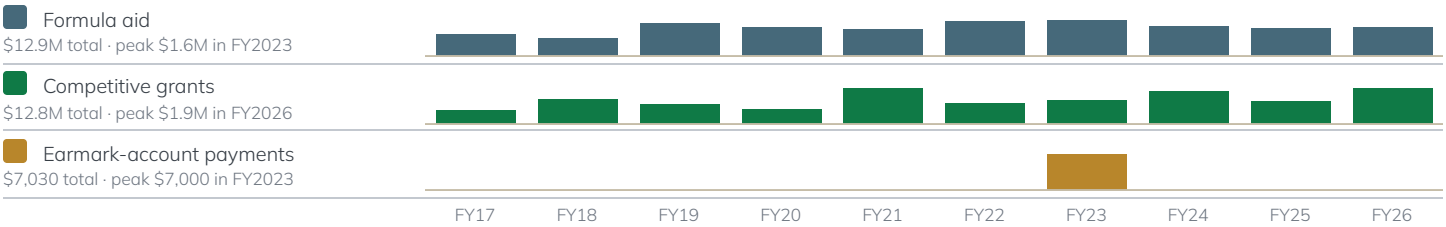
Truro received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 98 stays between 96 and 98 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Truro's town government and school districts received $12.9 million in formula aid and $12.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$12.9M** | **$12.8M** | **$7,030** |
| $7,537 per resident (274th of 351) · gross | $7,483 per resident (7th of 351) | $4.12 per resident (298th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Truro were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $15.5 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Truro received $37,000 in local earmarks to its government, $222,000 placed in the city or town and $222,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$37,000** | **$222,000** | **$222,000** | **No** |
| $21.66 per resident (206th of 351) | $130 per resident (39th of 351) · 83% to organizations | $130 per resident (45th of 351) · 83% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2024. $37,000 went to Truro's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $185,000 went to organizations in Truro or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Truro, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "Sustainable CAPE – Center for Agricultural Preservation & Education-Foundation, Inc. for a local food access, education and affordability program" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "Sustainable CAPE – Center for Agricultural Preservation & Education for a local food access, education and affordability program" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "Sustainable CAPE – Center for Agricultural Preservation & Education for a local food access, education and affordability program" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2019 | $35,000 | "Sustainable Cape in the town of Truro for a local food access and affordability program to: (a) expand a coalition of farmers' markets throughout the counties of Barnstable and Dukes County promoting the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP, the Women, Infants and Children program or..." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $25,000 | "the town of Truro to engage in a community planning process for the recently acquired Walsh property" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Truro received 1.62 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**38.2**<br>300th of 351 · 22.4 per 1,000 residents (53rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**22**<br>326th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.0 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**68%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,499**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.46**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.62; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$504**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$475**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$133,441**<br>FY2017–2025 · 7th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN TRURO

## Truro has 8 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 19 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**8 acres**<br>0.1% of Truro's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**19 acres**<br>0.1% of Truro's land · 7 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**126 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 9 | 8 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 1 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 19 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 4 | 16 |
| Conservation restriction | 48 | 126 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 1 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| High Head | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 7 | |
| High Head | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 62.2 miles of public road in Truro, the state maintains 10.8 (17%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.8 | 17% |
| Town-accepted | 38.3 | 61% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 12.7 | 20% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Truro $750,000 and takes back $603,000 in assessments and charges, a net $147,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$750,000** | **$603,000** | **$147,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 80% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $493,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $171,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $49,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $14,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $16,000 |
| State Owned Land | $512 |
| Public Libraries | $5,978 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $219,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $92,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,147 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,000 |
| Regional Transit | $62,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $224,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN TRURO

## State programs also awarded $1.6 million to organizations in Truro other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Truro. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2016 | Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $294,000 |
| FY2018 | Truro Historical Society & Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Payomet Performing Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $180,000 |
| FY2020 | Truro Historical Society & Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $150,000 |
| FY2023 | Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $147,000 |
| FY2018 | Payomet Performing Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2018 | Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2020 | Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2016 | Payomet Performing Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2018 | Truro Historical Society & Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $105,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 2.5% of Truro's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 4.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.4%** | **2.7%** | **2.5%** | **0.0%** |
| $514,000 of $11.7M · median town 14.1% | $455,000 of $17M · median town 12.2% | $666,000 of $26.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 1.9% · median town 10.0% |

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Gross state aid went from $514,000 in FY2006 to $666,000 in FY2025, +29.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $179,000 of Truro's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+49.3%** | **+61.4%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $1.2M to $1.8M · all towns +54.0% | $2.3M to $3.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Truro's health insurance would have been $1.49 million in FY2025; it was $1.78 million, $291,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.91 million in FY2025; it was $3.76 million, $850,000 above the path.

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SCHOOLS

## Truro's required school contribution is 1.6% of median household income, 331st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$505,000** | **$1.9M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.6%** | **+33%** |
| 331st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Truro runs its own school district and also belongs to Cape Cod; Truro accounts for 1% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $559,000 for schools serving Truro, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Truro's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$559,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $327 per resident (208th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Truro's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $62,000 (1%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $497,000 (1%) |


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**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Truro; Truro's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $62,000. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Truro's share of the final cost was $1.4 million against its share of the approved budget of $1.5 million (under by $142,000); the local share moved from $999,000 to $821,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

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| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.9M**<br>$733,000 of it one-time supplements | **$868,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.7M**<br>annual program: 4.3 years of its yearly money · 10th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **1**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $170,000 | $0 | $124,000 | $170,000 |
| FY2018 | $208,000 | $0 | $0 | $379,000 |
| FY2019 | $169,000 | $34,000 | $479,000 | $407,000 |
| FY2020 | $170,000 | $17,000 | $275,000 | $320,000 |
| FY2021 | $170,000 | $0 | $0 | $490,000 |
| FY2022 | $170,000 | $128,000 | $0 | $787,000 |
| FY2023 | $171,000 | $0 | $313,000 | $646,000 |
| FY2024 | $171,000 | $218,000 | $106,000 | $928,000 |
| FY2025 | $171,000 | $150,000 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $298,000 | $186,000 | $0 | $1.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $297,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the three bridges in Truro in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Truro received $13.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 51% more than the $8.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Truro ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $222,000 in earmarks placed in Truro, $185,000 (83%) went to organizations rather than to Truro's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Truro** this town | **56** | **$7,537** | **$7,483** | **$130†** | **1.62** | **1.6%** |
| Otis peer · lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $6,679 | $2,109 | $0 | 1.01 | 2.2% |
| Chilmark peer | 33 | $5,153 | $334 | $0 | 0.74 | 1.4% |
| New Marlborough peer | 49 | $8,719 | $3,098 | $0 | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Stockbridge peer | 42 | $6,979 | $1,448 | $140† | 2.33 | 1.5% |
| Monterey peer | 67 | $11,798 | $7,628 | $0 | 3.68 | 1.8% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |

SOURCES

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**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Tyngsborough

Town · Middlesex County · 12,550 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
36th Middlesex · Colleen M. Garry

**STATE SENATE**
First Middlesex · Vanna Howard (since March 2026) and Edward J. Kennedy (until October 2025)

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Tyngsborough Public Schools, the town's own district
Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Dracut, Dunstable and Lowell

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Northern Middlesex Council Of Governments

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Tyngsborough scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 75 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

42 / 100

197th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 43 | 47 | 41 | 37 |

Rank under other weightings: 189th to 205th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Tyngsborough received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 40 and 43 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

75 / 100

91st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 78 | 77 | 71 |

Rank under other weightings: 89th to 100th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

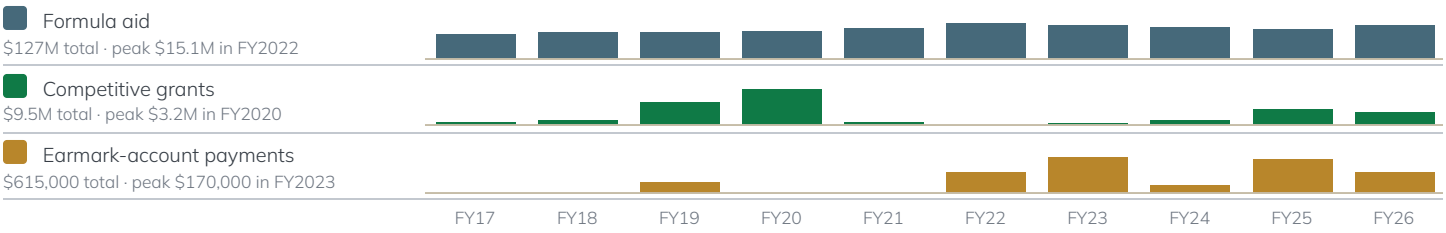
Tyngsborough received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 75 stays between 74 and 77 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Tyngsborough's town government and school districts received $127 million in formula aid and $9.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $127M | $9.5M | $615,000 |
| $10,115 per resident (174th of 351) · gross | $758 per resident (103rd of 351) | $49.04 per resident (81st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Tyngsborough peaked in FY2020 at $3.2 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $13.4 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Tyngsborough received $555,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $555,000 | $555,000 | $555,000 | No |
| $44.22 per resident (93rd of 351) | $44.22 per resident (183rd of 351) | $44.22 per resident (188th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 11 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Tyngsborough's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Tyngsborough, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $80,000 | "town center improvements in the town of Tyngsborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "the municipal improvements in the town of Tyngsborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the department of public works infrastructure in the town of Tyngsborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "necessary safety equipment for the Tyngsborough fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "public safety electric vehicle infrastructure in the town of Tyngsborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 11 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Tyngsborough received 2.20 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**80.7**<br>155th of 351 · 6.4 per 1,000 residents (178th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.1M**<br>scored exposure $471,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**139**<br>54th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.8 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**12,704**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.31**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.20; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**414 acres**<br>3.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$50,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$122**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,460**<br>FY2017–2025 · 195th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN TYNGSBOROUGH

## Tyngsborough has 517 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 418 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**517 acres**<br>4.8% of Tyngsborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**418 acres**<br>3.9% of Tyngsborough's land · 22 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**142 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**145 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 21 | 517 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 11 | 485 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 9 | 218 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 77 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 123 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 21 | 896 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 6 | 142 |
| Conservation restriction | 5 | 145 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | 259 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 202 |
| Other state agencies | 5 | 23 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsborough State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 240 | |
| Elbow Meadow WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 190 | |
| Flint Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 80 | |
| Dunstable Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 7 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 95.2 miles of public road in Tyngsborough, the state maintains 12.2 (13%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.2 | 13% |
| Town-accepted | 80.2 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.5 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Tyngsborough $10.2 million and takes back $1.9 million in assessments and charges, a net $8.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.2 million** | **$1.9 million** | **$8.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 18% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $102,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $211,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $129,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $89,000 |
| State Owned Land | $52,000 |
| Public Libraries | $35,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,231 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| Regional Transit | $99,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $168,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.6M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN TYNGSBOROUGH

## State programs also awarded $56,000 to organizations in Tyngsborough other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Tyngsborough. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Merrimack Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $40,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2025 | Northern Middlesex Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $12,000 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 18.2% of Tyngsborough's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 31.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **31.7%** | **23.9%** | **18.2%** | **14.5%** |
| $8.8M of $27.7M · median town 14.1% | $8.7M of $36.2M · median town 12.2% | $9.7M of $53M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 30.2% · median town 10.0% |

Tyngsborough's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $679,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Tyngsborough's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 28.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 36.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.8 million in FY2006 to $9.7 million in FY2025, +10.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $877,000 of Tyngsborough's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+32.8%** | **+60.2%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $3.2M to $4.2M · all towns +54.0% | $5.2M to $8.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Tyngsborough's health insurance would have been $3.94 million in FY2025; it was $4.19 million, $250,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $6.51 million in FY2025; it was $8.35 million, $1.84 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Tyngsborough's government came to $430,000, 41.6% of the $1.03 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $430,000 | 41.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $430,000 | 41.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $430,000 | 41.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Tyngsborough's required school contribution is 3.2% of median household income, 37th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.8M** | **$17.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.2%** | **–9%** |
| 37th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Tyngsborough runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater Lowell; Tyngsborough accounts for 5% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $33.3 million for schools serving Tyngsborough, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Tyngsborough's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$33.3M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $2,655 per resident (67th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Tyngsborough's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Tyngsborough Middle School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tyngsborough | Core | $4.7M | $4.7M |
| FY2022 | Tyngsborough Middle School | Tyngsborough | Core | $28.6M | $28.6M |


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**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $4.7 million to grants for one project serving Tyngsborough, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Tyngsborough has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.5M**<br>$1.2M of it one-time supplements | **$4.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.3M**<br>annual program: 1.2 years of its yearly money · 176th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **3**<br>none rated poor | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$870,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $870,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $417,000 | $0 | $294,000 | $212,000 |
| FY2018 | $416,000 | $0 | $1M | $212,000 |
| FY2019 | $433,000 | $87,000 | $378,000 | $424,000 |
| FY2020 | $432,000 | $43,000 | $629,000 | $270,000 |
| FY2021 | $433,000 | $0 | $488,000 | $215,000 |
| FY2022 | $434,000 | $267,000 | $245,000 | $672,000 |
| FY2023 | $437,000 | $0 | $496,000 | $614,000 |
| FY2024 | $437,000 | $265,000 | $724,000 | $592,000 |
| FY2025 | $439,000 | $121,000 | $55,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2026 | $706,000 | $408,000 | $862,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $706,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.1M |

The full list of the 17 bridges in Tyngsborough in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Bridge Meadow Brook Culvert Replacement source | $326,000 |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Dunstable Road over North Meadow Brook / Red Gate Road over North Meadow Brook source | $370,000 |
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Dunstable Road over North Meadow Brook source | $73,000 |
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Red Gate Road over North Meadow Brook source | not published |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Westford Road over Bridge Meadow Brook source | $55,000 |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Westford Road over Bridge Meadow Brook source | $45,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Tyngsborough received $10.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 77% more than the $5.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




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## Tyngsborough ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tyngsborough** this town | **42** | **$10,115** | **$758** | **$44.22** | **2.20** | **3.2%** |
| Millbury peer | 44 | $9,909 | $648 | $53.29 | 1.09 | 2.5% |
| Wilbraham peer | 44 | $12,134 | $123 | $109† | 0.42 | 3.1% |
| Bellingham peer | 39 | $9,082 | $546 | $23.24 | 1.24 | 3.0% |
| Grafton peer | 36 | $9,020 | $459 | $36.42 | 1.97 | 2.9% |
| Lunenburg peer | 41 | $10,667 | $157 | $54.36 | 0.42 | 2.7% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |

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**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Tyringham

Town · Berkshire County · 494 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Tyringham operates no schools of its own and belongs to no regional district in DESE's FY2026 files.

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Tyringham scores 34 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 25 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**34** / 100

270th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 41 | 27 | 40 |

Rank under other weightings: 249th to 297th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Tyringham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 34 stays between 30 and 38 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**25** / 100

295th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 35 | 7 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 265th to 314th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

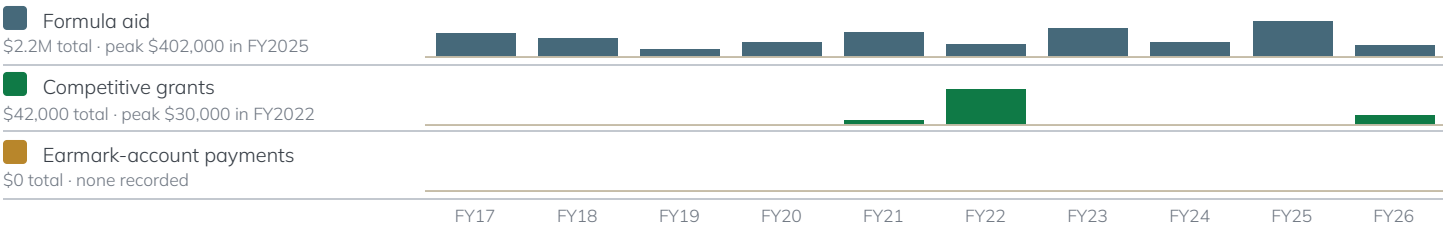
Tyringham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 25 stays between 19 and 31 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Tyringham's town government and school districts received $2.2 million in formula aid and $42,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $2.2M | $42,000 | $0 |
| $4,388 per resident (349th of 351) · gross | $85.59 per resident (334th of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Tyringham peaked in FY2022 at $30,000, 71% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 494 residents, a single payment moves Tyringham's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $121,000, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### No local earmark was placed in Tyringham in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

Tyringham is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Tyringham's appear under State money above.


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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Tyringham's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alford | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Monterey | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Mount Washington | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Aquinnah | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $150 |
| New Marlborough | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Tyringham received 28% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**25.6**<br>328th of 351 · 51.8 per 1,000 residents (24th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$7.5M**<br>scored exposure $3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**33**<br>310th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.6 sq mi**<br>7% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**38%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**815**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.28; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**754 acres**<br>6.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$30,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$39.43**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$40,348**<br>FY2017–2025 · 56th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN TYRINGHAM

## Tyringham has 812 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,472 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**812 acres**<br>6.8% of Tyringham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,472 acres**<br>20.7% of Tyringham's land · 40 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**500 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,576 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 812 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 6 | 415 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 14 | 1,261 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 23 | 1,150 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 61 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 19 | 894 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 11 | 500 |
| Conservation restriction | 16 | 1,576 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | 379 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 36 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beartown State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 780 | |
| Hop Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 32 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 27.3 miles of public road in Tyringham, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Town-accepted | 25.6 | 94% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.7 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Tyringham $129,000 and takes back $81,000 in assessments and charges, a net $49,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$129,000** | **$81,000** | **$49,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 62% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $73,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $18,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $350 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $3,982 |
| State Owned Land | $30,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,278 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $9,204 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $241 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $100 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $71,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN TYRINGHAM

## State programs also awarded $251,000 to organizations in Tyringham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Tyringham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $250,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.0% of Tyringham's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 4.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.7%** | **5.1%** | **6.0%** | **2.1%** |
| $49,000 of $1M · median town 14.1% | $65,000 of $1.3M · median town 12.2% | $107,000 of $1.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.6% · median town 10.0% |

**Tyringham's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 39.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 23.8% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $49,000 in FY2006 to $107,000 in FY2025, +116.0% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+22.1%** | **+30.0%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $97,000 to $118,000 · all towns +54.0% | $196,000 to $255,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Tyringham's health insurance would have been $121,000 in FY2025; it was $118,000, $2,719 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $245,000 in FY2025; it was $255,000, $9,924 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2018 (+43%) and FY2019 (–34%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+38%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Tyringham's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $21,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Tyringham's required school contribution is 1.0% of median household income, the eighth-lowest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$73,000** | **$343,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.0%** | **+4%** |
| 344th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Tyringham operates no schools. DESE carries it as a non-operating district, and its pupils attend schools in other districts.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Tyringham, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Tyringham has $268,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.8M** | **$1.4M** | **$268,000** |
| $546,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.5 years of its yearly money · 286th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **9** | **1** | **$0** |
| one rated poor; about $3.7M of work on those, by planning estimates | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Tyringham came on average 32 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Tyringham owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Tyringham owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $103,000 | $0 | $170,000 | $83,000 |
| FY2018 | $103,000 | $0 | $141,000 | $86,000 |
| FY2019 | $103,000 | $21,000 | $0 | $209,000 |
| FY2020 | $103,000 | $10,000 | $74,000 | $251,000 |
| FY2021 | $102,000 | $0 | $160,000 | $193,000 |
| FY2022 | $102,000 | $85,000 | $0 | $381,000 |
| FY2023 | $102,000 | $0 | $187,000 | $296,000 |
| FY2024 | $102,000 | $176,000 | $68,000 | $507,000 |
| FY2025 | $102,000 | $131,000 | $319,000 | $421,000 |
| FY2026 | $187,000 | $122,000 | $0 | $730,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $186,000 | $0 | $462,000 | $455,000 |

The full list of the nine bridges in Tyringham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Tyringham received $165,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 19% of the $864,000 its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Tyringham is one of seven municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tyringham** this town | **34** | **$4,388** | **$85.59** | **$0** | **0.28** | **1.0%** |
| Alford peer · lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $5,565 | $1,817 | $0 | 0.13 | 0.9% |
| Monterey peer | 67 | $11,798 | $7,628 | $0 | 3.68 | 1.8% |
| Mount Washington peer | 62 | $22,393 | $6,365 | $0 | 1.07 | 0.4% |
| Aquinnah peer | 38 | $6,830 | $786 | $150 | 2.09 | 1.9% |
| New Marlborough peer | 49 | $8,719 | $3,098 | $0 | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Upton

Town · Worcester County · 8,189 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
9th Worcester · David K. Muradian, Jr.

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Mendon-Upton Regional School District, shared with Mendon
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury and four others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Upton scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 72 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**56** / 100

66th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 70 | 50 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 46th to 97th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Upton received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 53 and 60 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**72** / 100

106th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 70 | 81 | 74 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 94th to 117th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

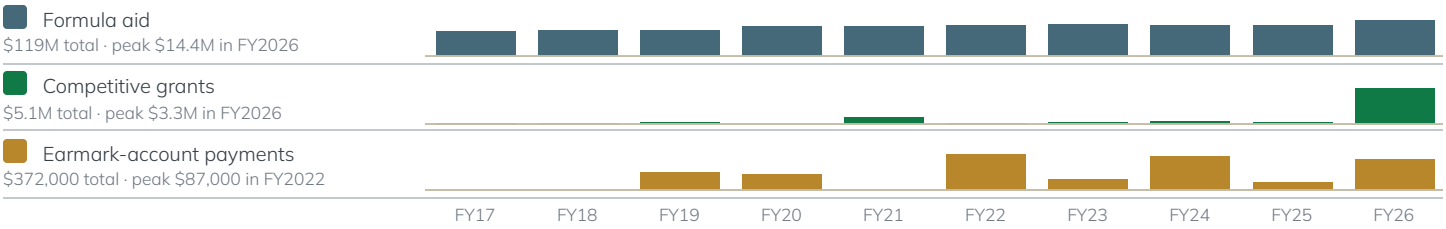
Upton received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 72 stays between 69 and 75 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Upton's town government and school districts received $119 million in formula aid and $5.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$119M** | **$5.1M** | **$372,000** |
| $14,491 per resident (85th of 351) · gross | $622 per resident (120th of 351) | $45.45 per resident (88th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Upton peaked in FY2026 at $3.3 million, 64% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Upton received $333,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$333,000** | **$333,000** | **$333,000** | **No** |
| $40.72 per resident (106th of 351) | $40.72 per resident (199th of 351) | $40.72 per resident (204th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 12 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Upton's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Upton, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (12 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "public health and safety improvements in the town of Upton, including for the development of an unmanned aircraft system program and for the purchase of traffic enforcement equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $43,000 | "the town of Upton for public safety improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $27,000 | "the town of Upton for public safety improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $27,000 | "the town of Upton for public safety improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "public safety improvements in the town of Upton" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 12 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Upton received 1.73 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**65.2**<br>202nd of 351 · 8.0 per 1,000 residents (137th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.5M**<br>scored exposure $2.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**178**<br>22nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.6 sq mi**<br>17% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,189**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.27**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.73; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,277 acres**<br>16.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$383,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$168**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$23,611**<br>FY2017–2025 · 149th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN UPTON

## Upton has 2,317 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 774 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,317 acres**<br>16.8% of Upton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**774 acres**<br>5.6% of Upton's land · 36 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**28 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**516 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 100 | 2,317 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 14 | 1,413 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 8 | 269 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 8 | 111 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 20 | 394 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 23 | 421 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 28 |
| Conservation restriction | 24 | 516 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | 1,413 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Upton State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,317 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 81.0 miles of public road in Upton, the state maintains 6.4 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.4 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 65.2 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.2 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Upton $1.2 million and takes back $72,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.2 million** | **$72,000** | **$1.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $40,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $706,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $17,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $68,000 |
| State Owned Land | $393,000 |
| Public Libraries | $24,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,843 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,720 |
| MBTA | $65,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN UPTON

## State programs also awarded $76,000 to organizations in Upton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Upton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $76,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.9% of Upton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 4.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.5%** | **3.5%** | **3.9%** | **3.7%** |
| $660,000 of $14.7M · median town 14.1% | $718,000 of $20.6M · median town 12.2% | $1.1M of $28.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.9% · median town 10.0% |

Upton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $7.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Upton's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 10.1% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 2.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $660,000 in FY2006 to $1.1 million in FY2025, +70.8% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+60.9%** | **+87.8%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $840,000 to $1.4M · all towns +54.0% | $1.3M to $2.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Upton's health insurance would have been $1.05 million in FY2025; it was $1.35 million, $303,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.64 million in FY2025; it was $2.46 million, $826,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Upton's government came to $308,000, 60.3% of the $512,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $308,000 | 60.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $308,000 | 60.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $308,000 | 60.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Upton's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 118th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.2M** | **$13.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **–10%** |
| 118th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Upton has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Upton, Mendon-Upton and Blackstone Valley; Upton accounts for 100%, 58% and 7% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.7 million for schools serving Upton, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Upton's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.7M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $332 per resident (206th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Upton's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Nipmuc Regional High School | Mendon Upton | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $4.3M | $2.5M (58%) |
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $202,000 (7%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $55,000 (7%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Upton has $685,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$5M** | **$3.8M** | **$685,000** |
| $1.1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.9 years of its yearly money · 235th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **13** | **2** | **$500,000** |
| two rated poor; likely about $1.7M of work on those ($1.2M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of five town-owned dams | bridges $500,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |


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Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Upton came on average 23 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Upton owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $319,000 | $0 | $319,000 | $0 |
| FY2018 | $315,000 | $0 | $315,000 | $9 |
| FY2019 | $314,000 | $63,000 | $294,000 | $82,000 |
| FY2020 | $316,000 | $32,000 | $481,000 | $12,000 |
| FY2021 | $316,000 | $0 | $261,000 | $66,000 |
| FY2022 | $315,000 | $216,000 | $0 | $597,000 |
| FY2023 | $315,000 | $0 | $303,000 | $609,000 |
| FY2024 | $316,000 | $308,000 | $274,000 | $959,000 |
| FY2025 | $316,000 | $191,000 | $200,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2026 | $532,000 | $322,000 | $1.4M | $685,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $531,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.2M |

The full list of the 17 bridges in Upton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Upton received $5.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 41% more than the $3.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Upton ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Upton** this town | **56** | **$14,491** | **$622** | **$40.72** | **1.73** | **2.8%** |
| Groton peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |
| Oak Bluffs peer | 51 | $8,440 | $2,606 | $93.40† | 3.64 | 3.0% |
| Wenham peer | 29 | $6,869 | $147 | $69.20† | 0.80 | 2.5% |
| Southborough peer | 36 | $8,275 | $159 | $31.45 | 0.58 | 2.5% |
| North Reading peer | 38 | $8,458 | $326 | $76.44 | 0.68 | 3.0% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Uxbridge

Town · Worcester County · 14,473 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**8th Worcester** · Michael J. Soter 76% of residents
**18th Worcester** · Joseph D. McKenna 24% of residents

Uxbridge is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Worcester and Hampden** · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Uxbridge Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury and four others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Uxbridge scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 59 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**48** / 100

142nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 55 | 47 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 127th to 153rd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Uxbridge received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 46 and 50 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**59** / 100

150th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 66 | 61 | 55 |

Rank under other weightings: 144th to 160th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

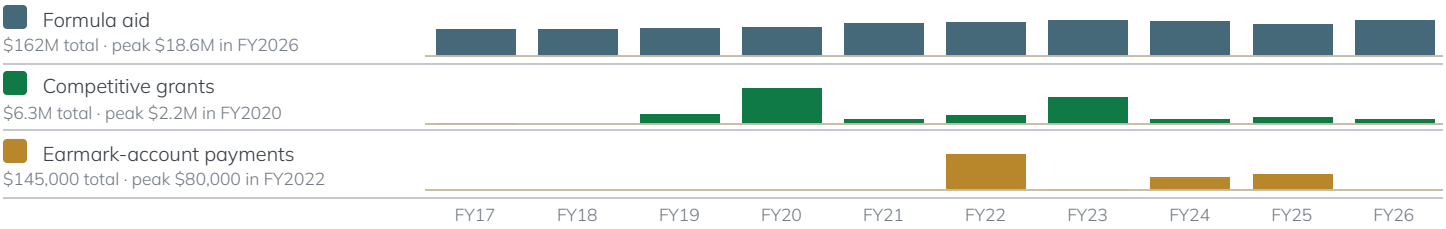
Uxbridge received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 57 and 62 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Uxbridge's town government and school districts received $162 million in formula aid and $6.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$162M** | **$6.3M** | **$145,000** |
| $11,199 per resident (140th of 351) · gross | $436 per resident (156th of 351) | $10.00 per resident (259th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Uxbridge peaked in FY2020 at $2.2 million, 34% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Uxbridge received $225,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$225,000** | **$225,000** | **$225,000** | **No** |
| $15.55 per resident (237th of 351) | $15.55 per resident (288th of 351) | $15.55 per resident (289th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Uxbridge's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Uxbridge, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "the town of Uxbridge for emergency dispatch center capital improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the town of Uxbridge for design fees to streamline efficiencies and cost savings in combining the town hall and the senior center into 1 municipal building" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $25,000 | "the town of Uxbridge for increased accessibility plans for the senior center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $25,000 | "the improvements and expansion of the Uxbridge Senior Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $25,000 | "the replacement of the Richardson Street Broadcast Tower for the town of Uxbridge" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Uxbridge received 1.22 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**102.5**<br>88th of 351 · 7.1 per 1,000 residents (156th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$18.5M**<br>scored exposure $7.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**162**<br>32nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**29.6 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,507**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.78**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.22; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**622 acres**<br>3.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$54,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$87.61**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$51,649**<br>FY2017–2025 · 34th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN UXBRIDGE

## Uxbridge has 686 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,192 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**686 acres**<br>3.6% of Uxbridge's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,192 acres**<br>6.3% of Uxbridge's land · 75 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**69 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**230 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 38 | 686 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 28 | 704 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 42 | 764 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 19 | 253 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 14 | 176 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 57 | 1,835 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 69 |
| Conservation restriction | 8 | 230 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 21 | 526 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 5 | 144 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 2 | 34 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 449 | |
| Lackey Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 122 | |
| Chockalog Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 83 | |
| Blackstone / West River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 23 | |
| E. Kent Swift WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 8 | |
| Capron Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 123.5 miles of public road in Uxbridge, the state maintains 20.4 (17%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 20.4 | 17% |
| Town-accepted | 97.7 | 79% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.6 | 4% |

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Uxbridge $13.2 million and takes back $1 million in assessments and charges, a net $12.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.2 million** | **$1 million** | **$12.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $40,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $704,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $70,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $137,000 |
| State Owned Land | $56,000 |
| Public Libraries | $39,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,867 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $14,000 |
| Special Education | $8,369 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $941,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $74,000 |

### COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 20.7% of Uxbridge's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 40.8% in FY2006.

### STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **40.8%** | **28.8%** | **20.7%** | **19.1%** |
| $12.7M of $31.2M · median town 14.1% | $12.1M of $41.9M · median town 12.2% | $12.4M of $60.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 31.3% · median town 10.0% |

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**Uxbridge's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 37.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 44.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $12.7 million in FY2006 to $12.4 million in FY2025, –2.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $903,000 of Uxbridge's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+40.7%** | **+55.0%** | **4 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $5M to $7.1M · all towns +54.0% | $7.2M to $11.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Uxbridge's health insurance would have been $6.30 million in FY2025; it was $7.10 million, $798,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $9.01 million in FY2025; it was $11.2 million, $2.17 million above the path.

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SCHOOLS

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| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$10.7M** | **$19.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **–6%** |
| 135th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Uxbridge runs its own school district and also belongs to Blackstone Valley; Uxbridge accounts for 10% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $350,000 for schools serving Uxbridge, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Uxbridge's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$350,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $24.15 per resident (266th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Uxbridge's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.9M | $275,000 (10%) |
| FY2020 | Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School | Blackstone Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $782,000 | $75,000 (10%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Uxbridge has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.8M** | **$5.5M** | **$1.4M** |
| $1.4M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 200th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **25**<br>four rated poor; likely about $3.8M of work on those ($1.8M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$873,000**<br>bridges $100,000 · dams $644,000 · culverts $130,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $517,000 | $0 | $443,000 | $74,000 |
| FY2018 | $512,000 | $0 | $23,000 | $587,000 |
| FY2019 | $511,000 | $102,000 | $296,000 | $918,000 |
| FY2020 | $509,000 | $51,000 | $897,000 | $863,000 |
| FY2021 | $509,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $269,000 |
| FY2022 | $508,000 | $326,000 | $24,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2023 | $507,000 | $0 | $665,000 | $921,000 |
| FY2024 | $507,000 | $316,000 | $1M | $710,000 |
| FY2025 | $507,000 | $140,000 | $42,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2026 | $866,000 | $513,000 | $1.3M | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $872,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.3M |

The full list of the 62 bridges in Uxbridge in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Home Brew Dam Removal and Community Engagement source | $458,000 |
| FY2024 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Rock Meadow Road Extension over Rock Meadow Brook source | $54,000 |
| FY2023 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Home Brew Dam and Whitin Pond Dam Removal source | $185,000 |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Hazel St over Farrel Brook source | $76,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Uxbridge received $6.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 61% more than the $4.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Uxbridge ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Uxbridge** this town | **48** | **$11,199** | **$436** | **$15.55** | **1.22** | **2.8%** |
| Pembroke peer | 45 | $10,627 | $65.81 | $40.00 | 0.27 | 2.6% |
| Swansea peer | 40 | $9,140 | $526 | $72.01 | 1.42 | 2.6% |
| Georgetown peer | 46 | $10,873 | $155 | $26.52 | 0.60 | 2.7% |
| Holden peer | 50 | $13,276 | $103 | $15.70 | 0.39 | 2.6% |
| Rutland peer | 59 | $17,290 | $124 | $22.03 | 0.61 | 2.2% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Wakefield

Town · Middlesex County · 27,793 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

9th Essex · Donald H. Wong 57% of residents
32nd Middlesex · Kate Lipper-Garabedian 43% of residents

Wakefield is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Fifth Middlesex · Jason M. Lewis

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Wakefield Public Schools, the town's own district
Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham and three others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wakefield scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 29 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

28 / 100

326th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 36 | 26 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 317th to 332nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Wakefield received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 26 and 30 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

29 / 100

270th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | 36 | 30 | 24 |

Rank under other weightings: 268th to 275th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

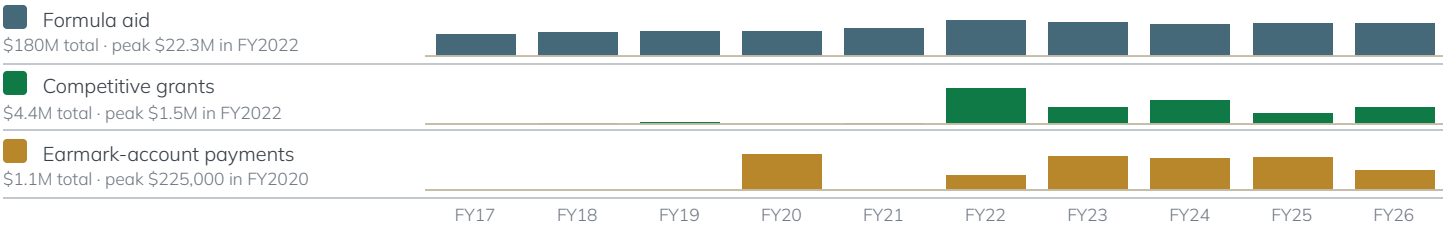
Wakefield received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 29 stays between 27 and 31 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wakefield's town government and school districts received $180 million in formula aid and $4.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $180M | $4.4M | $1.1M |
| $6,465 per resident (320th of 351) · gross | $157 per resident (281st of 351) | $37.98 per resident (118th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wakefield peaked in FY2022 at $1.5 million, 33% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $16.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wakefield received $1.1 million in local earmarks to its government, $1.3 million placed in the city or town and $1.3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.1M | $1.3M | $1.3M | No |
| $38.86 per resident (112th of 351) | $45.34 per resident (181st of 351) · 14% to organizations | $45.34 per resident (186th of 351) · 14% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 24 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.1 million went to Wakefield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $180,000 went to organizations in Wakefield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Wakefield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (24 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $125,000 | "improvements to the Americal civic center in Wakefield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the Albion Cultural Exchange in the town of Wakefield for elderly access improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $100,000 | "main street economic development by Wakefield Main Streets, Inc. in the town of Wakefield" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $100,000 | "planning and construction of an arts center on Main street in the town of Wakefield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "heating and cooling renovations on the top floors of the town of Wakefield's senior center" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 24 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wakefield received 56% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**84.8**<br>139th of 351 · 3.0 per 1,000 residents (316th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5M**<br>scored exposure $1.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**43**<br>287th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**7.4 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**28,065**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.40**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.56; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**23 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$58,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$2,547**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$26,738**<br>FY2017–2025 · 127th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WAKEFIELD

## Wakefield has 38 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 8 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**38 acres**<br>0.8% of Wakefield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**8 acres**<br>0.2% of Wakefield's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 38 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 22 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 8 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 2 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Military Division | 1 | 22 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Breakheart Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 38 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 105.5 miles of public road in Wakefield, the state maintains 5.8 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.4 | 5% |
| DCR | 0.4 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 84.9 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 14.7 | 14% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Wakefield $15.4 million and takes back $3.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $12.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.4 million** | **$3.2 million** | **$12.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 21% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $9.9M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $683,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $15,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $40,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $247,000 |
| State Owned Land | $58,000 |
| Public Libraries | $83,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $10,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $18,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $19,000 |
| MBTA | $745,000 |
| Special Education | $12,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $122,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.3M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WAKEFIELD

## State programs also awarded $2,963 to organizations in Wakefield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Wakefield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $2,963 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.0% of Wakefield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 18.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **18.0%** | **12.8%** | **12.0%** | **9.8%** |
| $9.7M of $53.9M · median town 14.1% | $9.9M of $77.9M · median town 12.2% | $13.8M of $115M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.6% · median town 10.0% |

Wakefield's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $457,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Wakefield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 7.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 18.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $9.7 million in FY2006 to $13.8 million in FY2025, +42.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $988,000 of Wakefield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+22.8%** | **+36.9%** | **2 of 9** | **1 of 9** |
| $10.9M to $13.4M · all towns +54.0% | $16.2M to $22.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wakefield's health insurance would have been $13.7 million in FY2025; it was $13.4 million, $223,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $20.3 million in FY2025; it was $22.2 million, $1.94 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Wakefield's government came to $930,000, 37.2% of the $2.50 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $930,000 | 37.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.1M | 43.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.1M | 43.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Wakefield's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 178th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$9.9M** | **$39.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+21%** |
| 178th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Wakefield runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Wakefield accounts for 7% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $92.2 million for schools serving Wakefield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Wakefield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$92.2M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,319 per resident (41st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wakefield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Wakefield Memorial High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Wakefield | Core | $15M | $15M |
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $1.6M (7%) |
| FY2023 | Wakefield Memorial High School | Wakefield | Core | $65M | $65M |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $10M (7%) |
| FY2020 | Greenwood School | Wakefield | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $705,000 | $705,000 |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Wakefield; Wakefield's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $16.6 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Wakefield's share of the final cost was $1.2 million against its share of the approved budget of $1.7 million (under by $518,000); the local share moved from $970,000 to $618,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wakefield has $2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$9.4M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2M**<br>annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 153rd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**5**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $679,000 | $0 | $249,000 | $487,000 |
| FY2018 | $671,000 | $0 | $969,000 | $284,000 |
| FY2019 | $667,000 | $133,000 | $1.1M | $20,000 |
| FY2020 | $674,000 | $67,000 | $0 | $761,000 |
| FY2021 | $672,000 | $0 | $205,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $669,000 | $283,000 | $783,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $667,000 | $0 | $574,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2024 | $660,000 | $340,000 | $1M | $1.5M |
| FY2025 | $656,000 | $181,000 | $1.1M | $1.3M |
| FY2026 | $935,000 | $468,000 | $637,000 | $2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $935,000 | $0 | $0 | $3M |

The full list of the 17 bridges in Wakefield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

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| Newburyport peer | 33 | $6,797 | $442 | $77.12 | 0.78 | 2.0% |
| Burlington peer | 35 | $7,194 | $367 | $102† | 0.46 | 3.0% |
| Milton peer | 31 | $7,307 | $76.91 | $74.41† | 0.50 | 2.8% |
| Canton peer | 29 | $6,511 | $84.68 | $28.65 | 0.29 | 2.9% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Scituate lowest in class of 30 | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Wales

Town · Hampden County · 1,929 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Hampden · Todd M. Smola

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Wales Public Schools, the town's own district

Tantasqua Regional School District, shared with Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland and Sturbridge

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wales scores 59 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 73 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**59** / 100

50th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | 58 | 59 | 59 |

Rank under other weightings: 44th to 61st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Wales received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 59 stays between 59 and 59 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**73** / 100

103rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 74 | 67 | 75 |

Rank under other weightings: 96th to 111th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

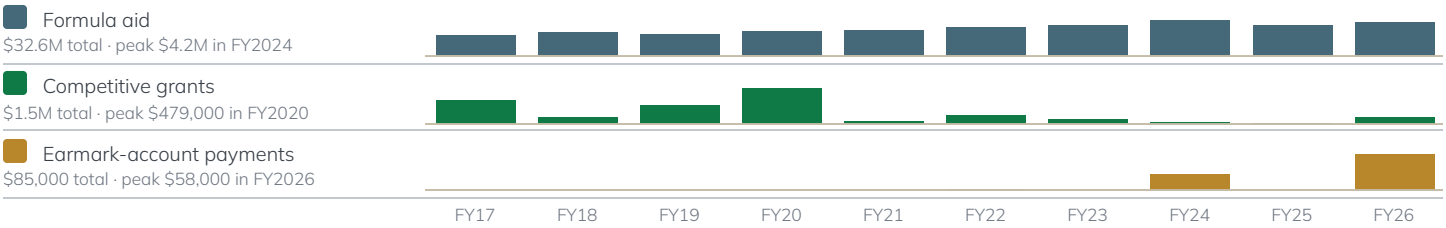
Wales received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 73 stays between 72 and 75 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wales's town government and school districts received $32.6 million in formula aid and $1.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $32.6M | $1.5M | $85,000 |
| $16,913 per resident (50th of 351) · gross | $776 per resident (98th of 351) | $43.91 per resident (95th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wales peaked in FY2020 at $479,000, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $854,000, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wales received $170,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $170,000 | $170,000 | $170,000 | No |
| $88.28 per resident (30th of 351) | $88.28 per resident (84th of 351) | $88.28 per resident (95th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Wales's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Wales, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $58,000 | "the Wales fire department to replace self-contained breathing apparatuses" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "preservation work on the Wales old town hall in the town of Wales" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the town of Wales for public safety infrastructure improvements at the Wales police department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $12,000 | "a food pantry driver in the town of Wales" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wales received 37% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**25.5**<br>329th of 351 · 13.2 per 1,000 residents (78th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3M**<br>scored exposure $1.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**154**<br>34th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.8 sq mi**<br>15% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**8%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,112**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.30**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.37; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,605 acres**<br>15.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$75,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$46.53**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$8,475**<br>FY2017–2025 · 336th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WALES

## Wales has 1,566 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 512 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,566 acres**<br>15.5% of Wales's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**512 acres**<br>5.1% of Wales's land · 24 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**35 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 44 | 1,566 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 64 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 11 | 312 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 39 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 7 | 161 |
| Conservation restriction | 1 | 35 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state agencies | 7 | 64 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brimfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,331 | |
| Wales WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 205 | |
| Rattlesnake Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 29 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 28.5 miles of public road in Wales, the state maintains 5.1 (18%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.1 | 18% |
| Town-accepted | 23.4 | 82% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Wales $1.7 million and takes back $179,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.7 million** | **$179,000** | **$1.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 10% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $1.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $6,523 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $74,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $304,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $7,007 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $19,000 |
| State Owned Land | $76,000 |
| Public Libraries | $6,800 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $515 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $4,380 |
| Regional Transit | $96 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $141,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $33,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WALES

## State programs also awarded $3,958 to organizations in Wales other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Wales. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 29.4% of Wales's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 27.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **27.0%** | **27.5%** | **29.4%** | **25.9%** |
| $871,000 of $3.2M · median town 14.1% | $1.1M of $4.2M · median town 12.2% | $1.7M of $5.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 25.3% · median town 10.0% |

Wales's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Wales's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 24.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 10.8% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $871,000 in FY2006 to $1.7 million in FY2025, +93.4% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **–5.9%** | **+57.4%** | **6 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $371,000 to $349,000 · all towns +54.0% | $491,000 to $773,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wales's health insurance would have been $463,000 in FY2025; it was $349,000, $114,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $613,000 in FY2025; it was $773,000, $159,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+33%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Wales's reported health insurance fell from $371,000 in FY2016 to $349,000 in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $112,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $112,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $112,000 | no increase | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Wales's required school contribution is 2.1% of median household income, 297th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$2.5M** | **$1.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.1%** | **+18%** |
| 297th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Wales runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Tantasqua for others; Wales accounts for 8% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $88,000 for schools serving Wales, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Wales's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$88,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $45.67 per resident (255th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wales's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Tantasqua Regional Junior High School | Tantasqua | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $1.1M | $88,000 (8%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Wales's share of the final cost was $135,000 against its share of the approved budget of $164,000 (under by $29,000); the local share moved from $75,000 to $61,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wales has $441,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.9M** | **$1.2M** | **$441,000** |
| $541,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 110th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **5** | **3** | **$218,000** |
| one rated poor; likely about $1.4M of work on those ($651,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of three town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $218,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Wales came on average 32 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Wales owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Wales owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $108,000 | $0 | $0 | $108,000 |
| FY2018 | $104,000 | $0 | $248,000 | $92,000 |
| FY2019 | $106,000 | $21,000 | $19,000 | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | $105,000 | $11,000 | $180,000 | $136,000 |
| FY2021 | $105,000 | $0 | $19,000 | $222,000 |
| FY2022 | $105,000 | $78,000 | $0 | $405,000 |
| FY2023 | $104,000 | $0 | $78,000 | $432,000 |
| FY2024 | $104,000 | $174,000 | $367,000 | $342,000 |
| FY2025 | $112,000 | $134,000 | $0 | $588,000 |
| FY2026 | $196,000 | $123,000 | $466,000 | $441,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $195,000 | $0 | $0 | $636,000 |

The full list of the five bridges in Wales in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Monson Road over Schoolhouse Brook / Peck Road over Schoolhouse Brook source | $218,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Wales received $1.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 62% of the $2.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Wales ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wales** this town | **59** | **$16,913** | **$776** | **$88.28** | **0.37** | **2.1%** |
| Clarksburg peer | 65 | $21,258 | $932 | $15.00 | 3.56 | 2.1% |
| Gill peer | 40 | $9,063 | $224 | $50.29† | 0.47 | 2.3% |
| Bernardston peer · lowest in class of 30 | 55 | $15,799 | $1,227 | $0 | 0.44 | 2.9% |
| East Brookfield peer | 55 | $15,885 | $104 | $94.64 | 0.06 | 3.2% |
| Warwick peer | 52 | $14,769 | $2,887 | $64.43 | 2.79 | 1.7% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Walpole

Town · Norfolk County · 26,388 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

12th Norfolk · John H. Rogers 50% of residents
8th Norfolk · Edward R. Philips 26% of residents
11th Norfolk · Paul McMurtry 12% of residents
9th Norfolk · Marcus S. Vaughn 12% of residents

Walpole is split among four House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Norfolk and Suffolk · Michael F. Rush

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Walpole Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Plainville, Seekonk and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Walpole scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 26 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**30** / 100

303rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 43 | 25 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 288th to 321st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Walpole received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 27 and 33 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**26** / 100

290th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 36 | 25 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 280th to 298th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

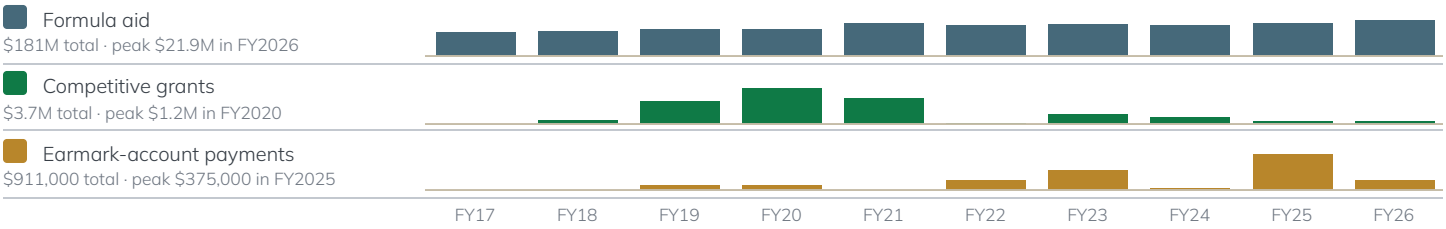
Walpole received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 23 and 29 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Walpole's town government and school districts received $181 million in formula aid and $3.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$181M** | **$3.7M** | **$911,000** |
| $6,864 per resident (296th of 351) · gross | $139 per resident (299th of 351) | $34.54 per resident (132nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Walpole peaked in FY2020 at $1.2 million, 31% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $23.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Walpole received $822,000 in local earmarks to its government, $847,000 placed in the city or town and $847,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$822,000** | **$847,000** | **$847,000** | **No** |
| $31.14 per resident (156th of 351) | $32.09 per resident (228th of 351) · 3% to organizations | $32.09 per resident (231st of 351) · 3% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $822,000 went to Walpole's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Walpole or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the design and feasibility analysis of a new fire substation in the town of Walpole" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "safety improvements for pedestrian access at Walpole high school" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "study the feasibility of creating and implementing a quiet zone for the area abutting the Walpole commuter rail station in the town of Walpole" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $100,000 | "the restoration of the Historic Old Walpole Town Hall for future economic opportunities and business growth" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $85,000 | "refurbish and maintain the old town hall in the town of Walpole" | Enacted to the city or town government |

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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Walpole received 61% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**125.3**<br>55th of 351 · 4.8 per 1,000 residents (248th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$11.2M**<br>scored exposure $4.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**111**<br>93rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**4**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.5 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**26,491**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.68**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.61; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**135 acres**<br>1.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$130,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$959**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$25,112**<br>FY2017–2025 · 137th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WALPOLE

## Walpole has 77 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 378 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**77 acres**<br>0.6% of Walpole's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**378 acres**<br>2.9% of Walpole's land · 38 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**354 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 77 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 150 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 8 | 110 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 63 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 23 | 205 |
| Conservation restriction | 29 | 354 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Correction and Youth Services | 5 | 150 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| DOC Land Use Change Area | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 77 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 138.8 miles of public road in Walpole, the state maintains 9.1 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.1 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 123.8 | 89% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 6.0 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Walpole $15.4 million and takes back $1.9 million in assessments and charges, a net $13.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.4 million** | **$1.9 million** | **$13.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 12% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.4M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $230,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $39,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $206,000 |
| State Owned Land | $130,000 |
| Public Libraries | $67,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $249,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $132,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,713 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $16,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $20,000 |
| MBTA | $673,000 |
| Special Education | $2,829 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $136,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $622,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WALPOLE

## State programs also awarded $648,000 to organizations in Walpole other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Walpole. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Neponset River Land Holding Association nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $176,000 |
| FY2019 | Neponset River Land Holding Association nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $172,000 |

A further $300,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.3% of Walpole's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 14.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.0%** | **12.6%** | **11.3%** | **10.0%** |
| $8.2M of $58.5M · median town 14.1% | $10.3M of $82.1M · median town 12.2% | $13.9M of $123M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.7% · median town 10.0% |

Walpole's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $523,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Walpole's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 9.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 2.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.2 million in FY2006 to $13.9 million in FY2025, +69.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $255,000 of Walpole's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+33.2%** | **+41.6%** | **5 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $8.5M to $11.3M · all towns +54.0% | $14.7M to $20.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Walpole's health insurance would have been $10.6 million in FY2025; it was $11.3 million, $707,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $18.4 million in FY2025; it was $20.9 million, $2.47 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Walpole's government came to $672,000, 23.9% of the $2.81 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $672,000 | 23.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $697,000 | 24.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $697,000 | 24.8% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Walpole's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 184th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$11.3M** | **$42M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+7%** |
| 184th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Walpole runs its own school district and also belongs to Tri County and Norfolk County; Walpole accounts for 9% and 8% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $52.7 million for schools serving Walpole, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Walpole's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$52.7M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,995 per resident (86th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Walpole's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $1.7M (9%) |
| FY2024 | Bird Middle School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Walpole | Core | $5.6M | $5.6M |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $7.2M (9%) |
| FY2022 | Bird Middle School | Walpole | Core | $38M | $38M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $137,000 (8%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Walpole; Walpole's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $7.4 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Walpole has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and four high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$11.4M**<br>$2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.3M**<br>annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 255th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**16**<br>one rated poor; likely about $1.5M of work on those ($741,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**4**<br>of eight town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$32,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $32,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Walpole came on average 20 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Walpole owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Walpole owns four high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $779,000 | $0 | $461,000 | $779,000 |
| FY2018 | $776,000 | $0 | $770,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2019 | $778,000 | $156,000 | $1.2M | $986,000 |
| FY2020 | $779,000 | $78,000 | $847,000 | $997,000 |
| FY2021 | $775,000 | $0 | $981,000 | $790,000 |
| FY2022 | $771,000 | $412,000 | $519,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $781,000 | $0 | $2.2M | $75,000 |
| FY2024 | $787,000 | $442,000 | $456,000 | $848,000 |
| FY2025 | $788,000 | $217,000 | $724,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $655,000 | $1.4M | $1.6M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $332,000 | $2.5M |

The full list of the 31 bridges in Walpole in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Union St over Traphole Brook source | $32,000 |
| FY2019 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Culvert Assessment and Green Infrastructure Survey, Walpole, MA source | $166,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Walpole received $4.8 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 57% of the $8.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Walpole ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $847,000 in earmarks placed in Walpole, $25,000 (3%) went to organizations rather than to Walpole's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Walpole** this town | **30** | **$6,864** | **$139** | **$32.09** | **0.61** | **2.6%** |
| Reading peer | 36 | $8,102 | $118 | $31.24 | 1.27 | 2.6% |
| Acton peer | 40 | $9,929 | $351 | $53.20† | 2.12 | 3.1% |
| Sharon peer | 35 | $8,474 | $593 | $38.45 | 1.92 | 3.1% |
| Westford peer | 45 | $10,874 | $400 | $41.76 | 1.34 | 2.9% |
| North Reading peer | 38 | $8,458 | $326 | $76.44 | 0.68 | 3.0% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Waltham

City · Middlesex County · 64,902 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

**9th Middlesex** · Thomas M. Stanley
67% of residents

**10th Middlesex** · John J. Lawn, Jr. 33% of residents

Waltham is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

**Third Middlesex** · Michael J. Barrett

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Waltham Public Schools**, the city's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Waltham scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 13 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**28** / 100

330th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 27 | 33 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 292nd to 341st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Waltham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 26 and 29 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**13** / 100

336th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | 14 | 11 | 15 |

Rank under other weightings: 333rd to 340th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

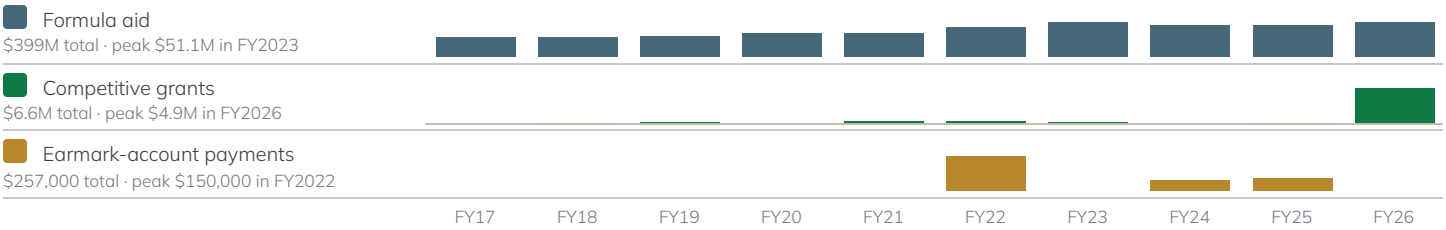
Waltham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 13 stays between 12 and 14 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Waltham's town government and school districts received $399 million in formula aid and $6.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$399M** | **$6.6M** | **$257,000** |
| $6,149 per resident (331st of 351) · gross | $102 per resident (324th of 351) | $3.96 per resident (301st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Waltham peaked in FY2026 at $4.9 million, 74% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $73.8 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Waltham received $656,000 in local earmarks to its government, $3.6 million placed in the city or town and $3.8 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$656,000** | **$3.6M** | **$3.8M** | **No** |
| $10.11 per resident (271st of 351) | $54.73 per resident (155th of 351) · 82% to organizations | $58.58 per resident (150th of 351) · 76% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 55 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $656,000 went to Waltham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2.9 million went to organizations in Waltham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Waltham but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $250,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $250,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Waltham (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Waltham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (56 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $250,000 | "maintenance and repairs at the University of Massachusetts extension Waltham center administration building in the city of Waltham" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2017 | $156,000 | "the installation of a wireless coordination system for 39 identified traffic signals in the city of Waltham" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "Healthy Waltham, Inc" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $150,000 | "the revitalization and dredging of Purgatory cove in the city of Waltham" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the development and design of upgrades to the Hardy pond outlet weir with automatic controls to improve water quality in the pond and reduce problematic downstream flooding in the city of Waltham" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 56 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Waltham received 45% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**113.5**<br>70th of 351 · 1.7 per 1,000 residents (339th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$48.4M**<br>scored exposure $26.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**86**<br>152nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.7 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**65,121**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.71**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.45; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**31 acres**<br>0.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$7,918**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$257**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$41,633**<br>FY2017–2025 · 53rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WALTHAM

## Waltham has 313 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**313 acres**<br>3.8% of Waltham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**54 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 32 | 313 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 31 |
| Conservation restriction | 7 | 54 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 1 | 31 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beaver Brook North Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 158 | |
| Charles River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 50 | |
| Beaver Brook Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 46 | |
| Lawrence Meadow | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 31 | |
| Riverwalk Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 10 | |
| Met State Lot 2 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 7 | |
| Met State Lot 1 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 6 | |
| Veterans Memorial Skating Rink - Waltham | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3 | |
| Connors Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Forest Grove | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 161.8 miles of public road in Waltham, the state maintains 6.4 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.1 | 4% |
| DCR | 0.3 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 113.2 | 70% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 38.8 | 24% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $250,000 | “maintenance and repairs at the University of Massachusetts extension Waltham center administration building in the city of Waltham” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Waltham $40.1 million and takes back $2.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $37.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$40.1 million** | **$2.4 million** | **$37.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $27.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $12,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $12.3M |
| Veterans Benefits | $123,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $146,000 |
| State Owned Land | $7,918 |
| Public Libraries | $165,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $26,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $40,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $62,000 |
| MBTA | $1.7M |
| Special Education | $52,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $321,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $203,000 |


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STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WALTHAM

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Gore Place Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2016 | Gore Place Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $198,000 |
| FY2022 | Rose Art Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $162,000 |
| FY2023 | Waltham Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $55,000 |
| FY2019 | The Rose Art Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $25,000 |
| FY2019 | Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $11,000 |

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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.3% of Waltham's general-fund spending in FY2025, the same share as in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.3%** | **8.6%** | **11.3%** | **10.6%** |
| $17.9M of $158M · median town 14.1% | $19.1M of $222M · median town 12.2% | $36.5M of $322M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.9% · median town 10.0% |

**Waltham's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 31.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 16.7% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $17.9 million in FY2006 to $36.5 million in FY2025, +103.6% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+48.3%** | **+47.9%** | **3 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $49.6M to $73.6M · all towns +54.0% | $60.7M to $89.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Waltham's health insurance would have been $62 million in FY2025; it was $73.6 million, $11.6 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $75.8 million in FY2025; it was $89.8 million, $13.9 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Waltham's government came to $656,000, 2.7% of the $24 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $656,000 | 2.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3.3M | 13.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.6M | 14.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Waltham's required school contribution is 2.8% of


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## median household income, 130th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$26.4M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$85.5M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.8%**<br>130th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+68%**<br>after inflation |

Waltham runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $122 million for schools serving Waltham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Waltham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$122M**<br>$1,884 per resident (95th of 351) | **1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Waltham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Waltham High School | Waltham | Core | $122M | $122M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Waltham has $8.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$21M**<br>$2.7M of it one-time supplements | **$10.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$8.5M**<br>annual program: 3.6 years of its yearly money · 16th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**12**<br>two rated poor; likely about $11.1M of work on those ($10.5M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Waltham came on average 46 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Waltham owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.6M | $0 | $2.9M | $79,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.6M | $0 | $652,000 | $1M |
| FY2019 | $1.6M | $322,000 | $606,000 | $2.4M |
| FY2020 | $1.6M | $160,000 | $2.8M | $3.8M |
| FY2021 | $1.6M | $0 | $1.7M | $4.7M |
| FY2022 | $1.6M | $378,000 | $42,000 | $6.6M |
| FY2023 | $1.6M | $0 | $2M | $6.2M |
| FY2024 | $1.6M | $647,000 | $2M | $6.4M |
| FY2025 | $1.6M | $420,000 | $2M | $6.5M |
| FY2026 | $2M | $768,000 | $742,000 | $8.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $2M | $0 | $0 | $10.4M |

The full list of the 25 bridges in Waltham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Waltham received $15.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten


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## years, 70% of the $22.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Waltham ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3.6 million in earmarks placed in Waltham, $2.9 million (82%) went to organizations rather than to Waltham's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Waltham** this town | **28** | **$6,149** | **$102** | **$54.73†** | **0.45** | **2.8%** |
| Somerville peer | 40 | $7,819 | $474 | $26.26† | 2.18 | 1.7% |
| Woburn peer | 31 | $6,812 | $255 | $85.34† | 0.44 | 3.5% |
| Plymouth peer | 28 | $7,006 | $268 | $52.98† | 0.73 | 3.0% |
| Medford peer | 32 | $6,237 | $331 | $44.47† | 2.03 | 1.9% |
| Brookline peer | 21 | $5,242 | $48.41 | $68.98† | 0.36 | 2.0% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Ware

Town · Hampshire County · 10,048 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Hampden · Todd M. Smola 67% of residents
5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. 33% of residents

Ware is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Ware Public Schools, the town's own district
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Oakham, Palmer and Warren

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Ware scores 61 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 75 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**61** / 100

43rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 54 | 62 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 34th to 51st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Ware received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 61 stays between 59 and 63 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**75** / 100

94th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 77 | 68 | 79 | 76 |

Rank under other weightings: 86th to 107th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

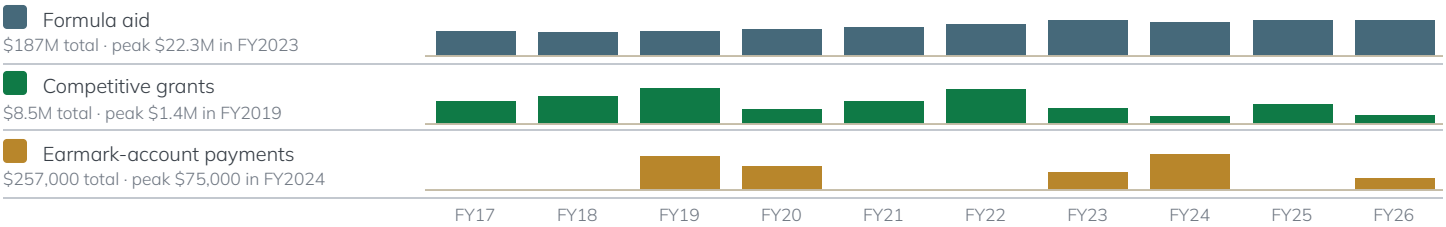
Ware received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 75 stays between 73 and 77 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Ware's town government and school districts received $187 million in formula aid and $8.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $187M | $8.5M | $257,000 |
| $18,604 per resident (40th of 351) · gross | $846 per resident (89th of 351) | $25.58 per resident (172nd of 351) |

Competitive grants to Ware were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $6.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Ware received $45,000 in local earmarks to its government, $220,000 placed in the city or town and $225,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $45,000 | $220,000 | $225,000 | No |
| $4.48 per resident (290th of 351) | $21.89 per resident (268th of 351) · 80% to organizations | $22.39 per resident (269th of 351) · 78% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $45,000 went to Ware's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $175,000 went to organizations in Ware or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Ware but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $5,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $5,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Ware (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Ware, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "The Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "the establishment of a regional adult learning center by the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation for the Quaboag Connector" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $25,000 | "the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force in the town of Ware" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Ware received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**85.8**<br>133rd of 351 · 8.5 per 1,000 residents (128th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$18.7M**<br>scored exposure $6.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**120**<br>78th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**34.4 sq mi**<br>23% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**10,132**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.32**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.01; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**952 acres**<br>4.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$49,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$51.86**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$6,604**<br>FY2017–2025 · 346th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WARE

## Ware has 5,784 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,701 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**5,784 acres**<br>26.3% of Ware's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,701 acres**<br>7.7% of Ware's land · 72 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**52 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**466 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 23 | 5,784 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 24 | 9,360 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 21 | 736 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 27 | 570 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 24 | 396 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 69 | 2,532 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 52 |
| Conservation restriction | 14 | 466 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 4 | 8,421 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 20 | 939 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quabbin Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 4,835 | |
| Coy Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 504 | |
| Herman Covey WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 358 | |
| Ware River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 53 | |
| Muddy Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 34 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 116.8 miles of public road in Ware, the state maintains 28.0 (24%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.0 | 9% |
| DCR | 17.0 | 15% |
| Town-accepted | 85.7 | 73% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.1 | 3% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

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|---|---|---|
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|---|---|
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| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $171,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $205,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $92,000 |
| State Owned Land | $49,000 |
| Public Libraries | $35,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,603 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $21,000 |
| Regional Transit | $75,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.5M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $35,000 |

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| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Workshop13 nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $215,000 |
| FY2021 | East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $100,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Mark Machine Co nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $80,000 |
| FY2025 | Workshop13 nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $60,000 |
| FY2024 | Workshop13 Cultural Arts and Learning Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $49,000 |
| FY2019 | East Quabbin Land Trust, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $48,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2022 | Workshop13 nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $6,000 |
| FY2019 | Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council. (CRC sponsor) nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $4,167 (shared three ways) |

A further $825,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 43.7% of Ware's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 44.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **44.5%** | **42.2%** | **43.7%** | **40.1%** |
| $10.3M of $23.2M · median town 14.1% | $11.8M of $27.9M · median town 12.2% | $16.7M of $38.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 36.7% · median town 10.0% |

Ware's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Ware's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 4.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 6.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $10.3 million in FY2006 to $16.7 million in FY2025, +62.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.2 million of Ware's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+24.5%** | **+39.7%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $3.3M to $4.1M · all towns +54.0% | $5.4M to $7.5M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Ware's health insurance would have been $4.06 million in FY2025; it was $4.05 million, $12,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $6.74 million in FY2025; it was $7.54 million, $799,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Ware's government came to $20,000, 2.5% of the $797,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $20,000 | 2.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $170,000 | 21.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $175,000 | 21.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Ware's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 253rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$16.4M** | **$7.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| Share of household income | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26 |
| **2.4%** | **+29%** |
| 253rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Ware runs its own school district and also belongs to Pathfinder; Ware accounts for 17% of that district's foundation budget.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $3.2 million for schools serving Ware, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Ware's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.2M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $317 per resident (212th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Ware's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Ware Middle School | Ware | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $2.5M | $2.5M |
| FY2019 | Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School | Ware | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $663,000 | $663,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $3.2 million against an approved budget of $4.2 million (under by $1 million); the local share moved from $1 million to $825,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Ware has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns three bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.5M** | **$4.3M** | **$1.5M** |
| $1.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 136th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **13** | **2** | **$37,000** |
| three rated poor; likely about $2M of work on those ($1.7M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of three town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $37,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Ware came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Ware owns two high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $433,000 | $0 | $802,000 | $433,000 |
| FY2018 | $429,000 | $0 | $207,000 | $842,000 |
| FY2019 | $429,000 | $86,000 | $605,000 | $751,000 |
| FY2020 | $428,000 | $43,000 | $776,000 | $445,000 |
| FY2021 | $424,000 | $0 | $699,000 | $170,000 |
| FY2022 | $424,000 | $283,000 | $513,000 | $364,000 |
| FY2023 | $422,000 | $0 | $665,000 | $120,000 |
| FY2024 | $425,000 | $270,000 | $413,000 | $402,000 |
| FY2025 | $425,000 | $117,000 | $576,000 | $367,000 |
| FY2026 | $708,000 | $425,000 | $0 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $705,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.2M |

The full list of the 21 bridges in Ware in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Old Poor Farm Rd over Unknown source | $37,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Ware received $8.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years,


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## 9% more than the $8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Ware ranks 10th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $220,000 in earmarks placed in Ware, $175,000 (80%) went to organizations rather than to Ware's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ware** this town | **61** | **$18,604** | **$846** | **$21.89†** | **1.01** | **2.4%** |
| Winchendon peer | 62 | $18,732 | $518 | $42.62 | 1.52 | 2.6% |
| Athol peer | 69 | $23,699 | $853 | $117† | 1.25 | 1.4% |
| Adams peer | 64 | $19,320 | $1,327 | $27.87† | 2.22 | 2.2% |
| North Adams peer | 71 | $21,747 | $1,967 | $32.72 | 3.15 | 2.5% |
| Orange peer | 67 | $23,109 | $1,214 | $123† | 2.59 | 3.0% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| North Brookfield lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Wareham

Town · Plymouth County · 23,302 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Plymouth · John R. Gaskey

STATE SENATE

Third Bristol and Plymouth · Kelly A. Dooner

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Wareham Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bourne, Falmouth, Marion and Sandwich

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wareham scores 47 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 73 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**47** / 100

147th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 44 | 49 | 51 |

Rank under other weightings: 120th to 173rd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Wareham received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 46 and 49 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**73** / 100

105th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 74 | 74 | 65 | 79 |

Rank under other weightings: 92nd to 116th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

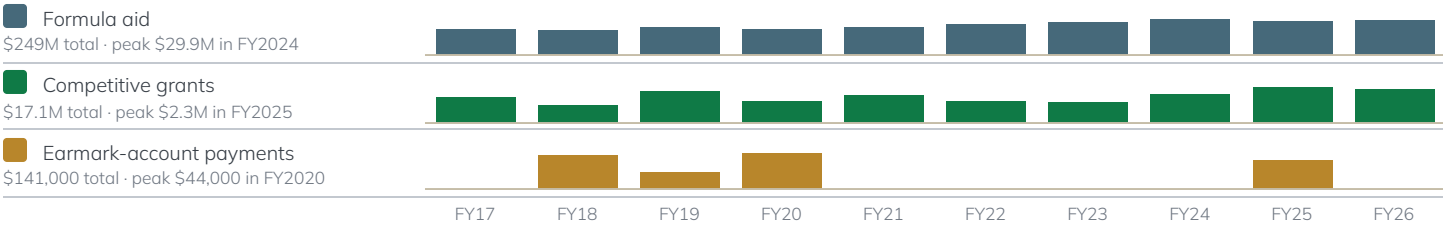
Wareham received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 73 stays between 71 and 75 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wareham's town government and school districts received $249 million in formula aid and $17.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$249M** | **$17.1M** | **$141,000** |
| $10,699 per resident (156th of 351) · gross | $733 per resident (107th of 351) | $6.06 per resident (279th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wareham were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $24.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wareham received $298,000 in local earmarks to its government, $422,000 placed in the city or town and $422,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$298,000** | **$422,000** | **$422,000** | **No** |
| $12.77 per resident (254th of 351) | $18.13 per resident (280th of 351) · 30% to organizations | $18.13 per resident (281st of 351) · 30% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 12 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $298,000 went to Wareham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $125,000 went to organizations in Wareham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Wareham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (12 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the construction of the new Damien's Place food pantry in the town of Wareham" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2021 | $62,000 (split two ways) | "equally to the school systems of the towns of Middleborough and Wareham to provide necessary technology for distance learning for underserved students made necessary by the COVID-19 pandemic" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $55,000 | "the operations of the Council on Aging in the town of Wareham" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $40,000 | "enhance services at the Wareham council on aging" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $25,000 (split four ways) | "and divided equally to Grit & Grace Sober Living For Women in the city of Attleboro, Jeffrey's House in the city of Fitchburg, Evergreen House, Inc. in the town of Wareham and Gilly's House Inc. in the town of Wrentham for sober housing facility improvements and operational costs" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 12 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wareham received 30% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**128.3**<br>52nd of 351 · 5.5 per 1,000 residents (211th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.3M**<br>scored exposure $2.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**237**<br>4th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**35.8 sq mi**<br>6% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**16%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**27,744**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.27**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.30; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,345 acres**<br>5.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$202,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$150**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,894**<br>FY2017–2025 · 186th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WAREHAM

## Wareham has 1,383 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,485 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,383 acres**<br>6.0% of Wareham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,485 acres**<br>19.6% of Wareham's land · 268 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,197 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 22 | 1,383 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 25 | 782 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 16 | 173 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 234 | 4,111 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 18 | 201 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 9 | 409 |
| Conservation restriction | 78 | 1,197 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 18 | 754 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 6 | 26 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 2 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maple Springs WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 844 | |
| Red Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 494 | |
| Myles Standish State Forest | DCR and Fish and Game | 37 | |
| Myles Standish State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |
| Agawam Mill Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |
| Spectacle Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 187.4 miles of public road in Wareham, the state maintains 27.7 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 27.7 | 15% |
| Town-accepted | 127.7 | 68% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 31.1 | 17% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Wareham $21.7 million and takes back $8.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $13.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$21.7 million** | **$8.5 million** | **$13.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 39% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $17.2M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $791,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $277,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $335,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $285,000 |
| State Owned Land | $202,000 |
| Public Libraries | $60,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $86,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $2.3M |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $121,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,236 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $40,000 |
| Regional Transit | $255,000 |
| Special Education | $27,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $2M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $3.7M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WAREHAM

## State programs also awarded $172,000 to organizations in Wareham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Wareham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Wareham Land Trust nonprofit | CZM Coastal Resilience Grant | $85,000 |
| FY2026 | Buzzards Bay Coalition nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2026 | Wareham Fire District regional body | DFS Firefighter Safety Equipment / Fire grants | $15,000 |
| FY2026 | Onset Fire District regional body | DFS Firefighter Safety Equipment / Fire grants | $15,000 |
| FY2025 | Onset Fire District regional body | DFS fire & life safety education grants (S.A.F.E./Senior SAFE) | $3,604 |
| FY2021 | SRPEDD nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,028 (shared 26 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 25.2% of Wareham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 29.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **29.8%** | **26.4%** | **25.2%** | **17.0%** |
| $14.8M of $49.7M · median town 14.1% | $15.2M of $57.7M · median town 12.2% | $20.9M of $83M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 27.1% · median town 10.0% |

Wareham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Wareham's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 8.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 19.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $14.8 million in FY2006 to $20.9 million in FY2025, +41.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.2 million of Wareham's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+5.1%** | **+33.6%** | **3 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $7.7M to $8.1M · all towns +54.0% | $11.8M to $15.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wareham's health insurance would have been $9.67 million in FY2025; it was $8.13 million, $1.53 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $14.7 million in FY2025; it was $15.7 million, $1.03 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Wareham's government came to $298,000, 75.2% of the $396,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $298,000 | 75.2% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $398,000 | 100.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $398,000 | 100.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Wareham's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 94th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$18.9M** | **$27.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **+19%** |
| 94th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Wareham runs its own school district and also belongs to Upper Cape Cod; Wareham accounts for 28% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $55.6 million for schools serving


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## Wareham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Wareham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$55.6M**<br>$2,388 per resident (74th of 351) | **3**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | **$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wareham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Wareham Senior High School | Wareham | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.6M | $1.6M |
| FY2023 | Wareham Middle School | Wareham | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $2.2M | $2.2M |
| FY2019 | Minot Forest Elementary School | Wareham | Core | $51.8M | $51.8M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $74.9 million against an approved budget of $90.5 million (under by $15.5 million); the local share moved from $38.7 million to $26 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wareham has $2.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$11M**<br>$1.9M of it one-time supplements | **$7.7M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$2.1M**<br>annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 190th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
| **11**<br>two rated poor; about $3M of work on those, by planning estimates | **1**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$610,000**<br>bridges $247,000 · dams $362,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $723,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $634,000 |
| FY2018 | $740,000 | $0 | $444,000 | $934,000 |
| FY2019 | $748,000 | $150,000 | $1.7M | $148,000 |
| FY2020 | $748,000 | $75,000 | $900,000 | $71,000 |
| FY2021 | $746,000 | $0 | $772,000 | $45,000 |
| FY2022 | $745,000 | $425,000 | $601,000 | $615,000 |
| FY2023 | $746,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $128,000 |
| FY2024 | $744,000 | $436,000 | $1M | $275,000 |
| FY2025 | $743,000 | $205,000 | $607,000 | $616,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $658,000 | $298,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $3.3M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Dam and Seawall award | FY24 Parker Mills Pond Dam Removal Design source | $188,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Parker Mill Dam Removal Design source | $175,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

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## years, 48% more than the $12.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Wareham ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $422,000 in earmarks placed in Wareham, $125,000 (30%) went to organizations rather than to Wareham's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wareham** this town | **47** | **$10,699** | **$733** | **$18.13** | **0.30** | **2.9%** |
| Hudson peer | 42 | $10,896 | $229 | $66.49 | 0.91 | 3.1% |
| Winthrop peer · best in class of 30 | 40 | $8,903 | $365 | $158 | 0.60 | 2.4% |
| Amesbury peer | 39 | $9,706 | $676 | $64.69 | 2.17 | 2.8% |
| Rockland peer | 52 | $13,816 | $523 | $41.44 | 1.27 | 2.5% |
| Stoughton peer | 43 | $10,942 | $402 | $41.94 | 0.88 | 3.0% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |

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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Warren

Town · Worcester County · 5,009 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Hampden · Todd M. Smola

**STATE SENATE**
Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester · Jacob R. Oliveira

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Quaboag Regional School District, shared with West Brookfield
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Oakham, Palmer and Ware

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Warren scores 67 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 92 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**67** / 100

19th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 70 | 60 | 68 | 69 |

Rank under other weightings: 18th to 26th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Warren received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 67 stays between 65 and 68 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**92** / 100

39th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 92 | 89 | 93 | 92 |

Rank under other weightings: 33rd to 45th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

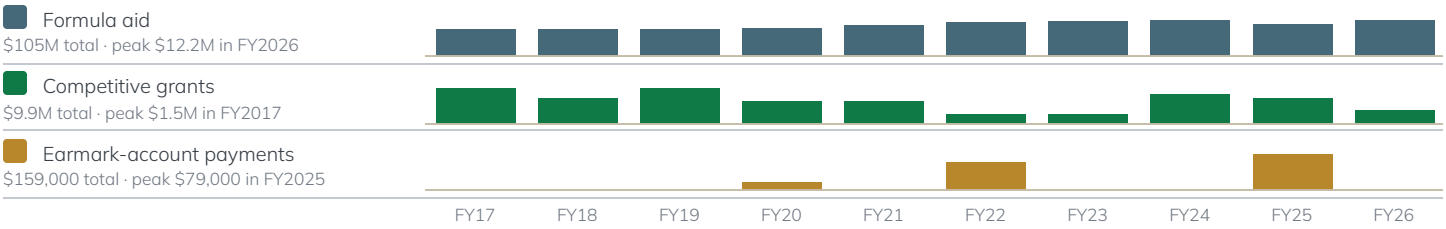
Warren received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 92 stays between 91 and 92 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Warren's town government and school districts received $105 million in formula aid and $9.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $105M | $9.9M | $159,000 |
| $20,879 per resident (22nd of 351) · gross | $1,969 per resident (47th of 351) | $31.70 per resident (142nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Warren were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $6.3 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Warren received $55,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $55,000 | $55,000 | $55,000 | No |
| $10.98 per resident (265th of 351) | $10.98 per resident (307th of 351) | $10.98 per resident (308th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to Warren's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Warren, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "improvements to the Warren senior center in Warren" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $5,000 | "improvements to Lucy Stone park in the town of Warren" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Warren received 1.67 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**63.2**<br>210th of 351 · 12.6 per 1,000 residents (80th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$12.2M**<br>scored exposure $4.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**141**<br>53rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**27.5 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**5,009**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.89**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.67; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**212 acres**<br>1.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$8,999**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$42.45**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,216**<br>FY2017–2025 · 250th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WARREN

## Warren has 223 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 4,299 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**223 acres**<br>1.3% of Warren's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**4,299 acres**<br>24.4% of Warren's land · 161 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**390 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 8 | 223 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 6 | 214 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 46 | 1,623 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 69 | 1,854 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 46 | 821 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 56 | 2,130 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 390 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 6 | 214 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Palmer WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 210 | |
| Lamberton Brook Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |
| Quaboag WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 4 | |
| Warwick State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 73.9 miles of public road in Warren, the state maintains 10.0 (13%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.0 | 13% |
| Town-accepted | 63.2 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.8 | 1% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Warren $1.3 million and takes back $23,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.3 million** | **$23,000** | **$1.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 2% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $12,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $74,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $49,000 |
| State Owned Land | $8,999 |
| Public Libraries | $17,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,335 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $15,000 |
| Regional Transit | $7,408 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.4% of Warren's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 17.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **17.1%** | **11.5%** | **10.4%** | **10.1%** |
| $1.1M of $6.7M · median town 14.1% | $942,000 of $8.2M · median town 12.2% | $1.2M of $11.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.1% · median town 10.0% |

Warren's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $7.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Warren's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 30.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 38.2% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.1 million in FY2006 to $1.2 million in FY2025, +7.9% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+23.6%** | **+67.0%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $434,000 to $536,000 · all towns +54.0% | $824,000 to $1.4M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Warren's health insurance would have been $542,000 in FY2025; it was $536,000, $5,482 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.03 million in FY2025; it was $1.38 million, $347,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Warren's government came to $55,000, 53.6% of the $103,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $55,000 | 53.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $55,000 | 53.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $55,000 | 53.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Warren's required school contribution is 2.5% of


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## median household income, 220th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$8.2M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$3.6M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.5%**<br>220th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+18%**<br>after inflation |

Warren has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Warren, Quaboag and Pathfinder; Warren accounts for 100%, 60% and 8% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $431,000 for schools serving Warren, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Warren's share<br>**$431,000**<br>$85.97 per resident (243rd of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Warren's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Warren Elementary School | Quaboag | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $717,000 | $431,000 (60%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Warren's share of the final cost was $567,000 against its share of the approved budget of $630,000 (under by $63,000); the local share moved from $199,000 to $189,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Warren has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.6M**<br>$1.1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.3M**<br>annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 160th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**14**<br>two rated poor; likely about $2.1M of work on those ($1M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$189,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $189,000 |

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Warren owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

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| FY2019 | $288,000 | $58,000 | $266,000 | $620,000 |
| FY2020 | $288,000 | $29,000 | $0 | $936,000 |
| FY2021 | $288,000 | $0 | $658,000 | $566,000 |
| FY2022 | $287,000 | $211,000 | $249,000 | $816,000 |
| FY2023 | $284,000 | $0 | $211,000 | $889,000 |
| FY2024 | $284,000 | $294,000 | $909,000 | $557,000 |
| FY2025 | $283,000 | $181,000 | $0 | $1M |
| FY2026 | $492,000 | $308,000 | $471,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $492,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.8M |


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| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | New Reed Street over Tufts Brook / New Reed Street over Tufts Brook source | $140,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Walkeen-Koziol Rd over Taylor Brook source | $49,000 |

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| Cheshire peer | 55 | $14,188 | $1,187 | $49.75 | 2.39 | 2.8% |
| North Brookfield peer | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |
| Montague peer | 55 | $14,528 | $1,282 | $26.53 | 2.38 | 2.7% |
| Brookfield peer | 55 | $14,600 | $1,459 | $32.37 | 2.11 | 2.4% |
| Hardwick peer | 63 | $20,446 | $849 | $101 | 2.32 | 2.5% |
| Greenfield best in class of 30 | 53 | $14,180 | $1,705 | $134† | 4.81 | 2.9% |
| Granville lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |

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STATE HOUSE

2nd Franklin · Susannah M. Whipps

STATE SENATE

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Warwick Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield and ten others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Warwick scores 52 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 92 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**52** / 100

106th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 57 | 39 | 54 |

Rank under other weightings: 79th to 129th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Warwick received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 49 and 56 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**92** / 100

36th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | 94 | 87 | 93 |

Rank under other weightings: 36th to 39th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

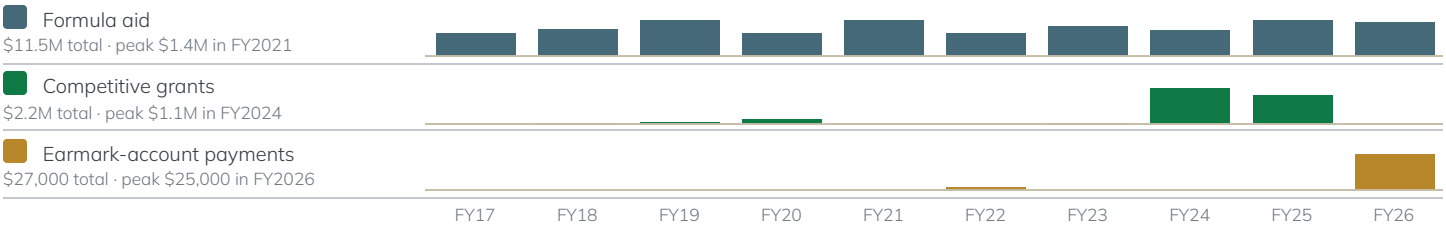
Warwick received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 92 stays between 91 and 94 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Warwick's town government and school districts received $11.5 million in formula aid and $2.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$11.5M** | **$2.2M** | **$27,000** |
| $14,769 per resident (76th of 351) · gross | $2,887 per resident (35th of 351) | $34.72 per resident (131st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Warwick peaked in FY2024 at $1.1 million, 48% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 776 residents, a single payment moves Warwick's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Warwick received $50,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$50,000** | **$50,000** | **$50,000** | **No** |
| $64.43 per resident (51st of 351) | $64.43 per resident (129th of 351) | $64.43 per resident (136th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2024. All of it went to Warwick's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Warwick, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the Warwick fire department for funding or reimbursement for facility repair and upgrades" | Enacted to the city or town government |



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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Warwick received 2.79 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**55.4**<br>228th of 351 · 71.4 per 1,000 residents (10th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3.4M**<br>scored exposure $848,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**68**<br>203rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**37.3 sq mi**<br>48% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**9%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**857**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**5.04**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.79; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**11,879 acres**<br>49.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$174,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$14.65**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,447**<br>FY2017–2025 · 299th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WARWICK

## Warwick has 11,585 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 3,257 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**11,585 acres**<br>48.5% of Warwick's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**3,257 acres**<br>13.6% of Warwick's land · 84 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**258 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,333 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 180 | 11,585 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 55 | 11,767 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 53 | 2,214 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 8 | 245 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 23 | 798 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 53 | 2,144 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 7 | 258 |
| Conservation restriction | 49 | 2,333 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 48 | 11,426 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 7 | 342 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Warwick State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 9,001 | |
| Mount Grace State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,568 | |
| Erving State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 554 | |
| Warwick WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 172 | |
| Tully Brook Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 168 | |
| Northfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 89 | |
| Orange State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 32 | |
| Fish Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 63.6 miles of public road in Warwick, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 55.4 | 87% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.6 | 2% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Warwick $898,000 and takes back $214,000 in assessments and charges, a net $684,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$898,000** | **$214,000** | **$684,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 24% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $402,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $42,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $96,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $163,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $11,000 |
| State Owned Land | $178,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,133 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $225 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $620 |
| Regional Transit | $1,629 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $56,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $155,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WARWICK

## State programs also awarded $218,000 to organizations in Warwick other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Warwick. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $211,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 26.2% of Warwick's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 11.6% in FY2006.

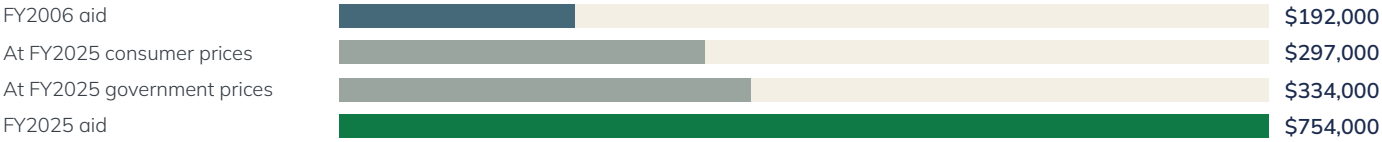
STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.6%** | **13.7%** | **26.2%** | **23.5%** |
| $192,000 of $1.7M · median town 14.1% | $239,000 of $1.7M · median town 12.2% | $754,000 of $2.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.2% · median town 10.0% |

Warwick's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $32,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Warwick's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 153.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 125.5% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $192,000 in FY2006 to $754,000 in FY2025, +293.4% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+152.2%** | **+189.3%** | **6 of 9** | **7 of 9** |
| $44,000 to $111,000 · all towns +54.0% | $89,000 to $258,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Warwick's health insurance would have been $55,000 in FY2025; it was $111,000, $56,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $111,000 in FY2025; it was $258,000, $146,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+71%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+50%) and FY2024 (+38%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Warwick's government came to $50,000, 74.5% of the $67,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $50,000 | 74.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $50,000 | 74.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $50,000 | 74.5% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Warwick's required school contribution is 1.7% of median household income, 325th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$412,000** | **$584,000** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.7%** | **+20%** |
| 325th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Warwick runs its own school district and also belongs to Franklin County; Warwick accounts for 1% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $962,000 for schools serving Warwick, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Warwick's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$962,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,240 per resident (135th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Warwick's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $962,000 (1%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Warwick has $1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.7M** | **$2.3M** | **$1M** |
| $939,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.3 years of its yearly money · 165th of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **11**<br>two rated poor; likely about $560,000 of work on those ($269,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | **$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Warwick came on average 35 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $225,000 | $0 | $171,000 | $225,000 |
| FY2018 | $224,000 | $0 | $204,000 | $449,000 |
| FY2019 | $223,000 | $45,000 | $503,000 | $364,000 |
| FY2020 | $223,000 | $22,000 | $114,000 | $495,000 |
| FY2021 | $222,000 | $0 | $519,000 | $198,000 |
| FY2022 | $222,000 | $185,000 | $0 | $604,000 |
| FY2023 | $221,000 | $0 | $185,000 | $640,000 |
| FY2024 | $220,000 | $260,000 | $147,000 | $974,000 |
| FY2025 | $220,000 | $163,000 | $552,000 | $804,000 |
| FY2026 | $403,000 | $264,000 | $438,000 | $1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $403,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

The full list of the 12 bridges in Warwick in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Small Bridge award | Gale Road bridge source | $500,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Warwick received $2.3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $2.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Warwick ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Warwick** this town | **52** | **$14,769** | **$2,887** | **$64.43** | **2.79** | **1.7%** |
| Heath peer | 70 | $20,313 | $6,568 | $65.36† | 0.84 | 1.5% |
| Gill peer | 40 | $9,063 | $224 | $50.29† | 0.47 | 2.3% |
| Clarksburg peer | 65 | $21,258 | $932 | $15.00 | 3.56 | 2.1% |
| Wales peer | 59 | $16,913 | $776 | $88.28 | 0.37 | 2.1% |
| Florida peer · lowest in class of 30 | 64 | $19,543 | $1,744 | $0 | 0.14 | 3.2% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |


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SOURCES

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**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Washington

Town · Berkshire County · 526 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Central Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru and Windsor

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Washington scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 96 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**56** / 100

69th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 65 | 68 | 34 | 57 |

Rank under other weightings: 38th to 115th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Washington received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 50 and 63 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**96** / 100

15th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 98 | 90 | 98 |

Rank under other weightings: 12th to 19th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

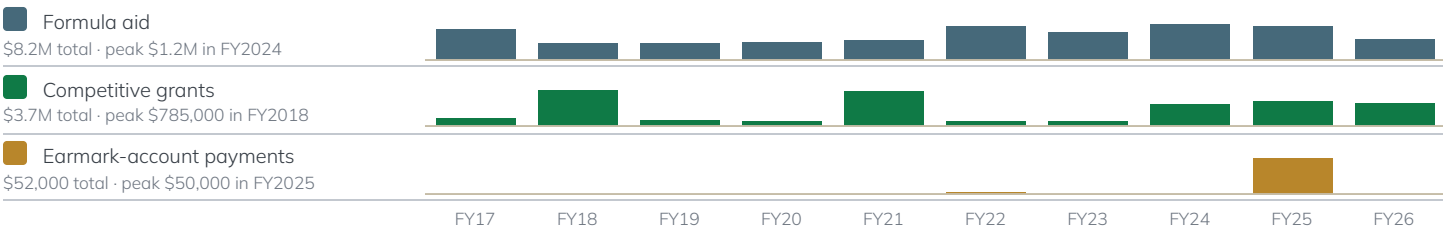
Washington received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 96 stays between 95 and 97 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Washington's town government and school districts received $8.2 million in formula aid and $3.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $8.2M | $3.7M | $52,000 |
| $15,534 per resident (67th of 351) · gross | $6,984 per resident (8th of 351) | $99.80 per resident (23rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Washington peaked in FY2018 at $785,000, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 526 residents, a single payment moves Washington's per-resident figures a long way.

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## EARMARKS

### Washington received $50,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $50,000 | $50,000 | $50,000 | No |
| $95.06 per resident (26th of 351) | $95.06 per resident (73rd of 351) | $95.06 per resident (86th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2025. All of it went to Washington's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Washington, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the town of Washington to acquire a vehicle for use by its police department" | Enacted to the city or town government |



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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Washington received 1.16 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**42.2**<br>283rd of 351 · 80.2 per 1,000 residents (6th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$5.3M**<br>scored exposure $1.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**78**<br>172nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**38.0 sq mi**<br>46% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**12%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**605**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.12**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.16; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**11,720 acres**<br>48.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$117,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$10.00**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,839**<br>FY2017–2025 · 205th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WASHINGTON

## Washington has 11,482 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 528 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**11,482 acres**<br>47.2% of Washington's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**528 acres**<br>2.2% of Washington's land · 13 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**274 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 47 | 11,482 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 14 | 11,364 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 7 | 375 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 94 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 59 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 15 | 860 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 274 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 13 | 11,330 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 34 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| October Mountain State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11,371 | |
| Appalachian Trail Corridor | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 76 | |
| Hinsdale Flats WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 35 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 51.5 miles of public road in Washington, the state maintains 4.4 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.4 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 42.2 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.2 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Washington $291,000 and takes back $696 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $291,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$291,000**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | **$696**<br>0% of what is sent | **$291,000**<br>receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $37,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $121,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $12,000 |
| State Owned Land | $117,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,642 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $167 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $480 |
| Regional Transit | $49 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WASHINGTON

## State programs also awarded $137,000 to organizations in Washington other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $50,000 |
| FY2021 | Patriots All Terrain Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $18,000 |
| FY2024 | Berkshire Snow Seekers nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2022 | Department Of Conservation and Recreation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2021 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,690 (shared five ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,100 (shared eight ways) |
| FY2020 | Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $7,050 (shared six ways) |
| FY2026 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $5,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2023 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $2,333 (shared six ways) |
| FY2021 | Department of Conservation & Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $1,504 (shared five ways) |
| FY2026 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $1,500 (shared ten ways) |
| FY2020 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $813 (shared 16 ways) |
| FY2022 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $722 (shared 18 ways) |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 13.2% of Washington's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 12.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12.4%** | **13.8%** | **13.2%** | **13.2%** |
| $139,000 of $1.1M · median town 14.1% | $205,000 of $1.5M · median town 12.2% | $284,000 of $2.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 13.1% · median town 10.0% |

Washington's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $315,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Washington's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 31.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 17.2% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $139,000 in FY2006 to $284,000 in FY2025, +104.6% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+45.3%** | **+11.2%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $32,000 to $46,000 · all towns +54.0% | $100,000 to $111,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Washington's health insurance would have been $40,000 in FY2025; it was $46,000, $6,504 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $124,000 in FY2025; it was $111,000, $14,000 below the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2017 (+67%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Washington's government came to $50,000, 3.5 times the $14,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $50,000 | 3.5 times | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $50,000 | 3.5 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $50,000 | 3.5 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Washington's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 185th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$230,000** | **$632,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **−18%** |
| 185th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Washington has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Washington and Central Berkshire; Washington accounts for 100% and 3% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1 million for schools serving Washington, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Washington's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,958 per resident (90th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Washington's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Wahconah Regional High School | Central Berkshire | Core | $31.3M | $1M (3%) |


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Washington has $1.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns four bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$2.9M**<br>$764,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$1.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.2M**<br>annual program: 2.1 years of its yearly money · 72nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**13**<br>four rated poor; likely about $3.1M of work on those ($2.5M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.7M**<br>bridges $1.2M · dams $0 · culverts $537,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Washington came on average 36 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $171,000 | $0 | $461,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $171,000 | $0 | $34,000 | $171,000 |
| FY2019 | $170,000 | $34,000 | $1,112 | $374,000 |
| FY2020 | $170,000 | $17,000 | $6,419 | $560,000 |
| FY2021 | $169,000 | $0 | $33,000 | $711,000 |
| FY2022 | $169,000 | $141,000 | $391,000 | $630,000 |
| FY2023 | $168,000 | $0 | $204,000 | $594,000 |
| FY2024 | $168,000 | $223,000 | $379,000 | $605,000 |
| FY2025 | $167,000 | $148,000 | $271,000 | $650,000 |
| FY2026 | $307,000 | $201,000 | $0 | $1.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $306,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.5M |

The full list of the 15 bridges in Washington in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Johnson Hill Road over Unnamed Tributary to Depot Brook source | $70,000 |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Johnson Hill Road over Unnamed tributary to the West Branch Westfield River source | $62,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Frost Rd over Savery Brook source | $367,000 |
| FY2022 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Frost Rd over Savery Brook source | $38,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Washington received $3.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.0 times the $1.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Washington ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Washington** this town | **56** | **$15,534** | **$6,984** | **$95.06** | **1.16** | **2.6%** |
| Peru peer | 62 | $22,437 | $3,220 | $39.68 | 1.98 | 2.8% |
| Cummington peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $9,157 | $4,050 | $0 | 1.51 | 1.5% |
| Montgomery peer | 42 | $9,334 | $283 | $45.37 | 0.27 | 2.3% |
| Sandisfield peer | 43 | $9,713 | $2,087 | $0 | 0.34 | 3.1% |
| Whately peer | 46 | $9,968 | $1,484 | $28.91 | 1.02 | 2.4% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Watertown

City · Middlesex County · 35,543 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**29th Middlesex** · Steven Owens 66% of residents
**10th Middlesex** · John J. Lawn, Jr. 34% of residents

Watertown is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Suffolk and Middlesex** · William N. Brownsberger

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Watertown Public Schools**, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Watertown scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 24 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

334th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 29 | 36 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 306th to 341st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Watertown received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 25 and 30 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**24** / 100

300th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 27 | 26 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 295th to 303rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

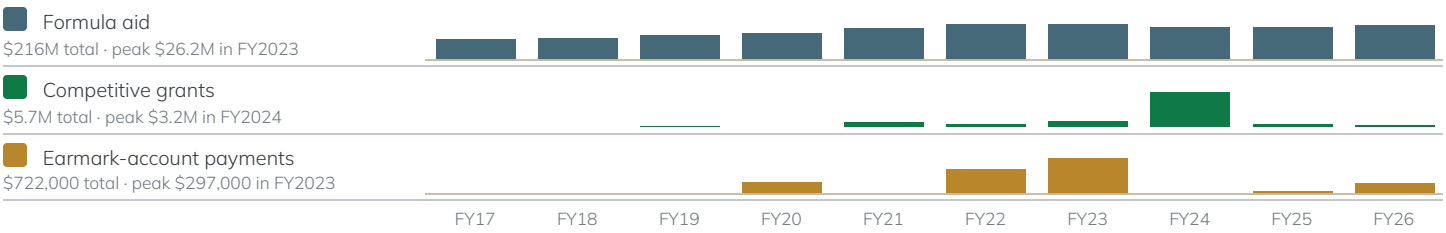
Watertown received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 24 stays between 22 and 25 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Watertown's town government and school districts received $216 million in formula aid and $5.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$216M** | **$5.7M** | **$722,000** |
| $6,072 per resident (333rd of 351) · gross | $161 per resident (274th of 351) | $20.31 per resident (201st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Watertown peaked in FY2024 at $3.2 million, 57% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $27.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Watertown received $374,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.2 million placed in the city or town and $1.4 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$374,000** | **$1.2M** | **$1.4M** | **No** |
| $10.51 per resident (269th of 351) | $34.77 per resident (219th of 351) · 70% to organizations | $39.70 per resident (206th of 351) · 61% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 19 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $374,000 went to Watertown's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $862,000 went to organizations in Watertown or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Watertown but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $175,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $175,000 in two clauses for state facilities located in Watertown (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Watertown, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (21 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "the Watertown Boys & Girls Club, Inc. for capital improvements" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $125,000 (split two ways) | "the Watertown housing authority for basement waterproofing and mold remediation work at Lexington Gardens" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $125,000 (split two ways) | "a study of the Charles river, including, but not limited to, flooding mitigation impacts and fish passage improvements as it relates to potential removal of state-owned dams from Watertown to Natick" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the Watertown Community Foundation, Inc. to increase access to health and human services and expand support and stabilization services for vulnerable populations in Watertown" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the Watertown Boys' and Girls' Club, Inc. for capital improvements" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 21 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Watertown received 91% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**73.4**<br>178th of 351 · 2.1 per 1,000 residents (335th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.6M**<br>scored exposure $683,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**12**<br>335th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**4.0 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**35,820**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.23**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.91; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$70,605**<br>FY2017–2025 · 16th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WATERTOWN

## Watertown has 112 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**112 acres**<br>4.4% of Watertown's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 18 | 112 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 13 |
| Conservation restriction | 3 | 1 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 13 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charles River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 105 | |
| Watertown Greenway | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 6 | |
| Watertown Greenway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 79.0 miles of public road in Watertown, the state maintains 4.1 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 1.1 | 1% |
| DCR | 3.1 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 73.1 | 92% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.8 | 2% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $125,000 | “a study of the Charles river, including, but not limited to, flooding mitigation impacts and fish passage improvements as it relates to potential…” |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | “the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to conduct a comprehensive traffic study on the impact of weekend or seasonal closures of Greenough…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

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What the state sends

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|---|---|
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| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $84,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $8.5M |
| Veterans Benefits | $38,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $141,000 |
| Public Libraries | $122,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $15,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $22,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $53,000 |
| MBTA | $2.8M |
| Special Education | $44,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $161,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $203,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WATERTOWN

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| FY2021 | The Dorothy and Charles Mosesian Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2024 | Armenian Museum of America nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $146,000 |
| FY2022 | Armenian Museum of America nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $90,000 |
| FY2016 | New Repertory Theatre nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $32,000 |
| FY2019 | The Dorothy and Charles Mosesian Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2020 | The Dorothy and Charles Mosesian Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |
| FY2025 | Watertown Community Gardens nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $18,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2021 | Revels nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $10,000 |
| FY2024 | Dorothy and Charles Mosesian Center for the Arts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14.0%** | **10.0%** | **9.6%** | **7.8%** |
| $11.4M of $81.8M · median town 14.1% | $11.8M of $117M · median town 12.2% | $16.6M of $172M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.4% · median town 10.0% |

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Gross state aid went from $11.4 million in FY2006 to $16.6 million in FY2025, +45.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $982,000 of Watertown's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+2.4%** | **−21.4%** | **3 of 9** | **2 of 9** |
| $11.9M to $12.2M · all towns +54.0% | $27.8M to $21.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Watertown's health insurance would have been $14.8 million in FY2025; it was $12.2 million, $2.66 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $34.7 million in FY2025; it was $21.8 million, $12.9 million below the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Watertown's government came to $367,000, 126.6% of the $290,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $367,000 | 126.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.2M | 4.1 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.4M | 4.7 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Watertown's required school contribution is 1.8% of median household income, 322nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$8.5M** | **$37.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.8%** | **+26%** |
| 322nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Watertown runs its own school district.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $51.6 million for schools serving Watertown, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Watertown's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$51.6M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,451 per resident (116th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Watertown's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Watertown High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Watertown | Core | $6.3M | $6.3M |
| FY2022 | Watertown High School | Watertown | Core | $45.3M | $45.3M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $6.3 million to grants for one project serving Watertown, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Watertown has $7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$10.1M** | **$2.1M** | **$7M** |
| $1.5M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 6.3 years of its yearly money · 3rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **0** | **0** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Watertown came on average 75 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $743,000 | $0 | $409,000 | $334,000 |
| FY2018 | $746,000 | $0 | $195,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2019 | $744,000 | $149,000 | $215,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2020 | $739,000 | $74,000 | $395,000 | $2.6M |
| FY2021 | $746,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.3M |
| FY2022 | $746,000 | $244,000 | $315,000 | $4.3M |
| FY2023 | $754,000 | $0 | $2.1M | $4.3M |
| FY2024 | $753,000 | $347,000 | $750,000 | $4.7M |
| FY2025 | $730,000 | $202,000 | $0 | $5.6M |
| FY2026 | $966,000 | $436,000 | $0 | $7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $955,000 | $0 | $0 | $8M |

The full list of the five bridges in Watertown in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Watertown received $8.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 55% of the $15.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Watertown ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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## nearest peers.

Of the $1.2 million in earmarks placed in Watertown, $862,000 (70%) went to organizations rather than to Watertown's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Watertown** this town | **28** | **$6,072** | **$161** | **$34.77†** | **0.91** | **1.8%** |
| Brookline peer | 21 | $5,242 | $48.41 | $68.98† | 0.36 | 2.0% |
| North Andover peer | 26 | $6,381 | $213 | $31.72 | 0.89 | 3.1% |
| Woburn peer | 31 | $6,812 | $255 | $85.34† | 0.44 | 3.5% |
| Waltham peer | 28 | $6,149 | $102 | $54.73† | 0.45 | 2.8% |
| Harwich peer · lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Wayland

Town · Middlesex County · 13,914 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**13th Middlesex** · Carmine Lawrence Gentile
51% of residents

**5th Middlesex** · David Paul Linsky
49% of residents

Wayland is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Middlesex and Worcester** · James B. Eldridge

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Wayland Public Schools**, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wayland scores 33 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 55 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**33** / 100

282nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 53 | 23 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 243rd to 325th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Wayland received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 33 stays between 27 and 39 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**55** / 100

170th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 72 | 56 | 38 |

Rank under other weightings: 152nd to 192nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

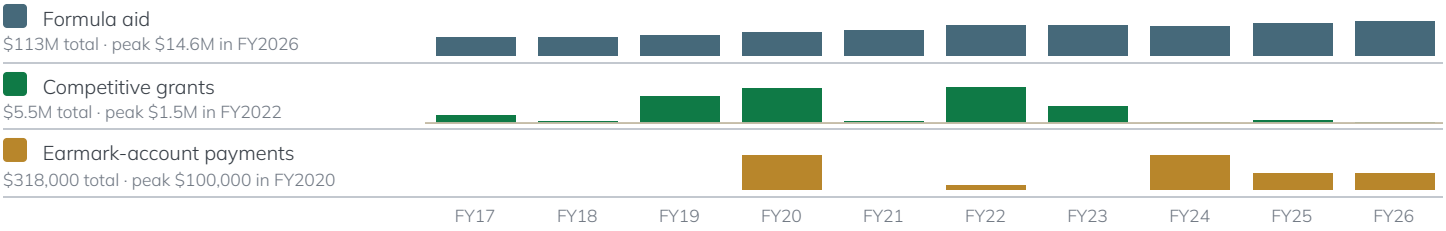
Wayland received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 49 and 60 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wayland's town government and school districts received $113 million in formula aid and $5.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$113M** | **$5.5M** | **$318,000** |
| $8,090 per resident (250th of 351) · gross | $399 per resident (172nd of 351) | $22.82 per resident (186th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wayland peaked in FY2022 at $1.5 million, 27% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wayland received $316,000 in local earmarks to its government, $716,000 placed in the city or town and $716,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$316,000** | **$716,000** | **$716,000** | **No** |
| $22.70 per resident (197th of 351) | $51.45 per resident (166th of 351) · 56% to organizations | $51.45 per resident (171st of 351) · 56% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 16 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $316,000 went to Wayland's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $400,000 went to organizations in Wayland or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Wayland, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (16 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "MassEnergize, Inc. to support programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the town of Wayland" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "MassEnergize, Inc. for its web platform, local decarbonization efforts and staffing ; and" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "MassEnergize, Inc. to support programs for climate resilience and clean energy in the Metrowest region" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "Wayland Community Pool, Inc. for facilities improvements" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "the town of Wayland to improve community playground space" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 16 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wayland received 1.55 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**88.1**<br>125th of 351 · 6.3 per 1,000 residents (181st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.8M**<br>scored exposure $4.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**70**<br>196th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.0 sq mi**<br>4% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,089**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.93**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.55; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**51 acres**<br>0.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$161,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$3,185**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$24,974**<br>FY2017–2025 · 139th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WAYLAND

## Wayland has 397 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 276 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**397 acres**<br>4.1% of Wayland's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**276 acres**<br>2.9% of Wayland's land · 18 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**92 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**639 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 35 | 397 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 105 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 10 | 232 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 8 | 44 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 2 | 92 |
| Conservation restriction | 148 | 639 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 105 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cochituate State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 185 | |
| Weston Aqueduct | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 139 | |
| Hultman Aqueduct | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 57 | |
| Mass Central Rail Trail | State: Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority | 16 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 96.6 miles of public road in Wayland, the state maintains 4.0 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.0 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 88.2 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.4 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Wayland $9.8 million and takes back $143,000 in assessments and charges, a net $9.7 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.8 million** | **$143,000** | **$9.7 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8.4M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.2M |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $35,000 |
| State Owned Land | $165,000 |
| Public Libraries | $36,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,384 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $8,531 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $7,120 |
| MBTA | $17,000 |
| Regional Transit | $90,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $14,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WAYLAND

## State programs also awarded $180,000 to organizations in Wayland other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Wayland. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Wayland Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $26,000 |

A further $154,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 8.7% of Wayland's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.1%** | **6.6%** | **8.7%** | **8.5%** |
| $4.6M of $50.5M · median town 14.1% | $4.7M of $70.9M · median town 12.2% | $8.9M of $102M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.5% · median town 10.0% |

**Wayland's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 25.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 11.3% above grown by the government price index.**





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Gross state aid went from $4.6 million in FY2006 to $8.9 million in FY2025, +94.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $370,000 of Wayland's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+49.4%** | **+53.2%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $6.6M to $9.8M · all towns +54.0% | $11.8M to $18.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wayland's health insurance would have been $8.23 million in FY2025; it was $9.84 million, $1.61 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $14.8 million in FY2025; it was $18.1 million, $3.35 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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| Everything placed | $691,000 | 21.2% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Wayland's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 204th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$7.9M** | **$29M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+42%** |
| 204th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Wayland runs its own school district.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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| Approved, Wayland's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.8M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $132 per resident (231st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wayland's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Loker Elementary School | Wayland | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.2M | $1.2M |
| FY2017 | Loker Elementary School | Wayland | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $605,000 | $605,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $1.9 million against an approved budget of $1.9 million (under by $14,000); the local share moved from $1.3 million to $1.3 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wayland has $2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.1M** | **$4.4M** | **$2M** |
| $1.3M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 113th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **2** | **1** | **$884,000** |
| none rated poor | of two town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $884,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $480,000 | $0 | $558,000 | $480,000 |
| FY2018 | $479,000 | $0 | $374,000 | $584,000 |
| FY2019 | $480,000 | $96,000 | $551,000 | $841,000 |
| FY2020 | $476,000 | $48,000 | $1M | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $476,000 | $0 | $603,000 | $937,000 |
| FY2022 | $473,000 | $294,000 | $263,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | $470,000 | $0 | $623,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2024 | $470,000 | $289,000 | $790,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2025 | $469,000 | $130,000 | $610,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $761,000 | $444,000 | $498,000 | $2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $759,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.7M |

The full list of the seven bridges in Wayland in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Dam and Seawall award | Snake Brook Dam Rehabilitation source | $884,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Wayland received $6.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 39% more than the $4.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Wayland ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $716,000 in earmarks placed in Wayland, $400,000 (56%) went to organizations rather than to Wayland's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wayland** this town | **33** | **$8,090** | **$399** | **$51.45**† | **1.55** | **2.6%** |
| Hanover peer | 38 | $9,140 | $220 | $18.83 | 0.60 | 2.8% |
| Ipswich peer | 28 | $6,449 | $237 | $49.75 | 0.55 | 2.3% |
| Lynnfield peer · best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Northborough peer | 35 | $8,121 | $93.72 | $29.37 | 0.29 | 3.0% |
| Duxbury peer | 34 | $8,178 | $182 | $32.03 | 1.56 | 2.7% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Webster

Town · Worcester County · 17,748 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
18th Worcester · Joseph D. McKenna

**STATE SENATE**
Worcester and Hampden · Ryan C. Fattman

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Webster Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District**, vocational, shared with Auburn, Charlton, Dudley, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge and one other

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Webster scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 80 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**56** / 100

79th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 56 | 46 | 60 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 57th to 109th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Webster received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 53 and 58 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**80** / 100

81st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 80 | 73 | 83 | 83 |

Rank under other weightings: 76th to 87th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

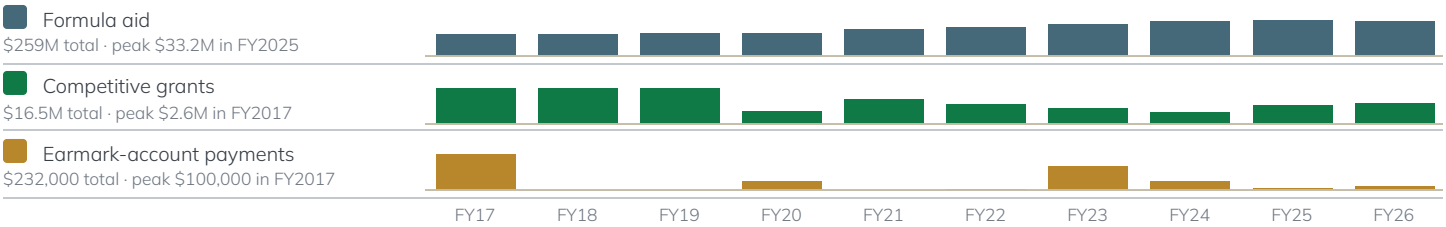
Webster received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 80 stays between 78 and 82 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Webster's town government and school districts received $259 million in formula aid and $16.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$259M** | **$16.5M** | **$232,000** |
| $14,621 per resident (80th of 351) · gross | $927 per resident (82nd of 351) | $13.08 per resident (239th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Webster were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $13.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Webster received $362,000 in local earmarks to its government, $492,000 placed in the city or town and $492,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$362,000** | **$492,000** | **$492,000** | **No** |
| $20.42 per resident (214th of 351) | $27.75 per resident (248th of 351) · 26% to organizations | $27.75 per resident (252nd of 351) · 26% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $362,000 went to Webster's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $130,000 went to organizations in Webster or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Webster, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (14 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $100,000 | "the office of community development in the town of Webster for the revitalization of the downtown area which has been designated as an area of slum and blight" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the Webster Lake Association Inc. for costs associated with infrastructure projects and maintenance at Webster lake in the town of Webster" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "a maintenance pilot program for Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg in Webster" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "the design and construction of a drinking water main-line in the town of Webster" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $35,000 | "the fire department in the town of Webster for the purchase of hydraulically-powered rescue equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 14 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Webster received 46% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**72.8**<br>181st of 351 · 4.1 per 1,000 residents (276th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.7M**<br>scored exposure $2.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**77**<br>176th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.4 sq mi**<br>10% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**18,152**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.75**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.46; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,054 acres**<br>13.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$54,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$51.11**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$12,336**<br>FY2017–2025 · 288th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WEBSTER

## Webster has 968 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 306 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**968 acres**<br>12.2% of Webster's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**306 acres**<br>3.9% of Webster's land · 20 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**120 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 968 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 1,084 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 19 | 293 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 13 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 30 |
| Conservation restriction | 6 | 120 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 878 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 204 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 2 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mine Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 763 | |
| Douglas State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 204 | |
| Webster Lake Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 2 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 85.1 miles of public road in Webster, the state maintains 7.3 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.3 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 72.8 | 86% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.0 | 6% |

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Webster $28.1 million and takes back $2.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $25.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$28.1 million** | **$2.2 million** | **$25.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $24.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $64,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $108,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $223,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $133,000 |
| State Owned Land | $55,000 |
| Public Libraries | $54,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $49,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,062 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $31,000 |
| Regional Transit | $87,000 |
| Special Education | $47,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.4M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $630,000 |

### COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 38.2% of Webster's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 40.7% in FY2006.

### STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **40.7%** | **33.2%** | **38.2%** | **34.9%** |
| $10.3M of $25.2M · median town 14.1% | $13.9M of $41.9M · median town 12.2% | $23.6M of $61.9M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 33.6% · median town 10.0% |

Webster's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.9 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Webster's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 48.3% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 31.8% above grown by the government price index.**





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Gross state aid went from $10.3 million in FY2006 to $23.6 million in FY2025, +130.0% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+11.9%** | **+29.4%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $5.6M to $6.3M · all towns +54.0% | $9.5M to $12.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Webster's health insurance would have been $7.00 million in FY2025; it was $6.27 million, $728,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $11.9 million in FY2025; it was $12.3 million, $430,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (–38%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Webster's government came to $352,000, 52.9% of the $667,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $352,000 | 52.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $482,000 | 72.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $482,000 | 72.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Webster's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 131st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$23.3M** | **$15.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+38%** |
| 131st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Webster runs its own school district and also belongs to Southern Worcester; Webster accounts for 12% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $61.3 million for schools serving Webster, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Webster's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$61.3M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,452 per resident (32nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Webster's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Bartlett High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Webster | Core | $7.8M | $7.8M |
| FY2022 | Bartlett High School | Webster | Core | $53.5M | $53.5M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $7.8 million to grants for one project serving Webster, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Webster has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.8M** | **$4.8M** | **$1.3M** |
| $1.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 196th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **5** | **0** | **$454,000** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $454,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Webster came on average 23 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October


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2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $480,000 | $0 | $611,000 | $217,000 |
| FY2018 | $476,000 | $0 | $686,000 | $240,000 |
| FY2019 | $477,000 | $95,000 | $496,000 | $321,000 |
| FY2020 | $476,000 | $48,000 | $464,000 | $647,000 |
| FY2021 | $476,000 | $0 | $432,000 | $691,000 |
| FY2022 | $472,000 | $241,000 | $366,000 | $1M |
| FY2023 | $471,000 | $0 | $790,000 | $719,000 |
| FY2024 | $471,000 | $264,000 | $891,000 | $563,000 |
| FY2025 | $466,000 | $130,000 | $538,000 | $621,000 |
| FY2026 | $707,000 | $382,000 | $416,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $707,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the 16 bridges in Webster in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

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| Spencer peer | 59 | $16,090 | $675 | $55.46 | 0.85 | 2.5% |
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| Palmer peer | 58 | $16,159 | $720 | $29.88† | 0.54 | 2.2% |
| Greenfield peer | 53 | $14,180 | $1,705 | $134† | 4.81 | 2.9% |
| Clinton peer | 53 | $14,443 | $344 | $28.88 | 1.51 | 2.4% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Belchertown lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Wellesley

Town · Norfolk County · 30,347 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
14th Norfolk · Alice Hanlon Peisch

STATE SENATE
Norfolk and Middlesex · Cynthia Stone Creem

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Wellesley Public Schools, the town's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wellesley scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 12 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

323rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 46 | 24 | 19 |

Rank under other weightings: 299th to 342nd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Wellesley received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 24 and 32 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**12** / 100

340th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 22 | 12 | 7 |

Rank under other weightings: 334th to 343rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

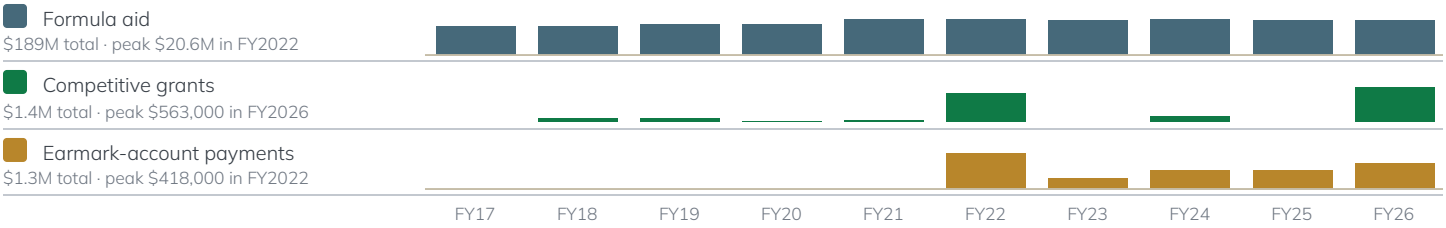
Wellesley received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 12 stays between 10 and 15 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wellesley's town government and school districts received $189 million in formula aid and $1.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $189M | $1.4M | $1.3M |
| $6,221 per resident (329th of 351) · gross | $46.83 per resident (348th of 351) | $42.46 per resident (101st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wellesley peaked in FY2026 at $563,000, 40% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $16.5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wellesley received $1.3 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.6 million placed in the city or town and $3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.3M | $2.6M | $3M | No |
| $43.02 per resident (97th of 351) | $85.74 per resident (89th of 351) · 50% to organizations | $99.75 per resident (79th of 351) · 43% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 41 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.3 million went to Wellesley's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.3 million went to organizations in Wellesley or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Wellesley but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $425,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $425,000 in three clauses for state facilities located in Wellesley (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Wellesley, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (44 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $250,000 | "rehabilitation and restoration of the Stone Building in Hemlock Gorge reservation in the town of Wellesley" | Enacted<br>state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "the purchasing of radio equipment for the fire department in the town of Wellesley" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "Human Relations Service, Inc. in the town of Wellesley" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "Community Investors, Inc. for its PowerPlay Initiative of in the town of Wellesley in support of the expansion of an inclusive after-school and out-of-school-time recreational program at urban and suburban Massachusetts schools" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "Community Investors, Inc.'s PowerPlay Initiative in the town of Wellesley to support the expansion of an inclusive after-school and out-of-school-time recreational program at urban and suburban Massachusetts schools" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 44 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wellesley received 18% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**112.2**<br>72nd of 351 · 3.7 per 1,000 residents (292nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.8M**<br>scored exposure $598,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**106**<br>107th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.0 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**30,524**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.18; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$58,160**<br>FY2017–2025 · 27th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WELLESLEY

## Wellesley has 102 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 176 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**102 acres**<br>1.6% of Wellesley's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**176 acres**<br>2.7% of Wellesley's land · 18 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**160 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 28 | 102 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 32 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 13 | 133 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 11 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 137 |
| Conservation restriction | 32 | 160 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charles River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 53 | |
| Sudbury Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 40 | |
| Cochituate Aqueduct | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | |
| Hemlock Gorge Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Leo J. Martin Memorial Golf Course | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Elm Bank Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 131.9 miles of public road in Wellesley, the state maintains 9.4 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.2 | 7% |
| DCR | 0.2 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 110.9 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 11.6 | 9% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | “phase 2 of the rehabilitation and restoration of the Stone building in Hemlock Gorge reservation in the town of Wellesley” |
| FY2023 | $250,000 | “rehabilitation and restoration of the Stone Building in Hemlock Gorge reservation in the town of Wellesley” |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | “the historical restoration and refurbishment of the Stone Building in Hemlock Gorge Reservation in the town of Wellesley, including, but not limited…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Wellesley $13.5 million and takes back $1.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $12 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$13.5 million** | **$1.5 million** | **$12 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $11.6M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $31,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $63,000 |
| Public Libraries | $94,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $607,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $18,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $19,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $32,000 |
| MBTA | $95,000 |
| Regional Transit | $702,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $61,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WELLESLEY

## State programs also awarded $230,000 to organizations in Wellesley other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Wellesley. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town’s share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Wellesley Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2018 | Massachusetts Horticultural Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $30,000 |


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.1% of Wellesley's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 7.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7.3% | 6.3% | 6.1% | 5.4% |
| $6.4M of $86.9M · median town 14.1% | $9.3M of $146M · median town 12.2% | $12.1M of $197M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.9% · median town 10.0% |

Wellesley's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $4,272 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Wellesley's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 22.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 8.9% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $6.4 million in FY2006 to $12.1 million in FY2025, +89.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $622,000 of Wellesley's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +40.7% | +42.1% | 5 of 9 | 4 of 9 |
| $16.2M to $22.8M · all towns +54.0% | $23M to $32.7M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wellesley's health insurance would have been $20.2 million in FY2025; it was $22.8 million, $2.56 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $28.7 million in FY2025; it was $32.7 million, $3.96 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Wellesley's government came to $1.2 million, 18.5% of the $6.59 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.2M | 18.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.2M | 33.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.6M | 40.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Wellesley's required school contribution is 1.9% of median household income, 317th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $10.9M | $44.1M |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 1.9% | +27% |
| 317th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Wellesley runs its own school district and also belongs to Norfolk County; Wellesley accounts for 0% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $15.6 million for schools serving Wellesley, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Wellesley's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $15.6M | 2 | $8.66B |
| $514 per resident (180th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wellesley's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | John D. Hardy Elementary School; (formerly known as the Ernest F. Upham Elementary School) supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Wellesley | Core | $2.1M | $2.1M |
| FY2022 | John D. Hardy Elementary School; (formerly known as the Ernest F. Upham Elementary School) | Wellesley | Core | $13.5M | $13.5M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $6,524 (0%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Wellesley; Wellesley's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $2.1 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wellesley has $1.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$11.7M**<br>$1.9M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$9.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.3M**<br>annual program: 0.4 years of its yearly money · 294th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**7**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of six town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Wellesley came on average 18 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Wellesley owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $828,000 | $0 | $1.4M | -$0 |
| FY2018 | $831,000 | $0 | $830,000 | $46,000 |
| FY2019 | $827,000 | $165,000 | $1.1M | $320,000 |
| FY2020 | $821,000 | $82,000 | $817,000 | $667,000 |
| FY2021 | $825,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $248,000 |
| FY2022 | $824,000 | $369,000 | $685,000 | $756,000 |
| FY2023 | $824,000 | $0 | $995,000 | $585,000 |
| FY2024 | $821,000 | $429,000 | $1.7M | $149,000 |
| FY2025 | $816,000 | $223,000 | $920,000 | $268,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $607,000 | $790,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $2.5M |

The full list of the 28 bridges in Wellesley in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Wellesley received $5.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 94% of the $5.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Wellesley ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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## nearest peers.

Of the $2.6 million in earmarks placed in Wellesley, $1.3 million (50%) went to organizations rather than to Wellesley's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wellesley** this town | **28** | **$6,221** | **$46.83** | **$85.74** | **0.18** | **1.9%** |
| Needham peer · best in class of 30 | 28 | $6,664 | $33.58 | $144† | 0.21 | 2.5% |
| Belmont peer | 32 | $7,271 | $63.18 | $101 | 0.65 | 2.6% |
| Sudbury peer | 38 | $9,414 | $150 | $47.32 | 0.49 | 2.7% |
| Lexington peer | 36 | $9,001 | $61.92 | $113† | 0.57 | 2.7% |
| Andover peer | 28 | $6,322 | $94.07 | $42.90 | 0.79 | 2.8% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Wellfleet

Town · Barnstable County · 4,404 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**4th Barnstable** · Hadley Luddy

STATE SENATE

**Cape and Islands** · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Wellfleet Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Nauset Regional School District**, shared with Brewster, Eastham and Orleans

**Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wellfleet scores 37 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 95 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**37** / 100

246th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 38 | 46 | 34 |

Rank under other weightings: 219th to 275th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Wellfleet received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 37 stays between 34 and 40 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**95** / 100

21st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 98 | 90 | 97 |

Rank under other weightings: 18th to 23rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

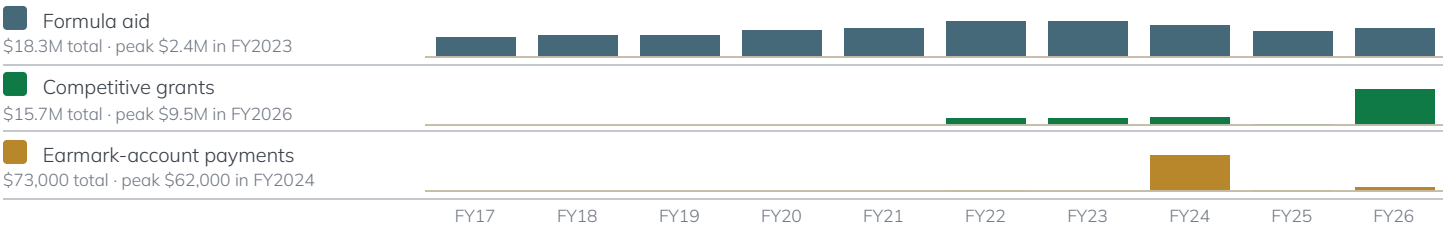
Wellfleet received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 95 stays between 94 and 97 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wellfleet's town government and school districts received $18.3 million in formula aid and $15.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$18.3M** | **$15.7M** | **$73,000** |
| $4,162 per resident (351st of 351) · gross | $3,572 per resident (27th of 351) | $16.67 per resident (221st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wellfleet peaked in FY2026 at $9.5 million, 61% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $30 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wellfleet received $187,000 in local earmarks to its government, $262,000 placed in the city or town and $262,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$187,000** | **$262,000** | **$262,000** | **No** |
| $42.46 per resident (99th of 351) | $59.49 per resident (140th of 351) · 29% to organizations | $59.49 per resident (147th of 351) · 29% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: five clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $187,000 went to Wellfleet's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $75,000 went to organizations in Wellfleet or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Wellfleet, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (five clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $125,000 | "the town of Wellfleet for the purchase and installation of ice machines and ice storage equipment" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "The Lily House Inc. in the town of Wellfleet for hospice house facility repairs" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the town of Wellfleet department of community services to conduct a feasibility study of an outer Cape aquatic center including, but not limited to, swim safety courses for school-aged children" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $6,000 (split five ways) | "the police department in the town of Eastham to be used in conjunction with the towns of Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown to address the traffic safety issues on United States highway route 6 from the rotary in the town of Orleans to the town of Provincetown from May 24 to October 14" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $6,000 (split five ways) | "the police department in the town of Eastham to be used in conjunction with the towns of Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown to address the traffic safety issues on United State highway route 6 from the rotary in the town of Orleans to the town of Provincetown from May 26 to October 9" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wellfleet received 1.85 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**54.2**<br>236th of 351 · 12.3 per 1,000 residents (85th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2M**<br>scored exposure $737,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**26**<br>322nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**19.8 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**54%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,683**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.46**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.85; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**115 acres**<br>0.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$21,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$181**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$41,149**<br>FY2017–2025 · 54th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WELLFLEET

## Wellfleet has 261 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**261 acres**<br>2.1% of Wellfleet's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2 acres**<br>0.0% of Wellfleet's land · 5 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**144 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 15 | 261 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 12 | 126 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 2 |
| Conservation restriction | 66 | 144 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 72 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 9 | 55 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Billingsgate Island Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 135 | |
| Fox Island WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 71 | |
| Wellfleet Hollow State Campground | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 29 | |
| Cape Cod Rail Trail | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 25 | |
| Wellfleet Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 0 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 72.1 miles of public road in Wellfleet, the state maintains 7.7 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 7.7 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 54.2 | 75% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.1 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Wellfleet $531,000 and takes back $535,000 in assessments and charges, a net -$3,764.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$531,000** | **$535,000** | **-$3,764** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 101% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $342,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $20,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $90,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $34,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $15,000 |
| State Owned Land | $21,000 |
| Public Libraries | $8,651 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $230,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $97,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,497 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,640 |
| Regional Transit | $63,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $139,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WELLFLEET

## State programs also awarded $918,000 to organizations in Wellfleet other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Wellfleet Preservation Hall nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2020 | Wellfleet Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Wellfleet Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $135,000 |
| FY2016 | Wellfleet Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2016 | Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2018 | Wellfleet Preservation Hall nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $226,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 1.3% of Wellfleet's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 3.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **3.5%** | **1.5%** | **1.3%** | **-0.1%** |
| $462,000 of $13.3M · median town 14.1% | $268,000 of $18.1M · median town 12.2% | $439,000 of $33.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 0.6% · median town 10.0% |

Wellfleet's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $474,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Wellfleet's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 38.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 45.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $462,000 in FY2006 to $439,000 in FY2025, –5.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $205,000 of Wellfleet's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+72.0%** | **+57.1%** | **4 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $1.2M to $2M · all towns +54.0% | $2.8M to $4.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wellfleet's health insurance would have been $1.47 million in FY2025; it was $2.03 million, $556,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.45 million in FY2025; it was $4.33 million, $889,000 above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+39%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2024 (+53%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Wellfleet's government came to $187,000, 22.0% of the $850,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $187,000 | 22.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $262,000 | 30.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $262,000 | 30.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Wellfleet's required school contribution is 1.3% of median household income, the tenth-lowest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$865,000** | **$3.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.3%** | **+14%** |
| 342nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Wellfleet runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Nauset and Cape Cod for others; Wellfleet accounts for 12% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $6.3 million for schools serving Wellfleet, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Wellfleet's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.3M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,424 per resident (119th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wellfleet's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Nauset Regional High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Nauset | Core | $8.1M | $979,000 (12%) |
| FY2020 | Nauset Regional High School | Nauset | Core | $36.7M | $4.5M (12%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $93,000 (2%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $745,000 (2%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Wellfleet; Wellfleet's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.1 million, $979,000 of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Wellfleet's share of the final cost was $2 million against its share of the approved budget of $2.2 million (under by $212,000); the local share moved from $1.5 million to $1.2 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wellfleet has $2.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4M**<br>$956,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$920,000**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.7M**<br>annual program: 5.2 years of its yearly money · 8th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**2**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Wellfleet came on average 67 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $247,000 | $0 | $89,000 | $247,000 |
| FY2018 | $245,000 | $0 | $196,000 | $492,000 |
| FY2019 | $245,000 | $49,000 | $25,000 | $787,000 |
| FY2020 | $243,000 | $24,000 | $445,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2021 | $242,000 | $0 | $30,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2022 | $242,000 | $180,000 | $239,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $246,000 | $0 | $373,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2024 | $247,000 | $267,000 | $201,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2025 | $247,000 | $171,000 | $11,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2026 | $426,000 | $265,000 | $20,000 | $2.8M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $425,000 | $0 | $144,000 | $3.1M |

The full list of the four bridges in Wellfleet in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Wellfleet received $16.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 3.5 times the $4.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Wellfleet ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $262,000 in earmarks placed in Wellfleet, $75,000 (29%) went to organizations rather than to Wellfleet's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wellfleet** this town | **37** | **$4,162** | **$3,572** | **$59.49** | **1.85** | **1.3%** |
| Lenox peer | 32 | $6,580 | $735 | $14.77 | 1.89 | 2.1% |
| Marion peer | 30 | $6,631 | $643 | $12.24 | 0.43 | 2.7% |
| Rockport peer | 29 | $6,385 | $408 | $88.56 | 1.27 | 2.1% |
| Hadley peer | 38 | $6,882 | $989 | $42.59 | 2.48 | 2.0% |
| Nahant peer | 30 | $5,917 | $268 | $131 | 0.69 | 1.6% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Erving lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $7,326 | $3,750 | $0 | 8.12 | 4.7% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Wendell

Town · Franklin County · 850 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**7th Hampden** · Aaron L. Saunders

STATE SENATE

**Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester** · Joanne M. Comerford

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**New Salem-Wendell Regional School District**, shared with New Salem
**Ralph C Mahar Regional School District**, shared with New Salem, Orange and Petersham
**Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield and ten others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wendell scores 65 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 97 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**65** / 100

25th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 75 | 68 | 57 | 60 |

Rank under other weightings: 12th to 41st.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Wendell received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 65 stays between 61 and 69 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**97** / 100

13th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | 97 | 95 | 96 |

Rank under other weightings: 10th to 19th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

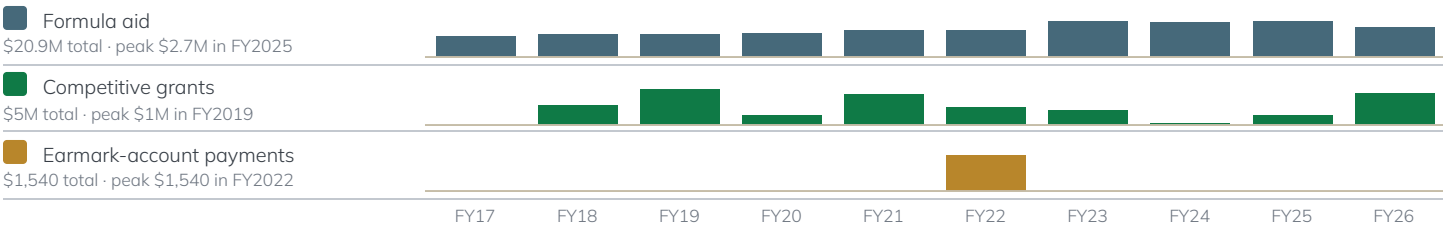
Wendell received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 97 stays between 96 and 97 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wendell's town government and school districts received $20.9 million in formula aid and $5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$20.9M** | **$5M** | **$1,540** |
| $24,634 per resident (11th of 351) · gross | $5,863 per resident (13th of 351) | $1.81 per resident (316th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wendell peaked in FY2019 at $1 million, 21% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

With 850 residents, a single payment moves Wendell's per-resident figures a long way.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.2 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wendell received $40,000 in local earmarks to its government, $90,000 placed in the city or town and $90,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$40,000** | **$90,000** | **$90,000** | **No** |
| $47.06 per resident (85th of 351) | $106 per resident (59th of 351) · 56% to organizations | $106 per resident (68th of 351) · 56% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: three clauses in three of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $40,000 went to Wendell's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $50,000 went to organizations in Wendell or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Wendell, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (three clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $40,000 | "the town of Wendell for road and highway department equipment and improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "Wendell Historical Society Inc to assist in the renovation of the former Wendell depot store and post office" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "the Friends of Wendell Meetinghouse for improvements to community gathering space during the COVID-19 pandemic and the recovery period post-pandemic" | Enacted organization named with the town |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wendell received 54% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**46.8**<br>265th of 351 · 55.1 per 1,000 residents (20th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.2M**<br>scored exposure $1.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**61**<br>226th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**31.9 sq mi**<br>45% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**885**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.00**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.54; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**8,087 acres**<br>39.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$193,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$23.81**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,663**<br>FY2017–2025 · 165th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WENDELL

## Wendell has 9,228 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,402 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**9,228 acres**<br>45.3% of Wendell's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,402 acres**<br>6.9% of Wendell's land · 57 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,088 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 150 | 9,228 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 11 | 526 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 34 | 878 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 7 | 166 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 16 | 358 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 39 | 1,714 |
| Conservation restriction | 48 | 1,088 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 8 | 385 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 409 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 4 | 104 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 12 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wendell State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7,848 | |
| Quabbin Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 728 | |
| Wendell WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 595 | |
| Millers River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 52 | |
| Shutesbury State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 4 | |


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Of 67.9 miles of public road in Wendell, the state maintains 2.4 (3%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.3 | 0% |
| DCR | 2.0 | 3% |
| Town-accepted | 46.4 | 68% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.6 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

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|---|---|---|
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| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| School Transportation | $180,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $223,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $14,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $12,000 |
| State Owned Land | $193,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,895 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $258 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,200 |
| Regional Transit | $3,967 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WENDELL

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|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Friends of the Wendell Meetinghouse nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2019 | Kestrel Land Trust nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 (shared five ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $371,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.7% of Wendell's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 26.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **26.0%** | **15.1%** | **12.7%** | **12.7%** |
| $461,000 of $1.8M · median town 14.1% | $348,000 of $2.3M · median town 12.2% | $563,000 of $4.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.0% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+57.9%** | **+2.2%** | **3 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $38,000 to $60,000 · all towns +54.0% | $146,000 to $149,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wendell's health insurance would have been $48,000 in FY2025; it was $60,000, $13,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $182,000 in FY2025; it was $149,000, $33,000 below the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (–30%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Wendell's government came to $40,000, 180.4% of the $22,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $40,000 | 180.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $90,000 | 4.1 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $90,000 | 4.1 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Wendell's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 86th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.1M** | **$698,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **+12%** |
| 86th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Wendell has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend New Salem-Wendell, Ralph C Mahar and Franklin County; Wendell accounts for 58%, 7% and 1% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.6 million for schools serving Wendell, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Wendell's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.6M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,898 per resident (94th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wendell's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $1.2M (1%) |
| FY2019 | Swift River School | New Salem Wendell | Accelerated Repair (Windows/Doors) | $797,000 | $459,000 (58%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Wendell's share of the final cost was $514,000 against its share of the approved budget of $716,000 (under by $203,000); the local share moved from $258,000 to $172,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wendell has $645,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no


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## bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.2M**<br>$825,000 of it one-time supplements | **$2.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$645,000**<br>annual program: 0.9 years of its yearly money · 238th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **7**<br>none rated poor | **1**<br>of three town-owned dams | **$950,000**<br>bridges $950,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Wendell came on average 25 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Wendell owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $190,000 | $0 | $192,000 | $10,000 |
| FY2018 | $189,000 | $0 | $267,000 | $200,000 |
| FY2019 | $189,000 | $38,000 | $362,000 | $364,000 |
| FY2020 | $188,000 | $19,000 | $270,000 | $301,000 |
| FY2021 | $188,000 | $0 | $275,000 | $213,000 |
| FY2022 | $187,000 | $155,000 | $9,100 | $546,000 |
| FY2023 | $187,000 | $0 | $505,000 | $228,000 |
| FY2024 | $187,000 | $236,000 | $405,000 | $245,000 |
| FY2025 | $188,000 | $154,000 | $479,000 | $109,000 |
| FY2026 | $343,000 | $224,000 | $30,000 | $645,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $342,000 | $0 | $0 | $987,000 |

The full list of the ten bridges in Wendell in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Small Bridge award | Wendell Depot Road bridge source | $450,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Wendell received $5.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 60% of the $8.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Wendell ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $90,000 in earmarks placed in Wendell, $50,000 (56%) went to organizations rather than to Wendell's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wendell** this town | **65** | **$24,634** | **$5,863** | **$106**† | **0.54** | **3.0%** |
| Charlemont peer | 65 | $19,209 | $6,110 | $148 | 2.68 | 3.8% |
| Savoy peer · lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $18,956 | $1,027 | $0 | 1.10 | 2.7% |
| Plainfield peer | 52 | $15,369 | $4,077 | $0 | 1.79 | 4.5% |
| New Salem peer | 55 | $19,167 | $1,900 | $101 | 0.36 | 2.6% |
| Granville peer | 50 | $11,112 | $2,359 | $0 | 0.73 | 2.8% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# Wenham

Town · Essex County · 4,929 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

6th Essex · Hannah Bowen and Jerald A. Parisella (until May 2025) 50% of residents
13th Essex · Sally P. Kerans 50% of residents

Wenham is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District, shared with Hamilton
Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District, vocational, shared with Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea and eight others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wenham scores 29 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 25 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**29** / 100

314th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 44 | 30 | 14 |

Rank under other weightings: 287th to 339th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Wenham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 29 stays between 24 and 34 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**25** / 100

294th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 39 | 26 | 12 |

Rank under other weightings: 276th to 308th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

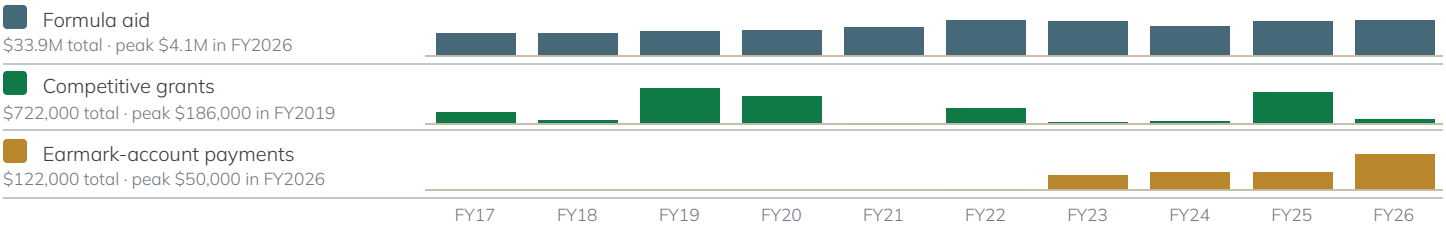
Wenham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 25 stays between 21 and 30 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wenham's town government and school districts received $33.9 million in formula aid and $722,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $33.9M | $722,000 | $122,000 |
| $6,869 per resident (295th of 351) · gross | $147 per resident (293rd of 351) | $24.78 per resident (176th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wenham peaked in FY2019 at $186,000, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wenham received $170,000 in local earmarks to its government, $341,000 placed in the city or town and $341,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $170,000 | $341,000 | $341,000 | No |
| $34.49 per resident (140th of 351) | $69.20 per resident (115th of 351) · 50% to organizations | $69.20 per resident (123rd of 351) · 50% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $170,000 went to Wenham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $171,000 went to organizations in Wenham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Wenham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $150,000 | "renovations and improvements to state highway route 1A in the town of Wenham" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the town of Wenham for the procurement of a rescue boat to be used by the Wenham fire department" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the procurement of multi-band portable communication radios at the Wenham fire department" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "the procurement of multi-band portable communication radios for the Wenham fire department" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "a public safety grant in the town of Wenham" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wenham received 80% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**27.8**<br>327th of 351 · 5.6 per 1,000 residents (207th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1M**<br>scored exposure $256,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**34**<br>307th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**7.7 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**4,929**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.62**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.80; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$5,586**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$7,071**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$23,004**<br>FY2017–2025 · 152nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WENHAM

## Wenham has 7 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 18 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**7 acres**<br>0.1% of Wenham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**18 acres**<br>0.4% of Wenham's land · 1 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**408 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 3 | 7 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 1 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 18 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 9 | 297 |
| Conservation restriction | 31 | 408 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 1 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Topsfield Linear Common | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 4 | |
| Pleasant Pond Access | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 3 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 33.2 miles of public road in Wenham, the state maintains 2.9 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.9 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 27.8 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.5 | 8% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Wenham $632,000 and takes back $168,000 in assessments and charges, a net $464,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$632,000** | **$168,000** | **$464,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 27% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $559,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $52,000 |
| State Owned Land | $5,721 |
| Public Libraries | $15,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $34,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,821 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $3,002 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,380 |
| MBTA | $126,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WENHAM

## State programs also awarded $45,000 to organizations in Wenham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Wenham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Wenham Historical Association & Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $45,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 2.5% of Wenham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 4.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **4.7%** | **2.7%** | **2.5%** | **1.8%** |
| $517,000 of $11M · median town 14.1% | $416,000 of $15.2M · median town 12.2% | $581,000 of $23.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 2.0% · median town 10.0% |

Wenham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.6 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Wenham's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 27.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 35.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $517,000 in FY2006 to $581,000 in FY2025, +12.4% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+75.5%** | **+73.2%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $571,000 to $1M · all towns +54.0% | $1.3M to $2.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wenham's health insurance would have been $714,000 in FY2025; it was $1.00 million, $289,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.63 million in FY2025; it was $2.26 million, $630,000 above the path.

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| Placed in the city or town | $284,000 | 65.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $284,000 | 65.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Wenham's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 223rd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.7M** | **$6.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+6%** |
| 223rd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

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|---|---|---|
| **$1.6M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $332 per resident (207th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wenham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School | Hamilton Wenham | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $4.7M | $1.6M (35%) |
| FY2020 | Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School | Essex North Shore | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $650,000 | $7,874 (1%) |

Not counted: Cutler Elementary School (Hamilton Wenham), approved FY2025 for up to $49.8 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Wenham's share of the final cost was $12,000 against its share of the approved budget of $18,000 (under by $6,000); the local share moved from $10,000 to $7,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wenham has $216,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.3M** | **$1.8M** | **$216,000** |
| $414,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.1 years of its yearly money · 325th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **2** | **0** | **$60,000** |
| none rated poor | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $60,000 |


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $151,000 | $0 | $202,000 | $151,000 |
| FY2018 | $151,000 | $0 | $238,000 | $68,000 |
| FY2019 | $151,000 | $30,000 | $200,000 | $50,000 |
| FY2020 | $151,000 | $15,000 | $190,000 | $26,000 |
| FY2021 | $153,000 | $0 | $145,000 | $33,000 |
| FY2022 | $153,000 | $92,000 | $89,000 | $189,000 |
| FY2023 | $152,000 | $0 | $265,000 | $76,000 |
| FY2024 | $154,000 | $93,000 | $198,000 | $124,000 |
| FY2025 | $154,000 | $43,000 | $275,000 | $47,000 |
| FY2026 | $246,000 | $141,000 | $218,000 | $216,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $245,000 | $0 | $0 | $461,000 |

The full list of the three bridges in Wenham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Hull St over Miles River source | $60,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Wenham received $1.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 90% of the $1.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Wenham ranks 4th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $341,000 in earmarks placed in Wenham, $171,000 (50%) went to organizations rather than to Wenham's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wenham** this town | **29** | **$6,869** | **$147** | **$69.20†** | **0.80** | **2.5%** |
| Oak Bluffs peer | 51 | $8,440 | $2,606 | $93.40† | 3.64 | 3.0% |
| Upton peer | 56 | $14,491 | $622 | $40.72 | 1.73 | 2.8% |
| Boxborough peer | 34 | $8,257 | $231 | $43.67 | 0.36 | 2.8% |
| West Newbury peer | 48 | $10,655 | $574 | $38.12 | 0.91 | 2.1% |
| Bolton peer | 35 | $8,127 | $737 | $62.75 | 1.64 | 2.8% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |
| Carlisle lowest in class of 30 | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# West Boylston

Town · Worcester County · 7,782 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
14th Worcester · James J. O'Day

**STATE SENATE**
First Worcester · Robyn K. Kennedy

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
West Boylston Public Schools, the town's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### West Boylston scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 40 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

35 / 100

262nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | 35 | 39 | 31 |

Rank under other weightings: 239th to 285th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

West Boylston received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 34 and 36 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

40 / 100

226th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 41 | 41 | 44 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 215th to 235th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

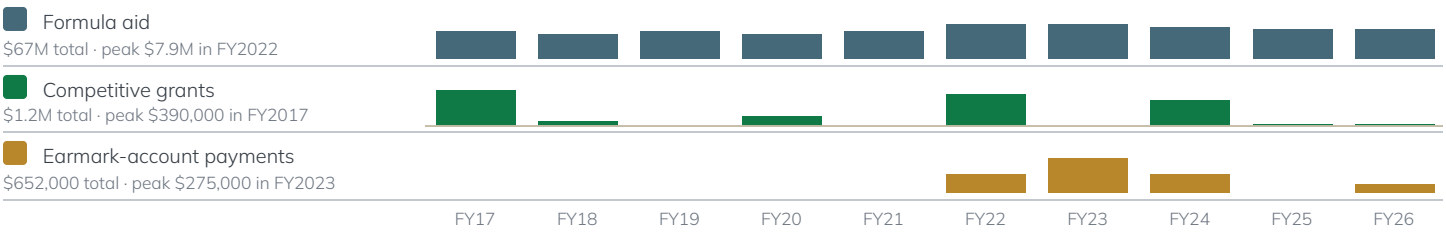
West Boylston received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 39 and 42 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### West Boylston's town government and school districts received $67 million in formula aid and $1.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $67M | $1.2M | $652,000 |
| $8,612 per resident (233rd of 351) · gross | $157 per resident (280th of 351) | $83.83 per resident (33rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to West Boylston peaked in FY2017 at $390,000, 32% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### West Boylston received $1.1 million in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $1.1M | $1.1M | $1.1M | No |
| $148 per resident (8th of 351) | $148 per resident (24th of 351) | $148 per resident (34th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to West Boylston's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in West Boylston, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "the reconstruction of the existing sidewalks and to connect the sidewalk network to the department of conservation and recreation parking lot for the Mass Central Rail Trail inthe town of West Boylston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $150,000 | "the repair and maintenance of Woodland park in the town of West Boylston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "upgrades to Pride park in the town of West Boylston to be more accessible to persons with disabilities and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "renovating Mixter field in West Boylston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $150,000 | "update the town of West Boylston's playground for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, West Boylston received 30% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**51.7**<br>244th of 351 · 6.6 per 1,000 residents (169th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$569,000**<br>scored exposure $318,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**154**<br>34th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.0 sq mi**<br>34% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,782**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.88**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.30; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,578**<br>FY2017–2025 · 272nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WEST BOYLSTON

## West Boylston has 2,983 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 335 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,983 acres**<br>36.0% of West Boylston's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**335 acres**<br>4.0% of West Boylston's land · 17 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**80 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**38 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 213 | 2,983 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 193 | 3,022 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 9 | 183 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 6 | 100 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 52 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 8 | 326 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 80 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 38 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 6 | 120 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 186 | 2,957 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 60 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 5 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wachusett Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 2,979 | |
| Poutwater Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 5 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 64.0 miles of public road in West Boylston, the state maintains 9.5 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.5 | 15% |
| Town-accepted | 51.0 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.7 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends West Boylston $5.4 million and takes back $472,000 in assessments and charges, a net $4.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.4 million** | **$472,000** | **$4.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $3.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $19,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $721,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $44,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $53,000 |
| Public Libraries | $25,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,490 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $6,220 |
| Regional Transit | $83,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $232,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $149,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WEST BOYLSTON

## State programs also awarded $19,000 to organizations in West Boylston other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving West Boylston. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $19,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 16.9% of West Boylston's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 27.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **27.3%** | **22.5%** | **16.9%** | **15.7%** |
| $4.7M of $17.3M · median town 14.1% | $5.2M of $23.3M · median town 12.2% | $5.1M of $30.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 24.2% · median town 10.0% |


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**West Boylston's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 30.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 37.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $4.7 million in FY2006 to $5.1 million in FY2025, +8.3% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $638,000 of West Boylston's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+31.9%** | **+50.8%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $2.8M to $3.7M · all towns +54.0% | $4.2M to $6.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, West Boylston's health insurance would have been $3.52 million in FY2025; it was $3.72 million, $199,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $5.25 million in FY2025; it was $6.34 million, $1.09 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to West Boylston's government came to $999,000, 111.0% of the $900,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $999,000 | 111.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $999,000 | 111.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $999,000 | 111.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## West Boylston's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 76th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.4M** | **$9.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **–13%** |
| 76th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

West Boylston runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving West Boylston, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## West Boylston has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.3M** | **$2.3M** | **$1.5M** |
| $769,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.5 years of its yearly money · 48th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **3** | **0** | **$0** |
| one rated poor; likely about $550,000 of work on those ($264,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to West Boylston came on average 31 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

West Boylston owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $295,000 | $0 | $1M | $130,000 |
| FY2018 | $290,000 | $0 | $518,000 | $164,000 |
| FY2019 | $290,000 | $58,000 | $743,000 | $118,000 |
| FY2020 | $291,000 | $29,000 | $286,000 | $292,000 |
| FY2021 | $286,000 | $0 | $367,000 | $211,000 |
| FY2022 | $285,000 | $168,000 | $396,000 | $268,000 |
| FY2023 | $285,000 | $0 | $420,000 | $134,000 |
| FY2024 | $288,000 | $171,000 | $157,000 | $436,000 |
| FY2025 | $291,000 | $80,000 | $37,000 | $770,000 |
| FY2026 | $461,000 | $263,000 | $0 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $461,000 | $0 | $0 | $2M |

The full list of the 21 bridges in West Boylston in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

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| Merrimac peer | 48 | $12,597 | $215 | $48.54 | 1.78 | 2.5% |
| Maynard peer | 40 | $10,015 | $584 | $105 | 2.79 | 2.5% |
| Deerfield peer | 44 | $9,461 | $1,195 | $6.46 | 2.83 | 2.4% |
| Ashburnham peer | 54 | $16,359 | $402 | $26.50† | 0.70 | 2.5% |
| Plainville peer | 39 | $9,512 | $160 | $41.02 | 0.68 | 3.3% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Lanesborough lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |

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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# West Bridgewater

Town · Plymouth County · 7,708 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**9th Plymouth** · Bridget Plouffe

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol** · William J. Driscoll, Jr.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**West Bridgewater Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon and Stoughton

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## West Bridgewater scores 41 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 26 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**41** / 100

201st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 49 | 35 | 38 |

Rank under other weightings: 183rd to 221st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

West Bridgewater received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 39 and 44 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**26** / 100

286th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 34 | 18 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 273rd to 295th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

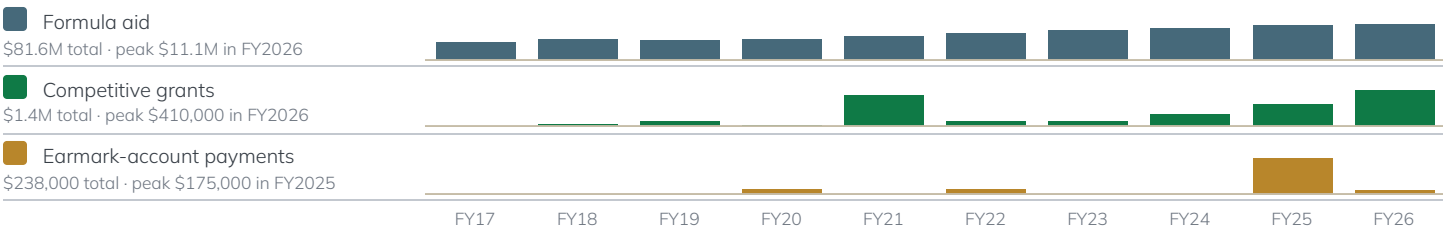
West Bridgewater received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 26 stays between 23 and 29 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## West Bridgewater's town government and school districts received $81.6 million in formula aid and $1.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$81.6M** | **$1.4M** | **$238,000** |
| $10,584 per resident (165th of 351) · gross | $177 per resident (266th of 351) | $30.91 per resident (145th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to West Bridgewater peaked in FY2026 at $410,000, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## West Bridgewater received $253,000 in local earmarks to its government, $503,000 placed in the city or town and $503,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$253,000** | **$503,000** | **$503,000** | **No** |
| $32.86 per resident (147th of 351) | $65.30 per resident (126th of 351) · 50% to organizations | $65.30 per resident (133rd of 351) · 50% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 11 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $253,000 went to West Bridgewater's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $250,000 went to organizations in West Bridgewater or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in West Bridgewater, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the West Bridgewater food pantry" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $75,000 | "the West Bridgewater department of public works for upgrades and maintenance of town property" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "sidewalk installation and repairs on route 28 in the town of West Bridgewater" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "the signalization of the Matfield street and the state highway route 28 intersection in the town of West Bridgewater" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "the purchase of a new set of electric jaws of life for the West Bridgewater fire department" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 11 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, West Bridgewater received 30% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**50.6**<br>251st of 351 · 6.6 per 1,000 residents (174th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$10.5M**<br>scored exposure $3.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**65**<br>208th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**15.3 sq mi**<br>16% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**7,765**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.69**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.30; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,365 acres**<br>13.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$65,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$47.80**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$32,413**<br>FY2017–2025 · 95th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WEST BRIDGEWATER

## West Bridgewater has 1,622 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 625 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,622 acres**<br>16.5% of West Bridgewater's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**625 acres**<br>6.4% of West Bridgewater's land · 47 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**322 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**44 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 94 | 1,622 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 1,286 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 62 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 38 | 494 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 69 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 16 | 243 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 18 | 322 |
| Conservation restriction | 2 | 44 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 1,010 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 275 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hockomock Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,133 | |
| West Bridgewater State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 250 | |
| West Meadows WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 240 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 59.7 miles of public road in West Bridgewater, the state maintains 8.1 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.1 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 50.7 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.9 | 1% |

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends West Bridgewater $9.5 million and takes back $1.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $8.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.5 million** | **$1.1 million** | **$8.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 11% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $7.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $23,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.2M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $855,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $14,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $91,000 |
| State Owned Land | $65,000 |
| Public Libraries | $23,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $26,000 |
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $666,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $46,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,612 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $3,263 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $12,000 |
| MBTA | $46,000 |
| Regional Transit | $13,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $120,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $150,000 |

### COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 22.4% of West Bridgewater's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 17.9% in FY2006.

### STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **17.9%** | **18.5%** | **22.4%** | **20.5%** |
| $3.3M of $18.6M · median town 14.1% | $5.1M of $27.5M · median town 12.2% | $9.2M of $41.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 14.3% · median town 10.0% |

West Bridgewater's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $712,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**West Bridgewater's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 78.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 58.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $3.3 million in FY2006 to $9.2 million in FY2025, +176.8% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+54.8%** | **+64.5%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $2.5M to $3.8M · all towns +54.0% | $4.4M to $7.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, West Bridgewater's health insurance would have been $3.09 million in FY2025; it was $3.83 million, $741,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $5.54 million in FY2025; it was $7.29 million, $1.76 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to West Bridgewater's government came to $228,000, 16.8% of the $1.36 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $228,000 | 16.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $453,000 | 33.4% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $453,000 | 33.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## West Bridgewater's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 100th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$7.8M** | **$10.6M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **+31%** |
| 100th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

West Bridgewater runs its own school district and also belongs to Southeastern; West Bridgewater accounts for 5% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $229,000 for schools serving West Bridgewater, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, West Bridgewater's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$229,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $29.72 per resident (262nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | West Bridgewater's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Howard Elementary School | West Bridgewater | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $229,000 | $229,000 |

Not counted: Rose L. MacDonald Elementary School (West Bridgewater), approved FY2026 for up to $72.2 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $376,000 against an approved budget of $447,000 (under by $71,000); the local share moved from $218,000 to $188,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## West Bridgewater has $850,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns


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## one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.9M**<br>$1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$850,000**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 220th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**9**<br>one rated poor; about $2.5M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of one town-owned dam | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to West Bridgewater came on average 21 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $319,000 | $0 | $198,000 | $319,000 |
| FY2018 | $319,000 | $0 | $696,000 | $269,000 |
| FY2019 | $319,000 | $64,000 | $417,000 | $235,000 |
| FY2020 | $323,000 | $32,000 | $265,000 | $325,000 |
| FY2021 | $323,000 | $0 | $373,000 | $275,000 |
| FY2022 | $322,000 | $169,000 | $378,000 | $387,000 |
| FY2023 | $324,000 | $0 | $617,000 | $94,000 |
| FY2024 | $321,000 | $282,000 | $165,000 | $532,000 |
| FY2025 | $321,000 | $190,000 | $402,000 | $642,000 |
| FY2026 | $490,000 | $266,000 | $547,000 | $850,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $488,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 16 bridges in West Bridgewater in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## West Bridgewater received $1.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 40% of the $4.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## West Bridgewater ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $503,000 in earmarks placed in West Bridgewater, $250,000 (50%) went to organizations rather than to West Bridgewater's government.


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| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **West Bridgewater** this town | **41** | **$10,584** | **$177** | **$65.30** | **0.30** | **2.9%** |
| Southwick peer | 56 | $14,645 | $652 | $57.30 | 0.77 | 2.4% |
| Hopedale peer | 54 | $14,756 | $309 | $141† | 0.38 | 3.2% |
| Halifax peer | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |
| Tyngsborough peer | 42 | $10,115 | $758 | $44.22 | 2.20 | 3.2% |
| Avon peer | 46 | $10,665 | $1,049 | $101 | 3.02 | 3.0% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Uxbridge lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $11,199 | $436 | $15.55 | 1.22 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# West Brookfield

Town · Worcester County · 3,859 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE
5th Worcester · Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

STATE SENATE
Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Quaboag Regional School District, shared with Warren

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## West Brookfield scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 84 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**56** / 100

74th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 55 | 49 | 56 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 57th to 99th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

West Brookfield received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 54 and 58 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**84** / 100

66th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 83 | 80 | 84 | 88 |

Rank under other weightings: 60th to 75th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

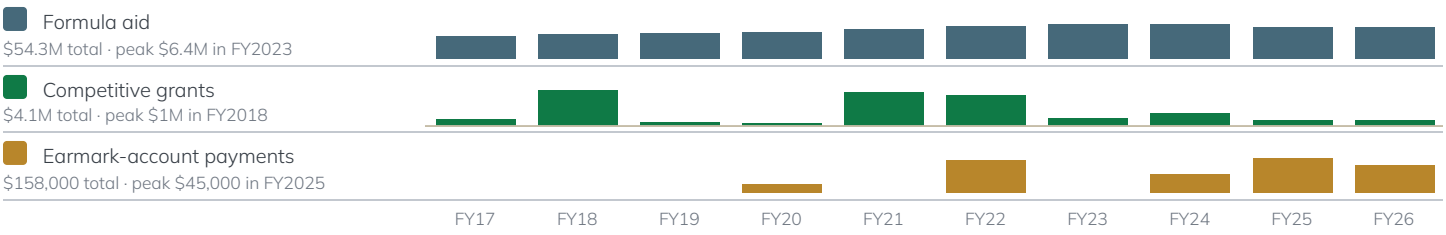
West Brookfield received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 84 stays between 82 and 85 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## West Brookfield's town government and school districts received $54.3 million in formula aid and $4.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $54.3M | $4.1M | $158,000 |
| $14,082 per resident (93rd of 351) · gross | $1,069 per resident (74th of 351) | $41.02 per resident (106th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to West Brookfield peaked in FY2018 at $1 million, 24% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## West Brookfield received $205,000 in local earmarks to its government, $255,000 placed in the city or town and $255,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $205,000 | $255,000 | $255,000 | No |
| $53.12 per resident (75th of 351) | $66.08 per resident (122nd of 351) · 20% to organizations | $66.08 per resident (130th of 351) · 20% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $205,000 went to West Brookfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $50,000 went to organizations in West Brookfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in West Brookfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the Quaboag Historical Society, Inc. in the town of West Brookfield for a new roof at the Quaboag Historical Society Museum" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the purchase of a municipal vehicle in the town of West Brookfield" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "a dredging project and to improve, manage and protect the water quality in Lake Wickaboag in the town of West Brookfield" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $35,000 | "upgrades to the police station in the town of West Brookfield" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "the West Brookfield fire department" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, West Brookfield received 1.84 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**50.6**<br>250th of 351 · 13.1 per 1,000 residents (79th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.2M**<br>scored exposure $4.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**80**<br>166th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.5 sq mi**<br>13% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**3,918**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.06**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.84; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,552 acres**<br>11.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$105,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$67.51**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,247**<br>FY2017–2025 · 277th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WEST BROOKFIELD

## West Brookfield has 1,747 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,605 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,747 acres**<br>13.3% of West Brookfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,605 acres**<br>12.2% of West Brookfield's land · 65 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**943 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**404 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 25 | 1,747 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 8 | 776 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 21 | 404 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 37 | 1,034 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 7 | 166 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 3 | 65 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 23 | 943 |
| Conservation restriction | 12 | 404 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 691 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 86 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Coy Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 751 | |
| Quaboag WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 402 | |
| Whortleberry Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 345 | |
| West Brookfield State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 139 | |
| Sucker Brook Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 70 | |
| Richardson WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 34 | |
| Lamberton Brook Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 8 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 66.3 miles of public road in West Brookfield, the state maintains 3.4 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.4 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 50.6 | 76% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 12.3 | 18% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends West Brookfield $1.1 million and takes back $91,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.1 million** | **$91,000** | **$1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $329,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $628,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $21,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $26,000 |
| State Owned Land | $105,000 |
| Public Libraries | $13,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,143 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $9,320 |
| Regional Transit | $5,610 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $74,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.3% of West Brookfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.8% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.8%** | **10.7%** | **11.3%** | **10.2%** |
| $642,000 of $5.4M · median town 14.1% | $739,000 of $6.9M · median town 12.2% | $1.1M of $9.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.1% · median town 10.0% |

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**West Brookfield's state aid kept pace with consumer prices but not with government costs: FY2025 aid was 7.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 4.1% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $642,000 in FY2006 to $1.1 million in FY2025, +67.4% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+37.9%** | **+76.0%** | **6 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $265,000 to $365,000 · all towns +54.0% | $591,000 to $1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, West Brookfield's health insurance would have been $330,000 in FY2025; it was $365,000, $34,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $738,000 in FY2025; it was $1.04 million, $302,000 above the path.

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Over the nine budgets, earmarks to West Brookfield's government came to $170,000, 169.5% of the $100,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $170,000 | 169.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $170,000 | 169.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $170,000 | 169.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## West Brookfield's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 177th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$3.5M** | **$4.2M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+8%** |
| 177th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $286,000 for schools serving West Brookfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, West Brookfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$286,000** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $74.16 per resident (246th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | West Brookfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Warren Elementary School | Quaboag | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $717,000 | $286,000 (40%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, West Brookfield's share of the final cost was $377,000 against its share of the approved budget of $419,000 (under by $42,000); the local share moved from $132,000 to $126,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## West Brookfield has $857,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.8M** | **$2.5M** | **$857,000** |
| $908,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 199th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **9** | **0** | **$0** |
| one rated poor; about $3.4M of work on those, by planning estimates | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

West Brookfield owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $236,000 | $0 | $237,000 | $92,000 |
| FY2018 | $234,000 | $0 | $68,000 | $257,000 |
| FY2019 | $233,000 | $47,000 | $149,000 | $388,000 |
| FY2020 | $233,000 | $23,000 | $333,000 | $311,000 |
| FY2021 | $232,000 | $0 | $451,000 | $93,000 |
| FY2022 | $232,000 | $169,000 | $114,000 | $379,000 |
| FY2023 | $231,000 | $0 | $443,000 | $166,000 |
| FY2024 | $230,000 | $256,000 | $298,000 | $354,000 |
| FY2025 | $229,000 | $166,000 | $450,000 | $300,000 |
| FY2026 | $397,000 | $247,000 | $88,000 | $857,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $397,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.3M |

The full list of the 14 bridges in West Brookfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## West Brookfield received $4.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 31% more than the $3.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## West Brookfield ranks 3rd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $255,000 in earmarks placed in West Brookfield, $50,000 (20%) went to organizations rather than to West Brookfield's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **West Brookfield** this town | **56** | **$14,082** | **$1,069** | **$66.08** | **1.84** | **2.6%** |
| Dalton peer | 58 | $17,590 | $490 | $27.97† | 1.32 | 2.7% |
| Brookfield peer | 55 | $14,600 | $1,459 | $32.37 | 2.11 | 2.4% |
| Barre peer | 63 | $20,237 | $183 | $22.43 | 0.33 | 2.1% |
| North Brookfield peer | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |
| Lanesborough peer · lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |
| Shelburne best in class of 30 | 66 | $14,126 | $8,461 | $182† | 2.94 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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ESSEX COUNTY

# West Newbury

Town · Essex County · 4,591 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

14th Essex · Adrianne Pusateri Ramos

STATE SENATE

First Essex and Middlesex · Bruce E. Tarr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Pentucket Regional School District**, shared with Groveland and Merrimac
**Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Amesbury, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## West Newbury scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 69 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**48** / 100

139th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 65 | 44 | 40 |

Rank under other weightings: 108th to 161st.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

West Newbury received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 44 and 52 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**69** / 100

121st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 67 | 82 | 63 | 63 |

Rank under other weightings: 111th to 125th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

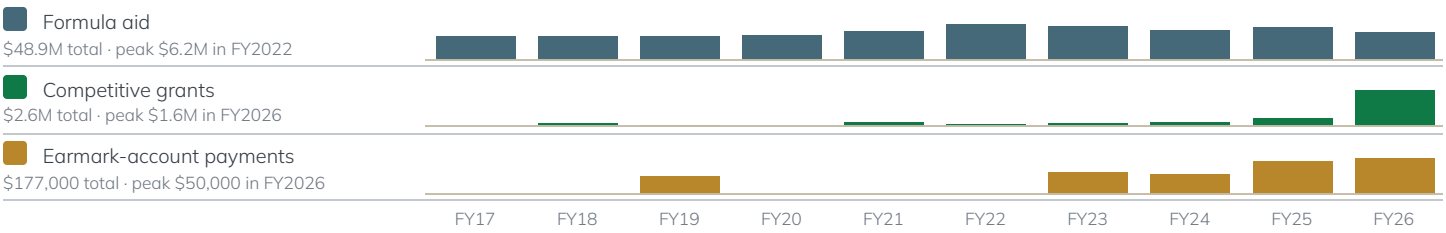
West Newbury received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 69 stays between 66 and 72 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## West Newbury's town government and school districts received $48.9 million in formula aid and $2.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$48.9M** | **$2.6M** | **$177,000** |
| $10,655 per resident (160th of 351) · gross | $574 per resident (127th of 351) | $38.52 per resident (114th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to West Newbury peaked in FY2026 at $1.6 million, 59% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## West Newbury received $175,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$175,000** | **$175,000** | **$175,000** | **No** |
| $38.12 per resident (120th of 351) | $38.12 per resident (208th of 351) | $38.12 per resident (214th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: seven clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. All of it went to West Newbury's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in West Newbury, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (seven clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $30,000 | "the town of West Newbury for pedestrian and cycling infrastructure safety improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $30,000 | "the planning, design, engineering and construction of sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements in the town of West Newbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $25,000 | "funding to repair the Middle street bridge in the town of West Newbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "a safety audit of an intersection in the town of West Newbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $25,000 | "a celebration of West Newbury" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 7 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, West Newbury received 91% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**45.8**<br>267th of 351 · 10.0 per 1,000 residents (109th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$206,000**<br>scored exposure $174,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**73**<br>186th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**13.4 sq mi**<br>6% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**4,591**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.47**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.91; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**411 acres**<br>4.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$81,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$198**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$23,643**<br>FY2017–2025 · 148th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WEST NEWBURY

## West Newbury has 522 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 632 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**522 acres**<br>6.1% of West Newbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**632 acres**<br>7.3% of West Newbury's land · 37 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**501 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**670 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 20 | 522 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 18 | 490 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 27 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 27 | 533 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 6 | 71 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 30 | 593 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 501 |
| Conservation restriction | 33 | 670 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 17 | 490 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crane Pond WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 522 | |
| Merrimac River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 52.3 miles of public road in West Newbury, the state maintains 6.0 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.0 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 45.9 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.4 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends West Newbury $536,000 and takes back $100,000 in assessments and charges, a net $436,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$536,000** | **$100,000** | **$436,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 19% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $13,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $393,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $4,182 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $23,000 |
| State Owned Land | $91,000 |
| Public Libraries | $13,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $57,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $1,881 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,000 |
| Regional Transit | $39,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WEST NEWBURY

## State programs also awarded $35,000 to organizations in West Newbury other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving West Newbury. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | CSO) Management (Merrimac Valley Planning Commission<br>regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $4,167 (shared 18 ways) |

A further $31,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
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|---|---|
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| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.1%** | **–3%** |
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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | West Newbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Pentucket Regional High School | Pentucket | Core | $54.1M | $13.3M (25%) |

Not counted: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Whittier), approved FY2024 for up to $163 million. It lapsed when local funding was not secured.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

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## one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.5M**<br>$848,000 of it one-time supplements | **$2.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | **$1.1M**<br>annual program: 1.4 years of its yearly money · 158th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **2**<br>one rated poor; likely about $430,000 of work on those ($206,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | **0**<br>of one town-owned dam | **$750,000**<br>bridges $750,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $217,000 | $0 | $217,000 | $5 |
| FY2018 | $216,000 | $0 | $216,000 | $133 |
| FY2019 | $214,000 | $43,000 | $0 | $257,000 |
| FY2020 | $215,000 | $21,000 | $0 | $493,000 |
| FY2021 | $215,000 | $0 | $0 | $708,000 |
| FY2022 | $214,000 | $153,000 | $330,000 | $745,000 |
| FY2023 | $214,000 | $0 | $153,000 | $806,000 |
| FY2024 | $213,000 | $244,000 | $234,000 | $1M |
| FY2025 | $213,000 | $162,000 | $819,000 | $584,000 |
| FY2026 | $364,000 | $225,000 | $115,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $364,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

The full list of the two bridges in West Newbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## West Newbury received $3 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 12% more than the $2.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## West Newbury ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its


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## ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Newbury this town | 48 | $10,655 | $574 | $38.12 | 0.91 | 2.1% |
| Bolton peer | 35 | $8,127 | $737 | $62.75 | 1.64 | 2.8% |
| Sherborn peer | 39 | $9,422 | $708 | $109 | 0.88 | 2.7% |
| Boxford peer | 40 | $9,338 | $156 | $74.78 | 0.46 | 2.6% |
| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Carlisle peer | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |
| Edgartown lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $9,919 | $2,500 | $0 | 0.36 | 3.9% |

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# West Springfield

City · Hampden County · 28,772 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6th Hampden · Michael J. Finn | Hampden and Hampshire · John C. Velis | West Springfield Public Schools, the city's own district | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## West Springfield scores 57 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 52 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**57** / 100

62nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 60 | 48 | 57 | 64 |

Rank under other weightings: 51st to 84th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

West Springfield received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 57 stays between 54 and 60 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**52** / 100

186th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 42 | 54 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 170th to 195th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

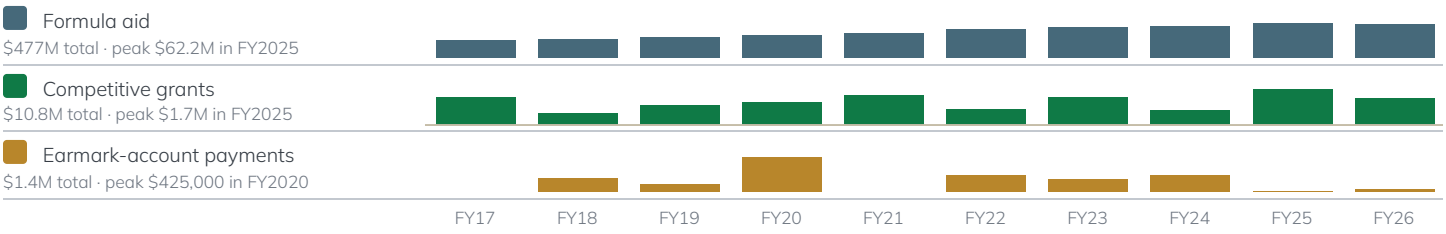
West Springfield received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 50 and 54 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## West Springfield's town government and school districts received $477 million in formula aid and $10.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$477M** | **$10.8M** | **$1.4M** |
| $16,581 per resident (52nd of 351) · gross | $376 per resident (181st of 351) | $47.38 per resident (84th of 351) |

Competitive grants to West Springfield were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $35.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## West Springfield received $1.5 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.5 million placed in the city or town and $2.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.5M** | **$2.5M** | **$2.5M** | **No** |
| $53.35 per resident (72nd of 351) | $85.85 per resident (87th of 351) · 38% to organizations | $86.72 per resident (97th of 351) · 37% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 28 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.5 million went to West Springfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $935,000 went to organizations in West Springfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name West Springfield but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $25,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $25,000 in one clause for state facilities located in West Springfield (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in West Springfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (29 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $200,000 | "piper road corridor traffic and public safety improvement projects in West Springfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2021 | $200,000 | "increased opportunities for safe outdoor recreation programs in the town of West Springfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $175,000 | "recreation programs in the town of West Springfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $175,000 | "handicap accessibility to municipally owned buildings in West Springfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $175,000 | "handicap accessibility to municipally owned buildings in West Springfield" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 29 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, West Springfield received 82% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**121.7**<br>60th of 351 · 4.2 per 1,000 residents (271st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$8.3M**<br>scored exposure $4.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**116**<br>83rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.7 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**28,772**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.69**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.82; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**12 acres**<br>0.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$806**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$66.23**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$13,375**<br>FY2017–2025 · 276th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WEST SPRINGFIELD

## West Springfield has 42 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 85 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**42 acres**<br>0.4% of West Springfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**85 acres**<br>0.8% of West Springfield's land · 14 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**6 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,327 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 42 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 40 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 22 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 11 | 63 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 64 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 6 |
| Conservation restriction | 25 | 1,327 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 28 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 12 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Connecticut River Access - West Springfield | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 24 | |
| East Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 18 | |
| Connecticut River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 0 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 147.0 miles of public road in West Springfield, the state maintains 15.1 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 15.1 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 122.0 | 83% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 9.9 | 7% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $25,000 | “the costs associated with the 100th anniversary of the Massachusetts State Exposition Building in West Springfield” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends West Springfield $53.7 million and takes back $6.3 million in assessments and charges, a net $47.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$53.7 million** | **$6.3 million** | **$47.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 12% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $47.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $503,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $45,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $4.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $420,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $235,000 |
| State Owned Land | $806 |
| Public Libraries | $96,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $2.5M |
| Air Pollution Districts | $7,929 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $40,000 |
| Regional Transit | $599,000 |
| Special Education | $15,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $702,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $2.4M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WEST SPRINGFIELD

## State programs also awarded $222,000 to organizations in West Springfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving West Springfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town’s share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Irish Cultural Center, of Western New England nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2026 | Majestic Theater nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $8,000 |

A further $14,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family’s name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 37.8% of West Springfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 22.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **22.1%** | **29.9%** | **37.8%** | **33.5%** |
| $18.5M of $83.6M · median town 14.1% | $27.5M of $92.1M · median town 12.2% | $49.9M of $132M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 23.7% · median town 10.0% |

**West Springfield's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 74.0% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 54.7% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $18.5 million in FY2006 to $49.9 million in FY2025, +169.9% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+78.3%** | **+64.3%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $12.6M to $22.5M · all towns +54.0% | $17.1M to $28.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, West Springfield's health insurance would have been $15.8 million in FY2025; it was $22.5 million, $6.74 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $21.4 million in FY2025; it was $28.1 million, $6.74 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to West Springfield's government came to $1.5 million, 15.0% of the $9.88 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1.5M | 15.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.4M | 24.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.4M | 24.2% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## West Springfield's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 108th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$47.1M** | **$25.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **+40%** |
| 108th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

West Springfield runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $40.1 million for schools serving West Springfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, West Springfield's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$40.1M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,394 per resident (121st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | West Springfield's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Philip G. Coburn School | West Springfield | Core | $40.1M | $40.1M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, the final cost was $55.6 million against an approved budget of $69 million (under by $13.5 million); the local share moved from $28.9 million to $17.1 million. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## West Springfield has $2.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$12.1M**<br>$2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.5M**<br>annual program: 1.6 years of its yearly money · 122nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to West Springfield came on average 28 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

West Springfield owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $853,000 | $0 | $824,000 | $766,000 |
| FY2018 | $846,000 | $0 | $336,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2019 | $849,000 | $170,000 | $1.1M | $1.2M |
| FY2020 | $865,000 | $86,000 | $604,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2021 | $857,000 | $0 | $495,000 | $1.9M |
| FY2022 | $854,000 | $406,000 | $389,000 | $2.8M |
| FY2023 | $844,000 | $0 | $1.5M | $2.1M |
| FY2024 | $847,000 | $455,000 | $1.9M | $1.5M |
| FY2025 | $840,000 | $230,000 | $1.8M | $807,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $651,000 | $180,000 | $2.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $3.8M |

The full list of the 33 bridges in West Springfield in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## West Springfield received $14.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $14.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## West Springfield ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.5 million in earmarks placed in West Springfield, $935,000 (38%) went to organizations rather than to West Springfield's government.


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| Webster peer | 56 | $14,621 | $927 | $27.75 | 0.46 | 2.8% |
| Westfield peer | 52 | $14,111 | $235 | $64.11 | 0.63 | 2.6% |
| Leominster peer | 58 | $16,497 | $382 | $54.84† | 1.58 | 2.5% |
| Everett peer | 68 | $22,244 | $337 | $120 | 2.38 | 3.1% |
| Amherst peer | 36 | $8,017 | $722 | $75.58† | 2.44 | 3.7% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |

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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# West Stockbridge

Town · Berkshire County · 1,250 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd Berkshire · Leigh Davis | Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark | Berkshire Hills Regional School District, shared with Great Barrington and Stockbridge | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## West Stockbridge scores 43 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 55 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**43** / 100

178th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 45 | 43 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 169th to 203rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

West Stockbridge received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 43 stays between 42 and 44 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**55** / 100

167th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 57 | 61 | 43 | 61 |

Rank under other weightings: 156th to 182nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

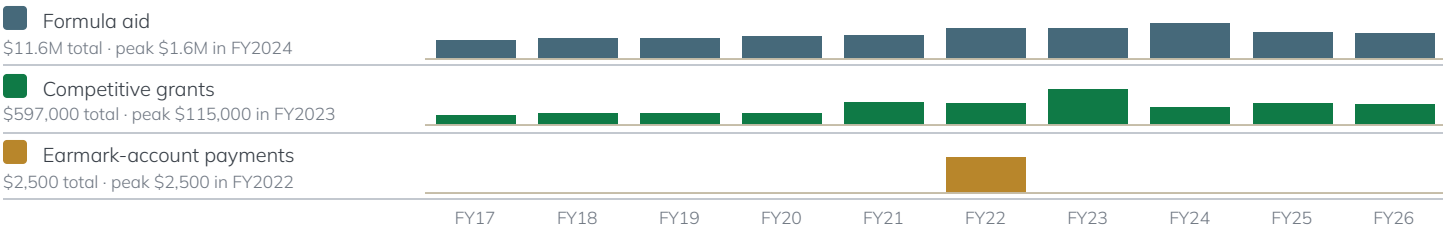
West Stockbridge received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 55 stays between 52 and 59 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## West Stockbridge's town government and school districts received $11.6 million in formula aid and $597,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $11.6M | $597,000 | $2,500 |
| $9,304 per resident (206th of 351) · gross | $478 per resident (143rd of 351) | $2 per resident (314th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to West Stockbridge were spread across the decade; no year exceeded 20% of the total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in West Stockbridge in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,500 in payments to West Stockbridge's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in West Stockbridge.

West Stockbridge is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; West Stockbridge's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: West Stockbridge's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richmond | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Egremont | $0 | $485,000 | $485,000 | $394 |
| Blandford | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Worthington | $60,000 | $60,000 | $60,000 | $58.77 |
| Erving | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, West Stockbridge received 46% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**35.9**<br>309th of 351 · 28.7 per 1,000 residents (43rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6.3M**<br>scored exposure $1.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**78**<br>172nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**18.5 sq mi**<br>11% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**33%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,875**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.68**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.46; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**963 acres**<br>8.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$154,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$160**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$32,237**<br>FY2017–2025 · 96th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WEST STOCKBRIDGE

## West Stockbridge has 1,344 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,345 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,344 acres**<br>11.4% of West Stockbridge's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,345 acres**<br>11.4% of West Stockbridge's land · 26 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**417 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**624 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 21 | 1,344 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 21 | 1,170 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 60 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 13 | 1,078 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 9 | 206 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 12 | 592 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 417 |
| Conservation restriction | 9 | 624 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 21 | 1,170 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maple Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 701 | |
| Flat Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 346 | |
| Rockdale Highlands WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 241 | |
| Williams River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 56 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 44.3 miles of public road in West Stockbridge, the state maintains 8.1 (18%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.1 | 18% |
| Town-accepted | 35.9 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 0.4 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends West Stockbridge $350,000 and takes back $2,536 in assessments and charges, a net $347,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$350,000** | **$2,536** | **$347,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 1% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $128,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $20,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $19,000 |
| State Owned Land | $179,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,936 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $676 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,860 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WEST STOCKBRIDGE

## State programs also awarded $263,000 to organizations in West Stockbridge other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving West Stockbridge. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | West Stockbridge Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $90,000 |
| FY2020 | West Stockbridge Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2025 | West Stockbridge Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $77,000 |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2019 | IS183 Art School of the Berkshires nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.8% of West Stockbridge's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 2.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2.7%** | **2.6%** | **3.8%** | **3.7%** |
| $110,000 of $4M · median town 14.1% | $125,000 of $4.8M · median town 12.2% | $274,000 of $7.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 2.3% · median town 10.0% |

West Stockbridge's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $318,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**West Stockbridge's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 61.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 43.3% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $110,000 in FY2006 to $274,000 in FY2025, +150.0% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+75.4%** | **+97.5%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $134,000 to $234,000 · all towns +54.0% | $293,000 to $578,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, West Stockbridge's health insurance would have been $167,000 in FY2025; it was $234,000, $68,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $365,000 in FY2025; it was $578,000, $212,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to West Stockbridge's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $101,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## West Stockbridge's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 266th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$358,000** | **$1.4M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+16%** |
| 266th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

West Stockbridge has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Berkshire Hills; West Stockbridge accounts for 11% of that district's foundation budget. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $6.9 million for schools serving West Stockbridge, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, West Stockbridge's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.9M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $5,530 per resident (7th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | West Stockbridge's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Monument Mountain Regional High School | Berkshire Hills | Core | $61M | $6.9M (11%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## West Stockbridge has $489,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.6M** | **$1.8M** | **$489,000** |
| $690,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 273rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **7** | **1** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | of two town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to West Stockbridge came on average 14 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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West Stockbridge owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $154,000 | $0 | $135,000 | $18,000 |
| FY2018 | $151,000 | $0 | $222,000 | $64,000 |
| FY2019 | $152,000 | $30,000 | $199,000 | $47,000 |
| FY2020 | $152,000 | $15,000 | $180,000 | $34,000 |
| FY2021 | $151,000 | $0 | $155,000 | $31,000 |
| FY2022 | $151,000 | $120,000 | $173,000 | $129,000 |
| FY2023 | $151,000 | $0 | $120,000 | $160,000 |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | $208,000 | $504,000 | $14,000 |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | $144,000 | $150,000 | $159,000 |
| FY2026 | $269,000 | $172,000 | $111,000 | $489,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $269,000 | $0 | $0 | $758,000 |

The full list of the 28 bridges in West Stockbridge in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## West Stockbridge received $597,000 in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 18% of the $3.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## West Stockbridge is one of six municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **West Stockbridge** this town | **43** | **$9,304** | **$478** | **$0** | **0.46** | **2.4%** |
| Richmond peer · lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $8,072 | $776 | $0 | 0.19 | 2.2% |
| Egremont peer · best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |
| Blandford peer | 52 | $10,142 | $5,405 | $0 | 0.80 | 2.6% |
| Worthington peer | 45 | $10,665 | $2,563 | $58.77 | 0.59 | 2.8% |
| Erving peer | 50 | $7,326 | $3,750 | $0 | 8.12 | 4.7% |


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## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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DUKES COUNTY

# West Tisbury

Town · Dukes County · 3,080 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
Barnstable-Dukes-Nantucket · Thomas W. Moakley

**STATE SENATE**
Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Martha's Vineyard Regional School District, shared with Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs and Tisbury
Up-Island Regional School District, shared with Aquinnah and Chilmark

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Martha's Vineyard Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### West Tisbury scores 53 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 46 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

53 / 100

102nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 69 | 43 | 52 |

Rank under other weightings: 68th to 135th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

West Tisbury received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 48 and 58 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

46 / 100

205th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | 66 | 28 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 176th to 224th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

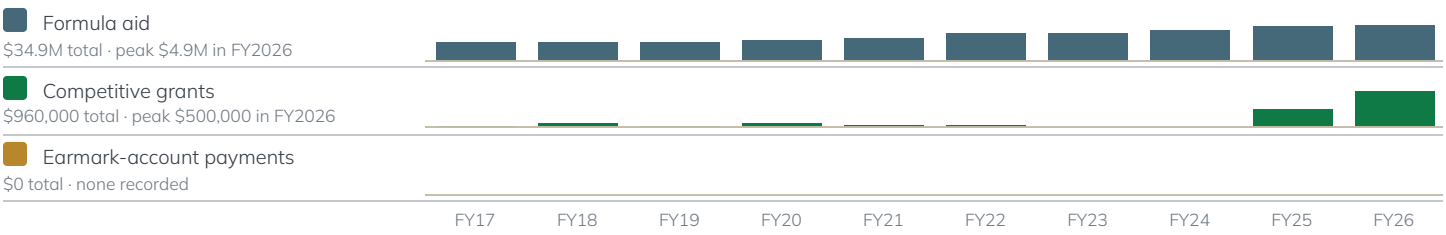
West Tisbury received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 46 stays between 40 and 53 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### West Tisbury's town government and school districts received $34.9 million in formula aid and $960,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $34.9M | $960,000 | $0 |
| $11,333 per resident (139th of 351) · gross | $312 per resident (203rd of 351) | $0 per resident (339th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to West Tisbury peaked in FY2026 at $500,000, 52% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.2 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### West Tisbury received $0 in local earmarks to its government, $45,000 placed in the city or town and $45,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $45,000 | $45,000 | No |
| enacted, ten budgets | $14.61 per resident (294th of 351) · all to organizations | $14.61 per resident (295th of 351) · all to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $0 went to West Tisbury's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $45,000 went to organizations in West Tisbury or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in West Tisbury, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation, Inc. to provide transportation services to older adults on Martha's Vineyard" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2026 | $20,000 | "Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation, Inc. for costs associated with transportation for older adults on Martha's Vineyard" | Enacted organization based here |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, West Tisbury received 59% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**14.2**<br>347th of 351 · 4.6 per 1,000 residents (256th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**70**<br>196th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**25.0 sq mi**<br>15% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**48%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**6,224**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.32**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.59; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,475 acres**<br>15.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$1.7M**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$679**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$95,161**<br>FY2017–2025 · 10th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WEST TISBURY

## West Tisbury has 2,444 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 98 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2,444 acres**<br>15.3% of West Tisbury's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**98 acres**<br>0.6% of West Tisbury's land · 14 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**163 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,188 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 18 | 2,444 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 2,433 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 14 | 98 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 19 | 534 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 9 | 163 |
| Conservation restriction | 49 | 2,188 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 2,433 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Manuel F. Correllus State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,443 | |
| West Tisbury Fire Tower | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 25.0 miles of public road in West Tisbury, the state maintains 8.6 (35%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 8.6 | 35% |
| Town-accepted | 13.9 | 56% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.2 | 9% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends West Tisbury $2 million and takes back $237,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.8 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2 million** | **$237,000** | **$1.8 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 12% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $249,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $20,000 |
| State Owned Land | $1.7M |
| Public Libraries | $12,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $77,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $3,947 |
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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Friends of MVYRADIO nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $60,000 |
| FY2019 | Sheriff's Meadow Foundation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $10,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2019 | Martha's Vineyard Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,000 (shared seven ways) |

A further $61,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 6.7% of West Tisbury's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 5.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5.9%** | **6.9%** | **6.7%** | **5.9%** |
| $720,000 of $12.1M · median town 14.1% | $1.2M of $17.1M · median town 12.2% | $1.7M of $25.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 5.3% · median town 10.0% |

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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+54.7%** | **+65.2%** | **7 of 9** | **7 of 9** |
| $646,000 to $1,000,000 · all towns +54.0% | $1.1M to $1.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, West Tisbury's health insurance would have been $807,000 in FY2025; it was $1,000,000, $193,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $1.36 million in FY2025; it was $1.80 million, $439,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to West Tisbury's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $353,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $25,000 | 7.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $25,000 | 7.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## West Tisbury's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 211th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.4M** | **$5.1M** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **–1%** |
| 211th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

West Tisbury has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Upisland and Martha's Vineyard; West Tisbury accounts for 70% and 17% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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| Approved, West Tisbury's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$12.8M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $4,143 per resident (17th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | West Tisbury's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Martha's Vineyard Regional High School | Marthas Vineyard | Core | $75.3M | $12.8M (17%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## West Tisbury has $398,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.4M** | **$901,000** | **$398,000** |
| $424,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 193rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **0** | **1** | **$0** |
| none rated poor | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to West Tisbury came on average 62 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

West Tisbury owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $82,000 | $0 | $88,000 | $82,000 |
| FY2018 | $83,000 | $0 | $0 | $165,000 |
| FY2019 | $82,000 | $16,000 | $0 | $264,000 |
| FY2020 | $82,000 | $8,158 | $0 | $353,000 |
| FY2021 | $81,000 | $0 | $0 | $435,000 |
| FY2022 | $80,000 | $46,000 | $0 | $562,000 |
| FY2023 | $84,000 | $0 | $149,000 | $574,000 |
| FY2024 | $84,000 | $152,000 | $192,000 | $742,000 |
| FY2025 | $84,000 | $127,000 | $429,000 | $524,000 |
| FY2026 | $132,000 | $74,000 | $332,000 | $398,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $132,000 | $0 | $0 | $530,000 |

The full list of the three bridges in West Tisbury in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## West Tisbury received $3.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 79% of the $4.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## West Tisbury ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

All of the $45,000 in earmarks placed in West Tisbury went to organizations; none went to West Tisbury's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **West Tisbury** this town | **53** | **$11,333** | **$312** | **$14.61**† | **0.59** | **2.5%** |
| Manchester-by-the-Sea peer | 34 | $6,434 | $696 | $60.01 | 2.44 | 1.6% |
| Sherborn peer | 39 | $9,422 | $708 | $109 | 0.88 | 2.7% |
| Dover peer | 37 | $8,305 | $138 | $99.67 | 1.08 | 2.4% |
| Carlisle peer | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |
| Lincoln peer · best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Chilmark lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $5,153 | $334 | $0 | 0.74 | 1.4% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Westborough

Town · Worcester County · 21,944 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**19th Worcester** · Kate Donaghue 84% of residents

**11th Worcester** · Hannah Kane 16% of residents

Westborough is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Second Worcester** · Michael O. Moore

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Westborough Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Berlin, Hudson, Marlborough, Maynard, Northborough and Southborough

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Westborough scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 30 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**30** / 100

309th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 39 | 23 | 25 |

Rank under other weightings: 295th to 328th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Westborough received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 26 and 33 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**30** / 100

267th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | 40 | 24 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 261st to 277th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

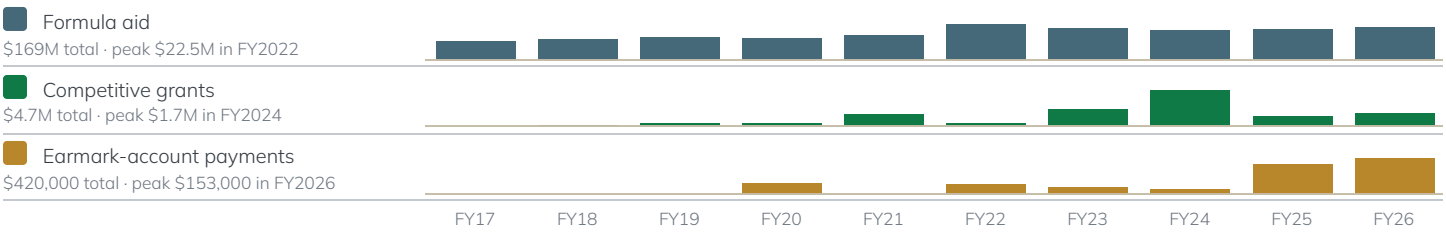
Westborough received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 27 and 33 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Westborough's town government and school districts received $169 million in formula aid and $4.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$169M** | **$4.7M** | **$420,000** |
| $7,679 per resident (269th of 351) · gross | $215 per resident (245th of 351) | $19.13 per resident (208th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Westborough peaked in FY2024 at $1.7 million, 37% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $25 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Westborough received $475,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$475,000** | **$475,000** | **$475,000** | **No** |
| $21.64 per resident (208th of 351) | $21.64 per resident (272nd of 351) | $21.64 per resident (273rd of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 11 clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Westborough's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Westborough, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (11 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $75,000 | "the town of Westborough, for repairing or replacing the Piccadilly Brook bridge, securing and restoring the affected part of Piccadilly brook as it enters into the Sandra Birch reservoir, restoring affected recreational areas and other costs pertaining thereto" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $57,000 | "the town of Westborough for the purchase of gear and equipment for the Westborough fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $50,000 | "the purchase and installation of air conditioning units at the Forbes community building in the town of Westborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "the planning and celebration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the town of Westborough" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $45,000 | "the town of Westborough for the restoration efforts of Cedar swamp" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 11 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Westborough received 1.49 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**95.5**<br>105th of 351 · 4.4 per 1,000 residents (267th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6M**<br>scored exposure $879,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**182**<br>19th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**2**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.6 sq mi**<br>14% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**21,944**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.03**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.49; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,030 acres**<br>7.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$185,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$179**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$54,111**<br>FY2017–2025 · 31st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WESTBOROUGH

## Westborough has 1,869 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 272 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,869 acres**<br>14.2% of Westborough's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**272 acres**<br>2.1% of Westborough's land · 18 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**118 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**158 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 53 | 1,869 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 27 | 1,039 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 7 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 13 | 263 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 1 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 13 | 195 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 5 | 118 |
| Conservation restriction | 37 | 158 |
| Watershed preservation restriction | 1 | 3 |


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State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 18 | 629 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 1 | 298 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 6 | 104 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 9 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wayne F. MacCallum WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 574 | |
| George H. Nichols Flood Control Site | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 536 | |
| Cedar Swamp | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 497 | |
| Sudbury Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 186 | |
| Former Westborough State Hospital Agricultural Fields | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 39 | |
| Westboro State Hospital | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 15 | |
| Former Grafton State Hospital Farmland Licensing Reserve | Agricultural Resources | 12 | |
| Former Westborough State Hospital Field 9 | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 10 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 111.4 miles of public road in Westborough, the state maintains 13.2 (12%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 13.2 | 12% |
| Town-accepted | 95.1 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.1 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Westborough $15.5 million and takes back $550,000 in assessments and charges, a net $14.9 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.5 million** | **$550,000** | **$14.9 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $13.5M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $5,152 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $74,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $126,000 |
| State Owned Land | $185,000 |
| Public Libraries | $57,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $88,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,374 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $18,000 |
| MBTA | $161,000 |
| Regional Transit | $11,000 |
| Special Education | $6,565 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $171,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $85,000 |


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STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **11.9%** | **10.6%** | **11.0%** | **10.5%** |
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| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+78.7%** | **+91.4%** | **7 of 9** | **7 of 9** |
| $8M to $14.4M · all towns +54.0% | $12.5M to $23.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

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| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$13.2M** | **$42.2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.7%** | **+53%** |
| 8th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Westborough runs its own school district and also belongs to Assabet Valley; Westborough accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.


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| $738 per resident (162nd of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Westborough's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Annie E. Fales Elementary School | Westborough | Core | $16.2M | $16.2M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Westborough has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and two high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$11M** | **$8.4M** | **$1.5M** |
| $1.7M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.7 years of its yearly money · 256th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **10** | **2** | **$1.2M** |
| none rated poor | of two town-owned dams | bridges $500,000 · dams $334,000 · culverts $371,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Westborough came on average 25 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $790,000 | $0 | $792,000 | $790,000 |
| FY2018 | $783,000 | $0 | $394,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2019 | $790,000 | $158,000 | $1.5M | $1.4M |
| FY2020 | $790,000 | $79,000 | $1.2M | $1.7M |
| FY2021 | $789,000 | $0 | $1.8M | $699,000 |
| FY2022 | $795,000 | $317,000 | $1.4M | $430,000 |
| FY2023 | $808,000 | $0 | $689,000 | $549,000 |
| FY2024 | $803,000 | $390,000 | $972,000 | $769,000 |
| FY2025 | $787,000 | $208,000 | $1M | $733,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $532,000 | $867,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $2.6M |

The full list of the 33 bridges in Westborough in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Upton Road over Jackstraw Brook / Upton Road over Jackstraw Brook / Hopkinton Road over Jackstraw Brook source | $136,000 |
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Lower Sandra Pond Dam Spillway Modifications source | $334,000 |
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Upton Road and Morse Street over Jackstraw Brook / Upton Road over Jackstraw Brook / Hopkinton Road over Jackstraw Brook source | $136,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Upton Road and Morse Street over Jackstraw Brook source | $58,000 |
| FY2021 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Bowman Lane over Jackstraw Brook source | $42,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Westborough received $5.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants


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over ten years, 52% of the $10.5 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Westborough ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Westborough** this town | **30** | **$7,679** | **$215** | **$21.64** | **1.49** | **3.7%** |
| Stoneham peer | 28 | $6,600 | $119 | $85.70 | 1.97 | 2.6% |
| Sandwich peer | 31 | $7,257 | $332 | $24.72 | 0.71 | 2.7% |
| Easton peer | 30 | $7,249 | $236 | $53.96 | 1.08 | 3.3% |
| Foxborough peer | 34 | $8,398 | $121 | $73.28† | 1.08 | 3.7% |
| Dedham peer | 28 | $6,510 | $161 | $77.66 | 0.48 | 2.4% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Westfield

City · Hampden County · 40,378 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**4th Hampden** · Kelly W. Pease 91% of residents
**6th Hampden** · Michael J. Finn 9% of residents

Westfield is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

**Hampden and Hampshire** · John C. Velis

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Westfield Public Schools**, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Westfield scores 52 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 35 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**52** / 100

109th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 44 | 56 | 54 |

Rank under other weightings: 86th to 135th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Westfield received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 52 stays between 50 and 54 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**35** / 100

248th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 28 | 40 | 37 |

Rank under other weightings: 234th to 261st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

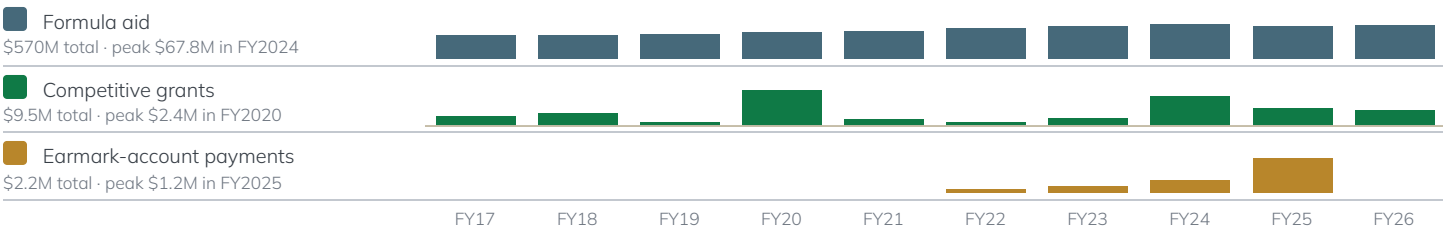
Westfield received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 33 and 37 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Westfield's town government and school districts received $570 million in formula aid and $9.5 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$570M** | **$9.5M** | **$2.2M** |
| $14,111 per resident (92nd of 351) · gross | $235 per resident (232nd of 351) | $53.29 per resident (72nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Westfield peaked in FY2020 at $2.4 million, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $30.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Westfield received $1.5 million in local earmarks to its government, $2.6 million placed in the city or town and $3.1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.5M** | **$2.6M** | **$3.1M** | **No** |
| $37.05 per resident (127th of 351) | $64.11 per resident (130th of 351) · 42% to organizations | $77.73 per resident (107th of 351) · 35% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 45 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $1.5 million went to Westfield's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.1 million went to organizations in Westfield or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Westfield but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $175,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $550,000 in four clauses for state facilities located in Westfield (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Westfield, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (49 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $1M | "improvements and renovations at Westfield high school" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $175,000 | "Westfield state university for early college programming for nursing and health science pathways to support labor force development with western Massachusetts hospitals and health care providers" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "Westfield State University for an Early College Program for nursing and health science pathways" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "Westfield State University for an early college program for nursing and health science pathways" | Enacted state facility or rate add-on (third measure) |
| FY2021 | $100,000 | "Baystate Noble Hospital Corporation for a grant program to prevent and treat the increase of addiction to opioids and related substances during the COVID-19 pandemic" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 49 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Westfield received 63% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**194.0**<br>19th of 351 · 4.8 per 1,000 residents (242nd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$24.2M**<br>scored exposure $7.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**172**<br>27th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**4**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**46.3 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**40,599**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.76**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.63; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**935 acres**<br>3.2% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$199,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$213**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$10,460**<br>FY2017–2025 · 313th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WESTFIELD

## Westfield has 652 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 6,039 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**652 acres**<br>2.2% of Westfield's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**6,039 acres**<br>20.4% of Westfield's land · 212 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**1,614 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**344 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 52 | 652 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 39 | 993 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 30 | 1,018 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 161 | 4,137 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 21 | 884 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 0 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 38 | 1,614 |
| Conservation restriction | 18 | 344 |


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State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 19 | 466 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 186 |
| Public Health and Soldiers' Homes | 1 | 181 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 14 | 114 |
| Other state agencies | 2 | 40 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 1 | 7 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Westfield WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 248 | |
| Honey Pot WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 141 | |
| Westfield River Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 96 | |
| Hampton Ponds State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 46 | |
| East Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 43 | |
| Robinson State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 40 | |
| Westfield State College Athletic Fields | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 32 | |
| Grace A. Robson Sanctuary | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3 | |
| Chauncey Allen Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 249.9 miles of public road in Westfield, the state maintains 16.4 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 16.4 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 189.9 | 76% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 43.1 | 17% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $175,000 | "Westfield state university for early college programming for nursing and health science pathways to support labor force development with western…" |
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "Westfield State University for an Early College Program for nursing and health science pathways" |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "Westfield State University for an early college program for nursing and health science pathways" |
| FY2019 | $75,000 | "the expansion of assistive technology for students with learning disabilities at Banacos Academic Center at Westfield State University" |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Westfield $57 million and takes back $7.6 million in assessments and charges, a net $49.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$57 million** | **$7.6 million** | **$49.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 13% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $46.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $75,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $1.5M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $8.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $501,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $373,000 |
| State Owned Land | $209,000 |
| Public Libraries | $136,000 |


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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $4.9M |
| Air Pollution Districts | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $45,000 |
| Regional Transit | $429,000 |
| Special Education | $9,041 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $1.2M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WESTFIELD

## State programs also awarded $2.1 million to organizations in Westfield other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Westfield. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Domus Incorporated nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $700,000 |
| FY2022 | Westfield State University nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2026 | Westfield Woman's Club nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $97,000 |
| FY2026 | Amelia Park Children's Museum nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $83,000 |

A further $1.1 million in 7 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 32.1% of Westfield's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 40.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **40.6%** | **32.2%** | **32.1%** | **27.9%** |
| $40.1M of $98.8M · median town 14.1% | $41.7M of $129M · median town 12.2% | $54.2M of $169M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 38.2% · median town 10.0% |

**Westfield's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 12.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $40.1 million in FY2006 to $54.2 million in FY2025, +35.1% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $3.7 million of Westfield's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+53.3%** | **+48.6%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $18.2M to $27.9M · all towns +54.0% | $25M to $37.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Westfield's health insurance would have been $22.8 million in FY2025; it was $27.9 million, $5.17 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $31.2 million in FY2025; it was $37.1 million, $5.92 million above the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2020 (+55%) and FY2023 (–34%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Westfield's government came to $1.5 million, 15.3% of the $9.71 million rise in its health insurance.


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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $1.5M | 15.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.5M | 25.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $2.9M | 29.4% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Westfield's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 201st highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$45.1M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$35.6M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.6%**<br>201st of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+16%**<br>after inflation |

Westfield runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $36.3 million for schools serving Westfield, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Westfield's share<br>**$36.3M**<br>$898 per resident (154th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Westfield's share |
| FY2024 | Franklin Avenue Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Westfield | Core | $5.1M | $5.1M |
| FY2022 | Franklin Avenue Elementary School | Westfield | Core | $31.1M | $31.1M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $5.1 million to grants for one project serving Westfield, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Westfield has $2.1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and four high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$17.6M**<br>$3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$13.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.1M**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 277th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**19**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.7M of work on those ($816,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**4**<br>of 11 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$860,000**<br>bridges $300,000 · dams $560,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.5M | $561,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.1M | $708,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.2M | $244,000 | $1.7M | $458,000 |
| FY2020 | $1.2M | $122,000 | $1.6M | $243,000 |
| FY2021 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.5M | $7 |
| FY2022 | $1.2M | $633,000 | $703,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2023 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.4M | $956,000 |
| FY2024 | $1.2M | $675,000 | $2.6M | $185,000 |
| FY2025 | $1.2M | $328,000 | $657,000 | $1M |
| FY2026 | $1.8M | $1M | $1.7M | $2.1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.8M | $0 | $0 | $4M |

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Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Tekoa Reservoir Dam Removal source | $396,000 |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Tekoa Reservoir Dam Removal Design source | $164,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Westfield received $13.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 82% of the $16.3 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Westfield ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $2.6 million in earmarks placed in Westfield, $1.1 million (42%) went to organizations rather than to Westfield's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Westfield** this town | **52** | **$14,111** | **$235** | **$64.11** | **0.63** | **2.6%** |
| Leominster peer | 58 | $16,497 | $382 | $54.84† | 1.58 | 2.5% |
| West Springfield peer | 57 | $16,581 | $376 | $85.85 | 0.82 | 2.9% |
| Taunton peer | 59 | $17,881 | $149 | $94.17† | 0.82 | 2.7% |
| Everett peer | 68 | $22,244 | $337 | $120 | 2.38 | 3.1% |
| Attleboro peer | 48 | $13,064 | $110 | $32.30† | 0.33 | 2.7% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| Belchertown lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Westford

Town · Middlesex County · 24,690 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

2nd Middlesex · James Arciero

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Middlesex · John J. Cronin

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Westford Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Nashoba Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ayer, Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Shirley and Townsend

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Northern Middlesex Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Westford scores 45 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 58 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**45** / 100

165th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 64 | 33 | 39 |

Rank under other weightings: 132nd to 213th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Westford received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 39 and 50 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**58** / 100

154th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 | 73 | 54 | 49 |

Rank under other weightings: 145th to 173rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

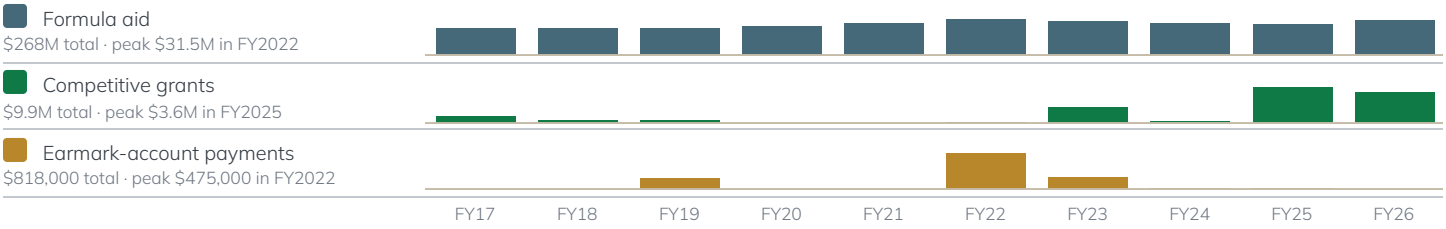
Westford received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 58 stays between 54 and 61 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Westford's town government and school districts received $268 million in formula aid and $9.9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$268M** | **$9.9M** | **$818,000** |
| $10,874 per resident (151st of 351) · gross | $400 per resident (171st of 351) | $33.14 per resident (136th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Westford peaked in FY2025 at $3.6 million, 36% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $19.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Westford received $906,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1 million placed in the city or town and $1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$906,000** | **$1M** | **$1M** | **No** |
| $36.70 per resident (128th of 351) | $41.76 per resident (193rd of 351) · 12% to organizations | $41.76 per resident (198th of 351) · 12% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 14 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $906,000 went to Westford's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $125,000 went to organizations in Westford or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Westford, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (14 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $125,000 | "the renovation of the playground at the Robinson Elementary School in the town of Westford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "audiovisual equipment for programming and open or hybrid meeting spaces at the J.V. Fletcher library in the town of Westford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "the construction, renovation and upgrade of a new playground at the Nabnasset elementary school in the town of Westford" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "a new playground for the Roudenbush Community Center, Inc. in Westford" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "a new playground and improvements to Forge Beach in Westford" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 14 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Westford received 1.34 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**153.3**<br>31st of 351 · 6.2 per 1,000 residents (185th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$13.3M**<br>scored exposure $3.2M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**203**<br>11th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**30.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**25,248**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.64**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.34; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$403**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$131**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$19,269**<br>FY2017–2025 · 198th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WESTFORD

## Westford has 1 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 536 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1 acres**<br>0.0% of Westford's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**536 acres**<br>2.8% of Westford's land · 37 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**29 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,033 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 1 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 2 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 115 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 15 | 198 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 17 | 222 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 29 | 1,022 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 29 |
| Conservation restriction | 200 | 2,033 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 2 | 2 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Long Sought For Pond Access | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 170.5 miles of public road in Westford, the state maintains 11.9 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 11.9 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 153.3 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 5.3 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Westford $23.3 million and takes back $837,000 in assessments and charges, a net $22.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$23.3 million** | **$837,000** | **$22.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 4% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $19.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $41,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $578,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.8M |
| Veterans Benefits | $21,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $143,000 |
| State Owned Land | $403 |
| Public Libraries | $61,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $123,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,303 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| Regional Transit | $199,000 |
| Special Education | $15,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $266,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $214,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WESTFORD

## State programs also awarded $129,000 to organizations in Westford other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Westford. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $129,000 in 3 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 17.7% of Westford's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 24.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **24.0%** | **20.7%** | **17.7%** | **17.1%** |
| $16.9M of $70.3M · median town 14.1% | $20.5M of $99.1M · median town 12.2% | $21.7M of $123M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 23.5% · median town 10.0% |

Westford's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $375,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Westford's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 17.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 26.4% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $16.9 million in FY2006 to $21.7 million in FY2025, +28.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.5 million of Westford's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+99.2%** | **+46.4%** | **7 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $8.7M to $17.2M · all towns +54.0% | $13.6M to $19.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Westford's health insurance would have been $10.8 million in FY2025; it was $17.2 million, $6.43 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $17 million in FY2025; it was $19.9 million, $2.92 million above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (+34%) and FY2023 (+45%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Westford's government came to $806,000, 9.4% of the $8.59 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $806,000 | 9.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $931,000 | 10.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $931,000 | 10.8% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Westford's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 111th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$19.4M** | **$47.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.9%** | **–9%** |
| 111th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Westford runs its own school district and also belongs to Nashoba Valley; Westford accounts for 12% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $4.4 million for schools serving Westford, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Westford's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.4M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $179 per resident (225th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Westford's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Lloyd G. Blanchard Middle School | Westford | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3.1M | $3.1M |
| FY2019 | Nashoba Valley Technical High School | Nashoba Valley | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Windows/Doors) | $1.6M | $204,000 (12%) |
| FY2018 | Abbot Elementary School | Westford | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $1.1M | $1.1M |

**Cost after approval.** Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Westford's share of the final cost was $2.8 million against its share of the approved budget of $3.5 million (under by $763,000); the local share moved from $2.2 million to $1.6 million. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Westford has $3.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$13.1M**<br>$2.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.5M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3.3M**<br>annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 99th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**19**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.5M of work on those ($708,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Westford came on average 25 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Westford owns two poor bridges of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Westford owns three high- or significant-hazard dams and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $882,000 | $0 | $718,000 | $882,000 |
| FY2018 | $880,000 | $0 | $1M | $750,000 |
| FY2019 | $887,000 | $177,000 | $798,000 | $1M |
| FY2020 | $891,000 | $89,000 | $1.4M | $990,000 |
| FY2021 | $894,000 | $0 | $861,000 | $1M |
| FY2022 | $892,000 | $511,000 | $749,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2023 | $896,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $1.2M |
| FY2024 | $890,000 | $521,000 | $1.1M | $1.5M |
| FY2025 | $885,000 | $242,000 | $65,000 | $2.6M |
| FY2026 | $1.4M | $785,000 | $1.5M | $3.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.4M | $0 | $0 | $4.6M |

The full list of the 31 bridges in Westford in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Westford received $10.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 93% more than the $5.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Westford ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1 million in earmarks placed in Westford, $125,000 (12%) went to organizations rather than to Westford's government.


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| Reading peer | 36 | $8,102 | $118 | $31.24 | 1.27 | 2.6% |
| Walpole peer | 30 | $6,864 | $139 | $32.09 | 0.61 | 2.6% |
| Holliston peer | 41 | $9,911 | $189 | $129 | 0.85 | 3.1% |
| Sharon peer | 35 | $8,474 | $593 | $38.45 | 1.92 | 3.1% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |
| Groton lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $12,079 | $400 | $11.62 | 1.19 | 2.6% |

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Westhampton

Town · Hampshire County · 1,552 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Hampshire · Lindsay N. Sabadosa

STATE SENATE

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Westhampton Public Schools, the town's own district

Hampshire Regional School District, shared with Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton and Williamsburg

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Westhampton scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 69 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**42** / 100

190th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 45 | 45 | 32 |

Rank under other weightings: 164th to 218th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Westhampton received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 40 and 44 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**69** / 100

122nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | 76 | 59 | 64 |

Rank under other weightings: 109th to 133rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

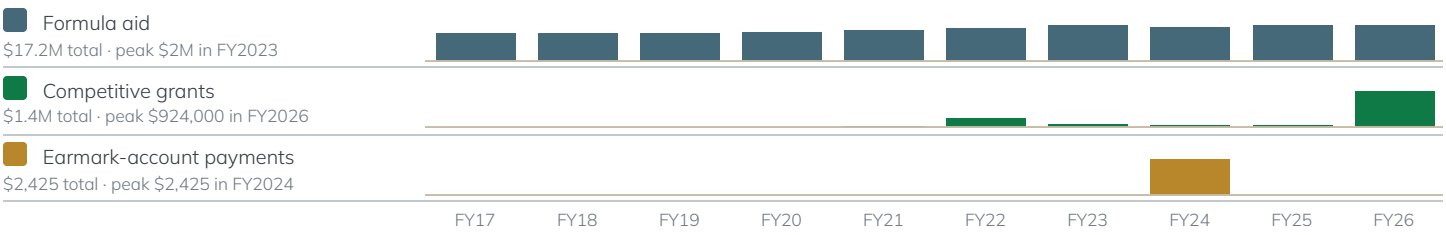
Westhampton received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 69 stays between 64 and 73 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Westhampton's town government and school districts received $17.2 million in formula aid and $1.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $17.2M | $1.4M | $2,425 |
| $11,067 per resident (145th of 351) · gross | $887 per resident (84th of 351) | $1.56 per resident (320th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Westhampton peaked in FY2026 at $924,000, 67% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## No local earmark was placed in Westhampton in ten enacted budgets, FY2017 to FY2026, on any of the three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0 | $0 | $0 | Yes |
| enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | enacted, ten budgets | one of 35 municipalities |

The Comptroller records $2,425 in payments to Westhampton's town government and school districts from accounts classified as earmarks over the same ten years. Those accounts can carry prior-year and statewide-program money; no enacted clause was placed in Westhampton.

Westhampton is one of the 35 cities and towns with no earmark placed in them in any of the ten budgets. The list counts enacted earmarks only. All 35 received competitive grant payments in the same ten years; Westhampton's appear under State money above.



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Local earmarks in the same ten budgets: Westhampton's five nearest peers (enacted)

| Municipality | To the government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | Placed, per resident |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Russell | $135,000 | $135,000 | $135,000 | $113 |
| Pelham | $16,000 | $16,000 | $16,000 | $11.86 |
| Chesterfield | $0 | $225,000 | $225,000 | $213 |
| Holland | $100,000 | $100,000 | $100,000 | $38.71 |
| Phillipston | $50,000 | $150,000 | $150,000 | $79.16 |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Westhampton received 62% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**43.8**<br>274th of 351 · 28.2 per 1,000 residents (44th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$18.7M**<br>scored exposure $5.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**44**<br>284th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**27.2 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**14%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,804**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.03**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.62; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**128 acres**<br>0.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$4,176**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$32.64**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$18,489**<br>FY2017–2025 · 209th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WESTHAMPTON

## Westhampton has 125 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 6,352 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**125 acres**<br>0.7% of Westhampton's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**6,352 acres**<br>36.5% of Westhampton's land · 179 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**56 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,022 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 7 | 125 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 53 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 62 | 2,835 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 46 | 1,830 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 71 | 1,686 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 14 | 759 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 56 |
| Conservation restriction | 16 | 1,022 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 53 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brewer Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 72 | |
| Dead Branch State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 41 | |
| Huntington State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 12 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 47.3 miles of public road in Westhampton, the state maintains 0.0 (0%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 0.0 | 0% |
| Town-accepted | 43.8 | 93% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 3.5 | 7% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Westhampton $1.1 million and takes back $206,000 in assessments and charges, a net $865,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.1 million** | **$206,000** | **$865,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 19% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $528,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $81,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $236,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $189,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $12,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $14,000 |
| State Owned Land | $4,176 |
| Public Libraries | $6,864 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $490 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,800 |
| Regional Transit | $444 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $30,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $173,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WESTHAMPTON

## State programs also awarded $268,000 to organizations in Westhampton other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Westhampton. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

A further $264,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.1% of Westhampton's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 12.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12.6%** | **14.8%** | **10.1%** | **9.2%** |
| $444,000 of $3.5M · median town 14.1% | $744,000 of $5M · median town 12.2% | $864,000 of $8.5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 11.9% · median town 10.0% |

Westhampton's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $410,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Westhampton's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 25.5% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 11.6% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $444,000 in FY2006 to $864,000 in FY2025, +94.7% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+79.8%** | **+41.5%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $308,000 to $554,000 · all towns +54.0% | $577,000 to $816,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Westhampton's health insurance would have been $385,000 in FY2025; it was $554,000, $169,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $720,000 in FY2025; it was $816,000, $96,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Westhampton's government came to $0, 0.0% of the $246,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $0 | 0.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $0 | 0.0% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $0 | 0.0% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Westhampton's required school contribution is 3.3% of median household income, 27th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$904,000** | **$2M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.3%** | **+2%** |
| 27th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Westhampton runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Hampshire for others; Westhampton accounts for 14% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Westhampton, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Westhampton has $646,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.1M** | **$2.1M** | **$646,000** |
| $797,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 195th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **23** | **0** | **$0** |
| one rated poor; likely about $737,000 of work on those ($354,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Westhampton came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Westhampton owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $189,000 | $0 | $237,000 | $86,000 |
| FY2018 | $187,000 | $0 | $243,000 | $30,000 |
| FY2019 | $186,000 | $37,000 | $175,000 | $79,000 |
| FY2020 | $186,000 | $19,000 | $211,000 | $72,000 |
| FY2021 | $185,000 | $0 | $197,000 | $60,000 |
| FY2022 | $185,000 | $146,000 | $94,000 | $298,000 |
| FY2023 | $184,000 | $0 | $433,000 | $49,000 |
| FY2024 | $184,000 | $231,000 | $321,000 | $142,000 |
| FY2025 | $183,000 | $153,000 | $252,000 | $227,000 |
| FY2026 | $328,000 | $211,000 | $119,000 | $646,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $328,000 | $0 | $0 | $974,000 |

The full list of the 24 bridges in Westhampton in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Westhampton received $1.5 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 63% of the $2.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Westhampton is one of three municipalities, among itself and its ten nearest peers, with no earmarks placed in them in the ten budgets.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Westhampton** this town | **42** | **$11,067** | **$887** | **$0** | **0.62** | **3.3%** |
| Russell peer | 73 | $25,758 | $6,140 | $113 | 1.29 | 2.4% |
| Pelham peer | 47 | $13,701 | $594 | $11.86 | 2.69 | 2.5% |
| Chesterfield peer | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |
| Holland peer | 45 | $10,480 | $1,150 | $38.71 | 0.46 | 2.7% |
| Phillipston peer | 50 | $12,743 | $1,191 | $79.16† | 1.39 | 2.9% |
| New Braintree best in class of 30 | 56 | $17,191 | $1,081 | $298 | 1.25 | 3.1% |
| Petersham lowest in class of 30 | 56 | $19,509 | $612 | $0 | 0.99 | 2.7% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Westminster

Town · Worcester County · 8,374 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Worcester · Kimberly N. Ferguson

STATE SENATE

Worcester and Hampshire · Peter J. Durant

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District, shared with Ashburnham

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden and nine others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Westminster scores 48 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 14 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**48** / 100

138th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | 57 | 41 | 47 |

Rank under other weightings: 124th to 152nd.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

Westminster received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 48 stays between 46 and 51 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**14** / 100

333rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 18 | 12 | 13 |

Rank under other weightings: 331st to 335th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

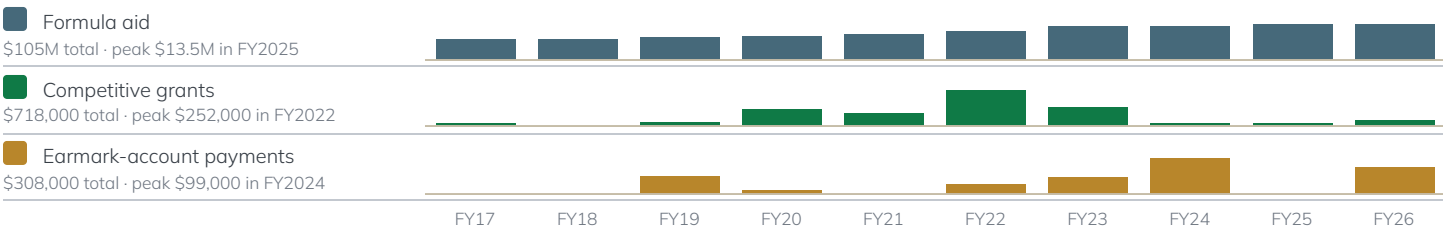
Westminster received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 14 stays between 13 and 15 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Westminster's town government and school districts received $105 million in formula aid and $718,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$105M** | **$718,000** | **$308,000** |
| $12,585 per resident (120th of 351) · gross | $85.79 per resident (333rd of 351) | $36.79 per resident (122nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Westminster peaked in FY2022 at $252,000, 35% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $3.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Westminster received $230,000 in local earmarks to its government, $9.3 million placed in the city or town and $9.3 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$230,000** | **$9.3M** | **$9.3M** | **No** |
| $27.47 per resident (178th of 351) | $1,114 per resident (1st of 351) · 98% to organizations | $1,114 per resident (2nd of 351) · 98% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 21 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $230,000 went to Westminster's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $9.1 million went to organizations in Westminster or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Westminster, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (21 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $2M | "the On-Site Academy for critical incident stress management services in support of emergency medical services, fire, corrections officers, and law enforcement officers" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $1.5M | "the On-Site Academy for critical incident stress management services in support of emergency medical services, fire, corrections officers, and law enforcement officers" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $1.2M | "the On-Site Academy for critical incident stress management services in support of emergency medical services, fire, corrections and law enforcement officers" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $600,000 | "On-Site Academy for critical incident stress management services" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2022 | $600,000 | "On-Site Academy for critical incident stress management services" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 21 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Westminster received 30% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**89.9**<br>120th of 351 · 10.7 per 1,000 residents (97th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9.6M**<br>scored exposure $2.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**111**<br>93rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**35.4 sq mi**<br>16% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**8,417**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.24**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.30; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**3,644 acres**<br>16.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$280,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$76.71**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$21,968**<br>FY2017–2025 · 160th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WESTMINSTER

## Westminster has 3,890 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,390 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**3,890 acres**<br>17.2% of Westminster's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,390 acres**<br>6.1% of Westminster's land · 51 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**137 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**807 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 63 | 3,890 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 45 | 5,233 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 12 | 278 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 16 | 550 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 23 | 563 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 9 | 407 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 137 |
| Conservation restriction | 17 | 807 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 31 | 2,913 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 13 | 2,318 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 1 | 2 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| High Ridge WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,396 | |
| Leominster State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,368 | |
| Wachusett Mountain State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 748 | |
| Westminster State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 378 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 111.6 miles of public road in Westminster, the state maintains 15.6 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 15.6 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 89.7 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.9 | 4% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Westminster $1.3 million and takes back $71,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.2 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.3 million** | **$71,000** | **$1.2 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $859,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $46,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $80,000 |
| State Owned Land | $286,000 |
| Public Libraries | $24,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,715 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $3,280 |
| MBTA | $50,000 |
| Regional Transit | $15,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WESTMINSTER

## State programs also awarded $46,000 to organizations in Westminster other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Montachusett Regional Planning Commission regional body | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |

A further $34,000 in 2 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 4.2% of Westminster's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 6.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **6.3%** | **4.3%** | **4.2%** | **3.9%** |
| $857,000 of $13.7M · median town 14.1% | $832,000 of $19.2M · median town 12.2% | $1.2M of $28.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 4.1% · median town 10.0% |


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Westminster's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $9.1 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Westminster's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 10.7% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 20.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $857,000 in FY2006 to $1.2 million in FY2025, +38.5% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +52.7% | +75.2% | 8 of 9 | 6 of 9 |
| $816,000 to $1.2M · all towns +54.0% | $1.8M to $3.1M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Westminster's health insurance would have been $1.02 million in FY2025; it was $1.25 million, $227,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $2.19 million in FY2025; it was $3.07 million, $883,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Westminster's government came to $155,000, 36.1% of the $430,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $155,000 | 36.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $7.3M | 16.9 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $7.3M | 16.9 times | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Westminster's required school contribution is 2.9% of median household income, 98th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $9M | $10.2M |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.9% | +13% |
| 98th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Westminster has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Ashburnham-Westminster and Montachusett; Westminster accounts for 56% and 5% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $748,000 for schools serving Westminster, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Westminster's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $748,000 | 1 | $8.66B |
| $89.38 per resident (241st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Westminster's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Meetinghouse School | Ashburnham Westminster | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.3M | $748,000 (56%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Westminster has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one


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## bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6.7M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$4.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.4M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 228th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**13**<br>one rated poor; about $680,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$386,000**<br>bridges $386,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Westminster came on average 25 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Westminster owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $419,000 | $0 | $315,000 | $148,000 |
| FY2018 | $414,000 | $0 | $378,000 | $185,000 |
| FY2019 | $411,000 | $82,000 | $361,000 | $317,000 |
| FY2020 | $420,000 | $42,000 | $237,000 | $585,000 |
| FY2021 | $419,000 | $0 | $62,000 | $942,000 |
| FY2022 | $422,000 | $299,000 | $212,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $427,000 | $0 | $984,000 | $894,000 |
| FY2024 | $422,000 | $379,000 | $510,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2025 | $423,000 | $219,000 | $783,000 | $1M |
| FY2026 | $720,000 | $442,000 | $850,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $719,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.1M |

The full list of the 24 bridges in Westminster in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Westminster received $10.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.7 times the $3.7 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Westminster ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $9.3 million in earmarks placed in Westminster, $9.1 million (98%) went to organizations rather than to Westminster's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Westminster** this town | **48** | **$12,585** | **$85.79** | **$1,114**† | **0.30** | **2.9%** |
| Sutton peer | 44 | $10,223 | $840 | $107 | 1.91 | 3.1% |
| Sterling peer | 34 | $8,083 | $141 | $35.44 | 0.62 | 2.6% |
| Millis peer · best in class of 30 | 39 | $9,221 | $150 | $151 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Kingston peer | 44 | $10,470 | $762 | $41.35 | 2.68 | 3.0% |
| Wrentham peer | 39 | $9,318 | $289 | $48.99 | 0.85 | 3.0% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Weston

Town · Middlesex County · 11,579 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| **14th Norfolk** · Alice Hanlon Peisch | **Third Middlesex** · Michael J. Barrett | **Weston Public Schools**, the town's own district | Metropolitan Area Planning Council |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Weston scores 35 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 15 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**35** / 100

264th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | 60 | 25 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 212th to 308th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Weston received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 35 stays between 28 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**15** / 100

331st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | 29 | 13 | 7 |

Rank under other weightings: 319th to 339th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

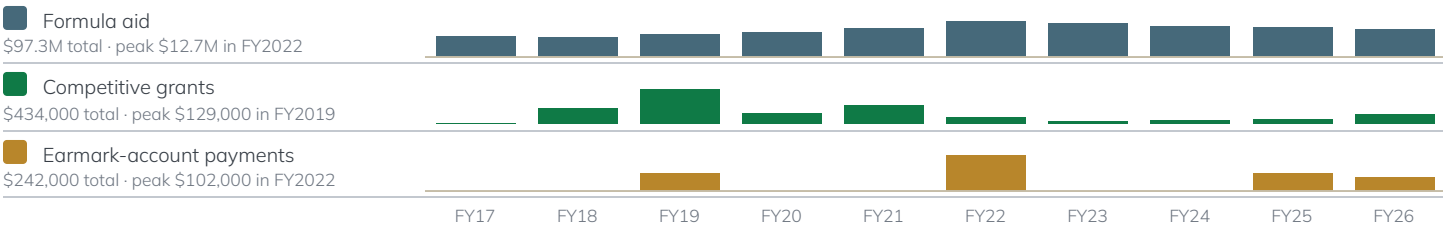
Weston received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 15 stays between 12 and 19 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Weston's town government and school districts received $97.3 million in formula aid and $434,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$97.3M** | **$434,000** | **$242,000** |
| $8,400 per resident (239th of 351) · gross | $37.49 per resident (350th of 351) | $20.93 per resident (197th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Weston peaked in FY2019 at $129,000, 30% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Weston received $800,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1 million placed in the city or town and $1 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$800,000** | **$1M** | **$1M** | **No** |
| $69.09 per resident (45th of 351) | $87.66 per resident (86th of 351) · 21% to organizations | $87.66 per resident (96th of 351) · 21% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 13 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $800,000 went to Weston's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $215,000 went to organizations in Weston or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Weston, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (13 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $150,000 | "water tank improvement and other related costs in the town of Weston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $150,000 | "water tank improvement and other related costs in the town of Weston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $150,000 | "water tank improvement and other related costs in the town of Weston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the revitalization of the town center in the town of Weston" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $100,000 | "improving sidewalks, connecting streets, increasing pedestrian lighting, and town center associated costs in Weston" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 13 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Weston received 21% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**86.3**<br>131st of 351 · 7.4 per 1,000 residents (146th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$3.7M**<br>scored exposure $883,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**168**<br>30th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.8 sq mi**<br>5% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**2%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**11,821**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.44**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.21; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$85,131**<br>FY2017–2025 · 11th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WESTON

## Weston has 578 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 421 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**578 acres**<br>5.4% of Weston's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**421 acres**<br>3.9% of Weston's land · 27 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**120 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 39 | 578 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 4 | 27 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 13 | 64 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 10 | 330 |
| Conservation restriction | 21 | 120 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Weston Reservoir | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 173 | |
| Norumbega Reservoir | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 126 | |
| Leo J. Martin Memorial Golf Course | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 96 | |
| Hultman Aqueduct | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 50 | |
| Charles River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 42 | |
| Weston Aqueduct | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 41 | |
| Metrowest Water Supply Tunnel Termination | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 35 | |
| Hultman Aqeuduct | State: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority | 12 | |
| River Street | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Number 6 Pressure Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | |
| Number 9 Pressure Aqueduct | DCR Water Supply Protection | 0 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 111.3 miles of public road in Weston, the state maintains 11.7 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 9.6 | 9% |
| DCR | 2.0 | 2% |
| Town-accepted | 86.3 | 78% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 13.3 | 12% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Weston $5.9 million and takes back $337,000 in assessments and charges, a net $5.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.9 million** | **$337,000** | **$5.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $5.3M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $522,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $6,196 |
| Public Libraries | $35,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $8,085 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $7,179 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,400 |
| MBTA | $302,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $18,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WESTON

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Regis College nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $80,000 |
| FY2020 | Regis College nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $70,000 |
| FY2018 | Regis College Fine Arts Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $32,000 |
| FY2025 | Acme Theater Productions nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $19,000 |

A further $68,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 5.0% of Weston's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 6.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6.5% | 5.2% | 5.0% | 4.7% |
| $4M of $61.6M · median town 14.1% | $4.1M of $79.4M · median town 12.2% | $5.2M of $102M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 6.3% · median town 10.0% |

**Weston's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 17.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 26.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $4 million in FY2006 to $5.2 million in FY2025, +28.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $1.5 million of Weston's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +22.3% | +36.4% | 3 of 9 | 2 of 9 |
| $9.7M to $11.9M · all towns +54.0% | $15.4M to $21M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Weston's health insurance would have been $12.1 million in FY2025; it was $11.9 million, $251,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $19.3 million in FY2025; it was $21 million, $1.77 million above the path.

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| Everything placed | $890,000 | 41.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Weston's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 261st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $5M | $22.7M |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 2.4% | +19% |
| 261st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Weston runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Weston's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Weston High School | Weston | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $389,000 | $389,000 |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Weston has $2.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$7M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.9M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2.4M**<br>annual program: 2.4 years of its yearly money · 58th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$37,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $37,000 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $487,000 | $0 | $597,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $481,000 | $0 | $396,000 | $85,000 |
| FY2019 | $476,000 | $95,000 | $546,000 | $110,000 |
| FY2020 | $472,000 | $47,000 | $274,000 | $603,000 |
| FY2021 | $469,000 | $0 | $973,000 | $100,000 |
| FY2022 | $471,000 | $287,000 | $0 | $858,000 |
| FY2023 | $467,000 | $0 | $858,000 | $467,000 |
| FY2024 | $466,000 | $283,000 | $260,000 | $956,000 |
| FY2025 | $467,000 | $128,000 | $378,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $750,000 | $436,000 | $0 | $2.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $747,000 | $0 | $0 | $3.1M |

The full list of the 41 bridges in Weston in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2018 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Concord Rd over Cherry Brook source | $37,000 |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

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PEERS

## Weston ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $1 million in earmarks placed in Weston, $215,000 (21%) went to organizations rather than to Weston's government.


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Weston** this town | **35** | **$8,400** | **$37.49** | **$87.66** | **0.21** | **2.4%** |
| Concord peer | 34 | $8,067 | $148 | $84.78 | 0.61 | 2.5% |
| Nantucket peer | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Cohasset peer | 32 | $7,092 | $383 | $129† | 0.76 | 2.5% |
| Dover peer | 37 | $8,305 | $138 | $99.67 | 1.08 | 2.4% |
| Norwell peer | 35 | $7,878 | $687 | $57.61† | 1.24 | 3.4% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |
| Carlisle lowest in class of 30 | 35 | $7,968 | $280 | $4.77 | 0.70 | 2.1% |

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**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BRISTOL COUNTY

# Westport

Town · Bristol County · 16,484 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

8th Bristol · Steven J. Ouellette

STATE SENATE

First Bristol and Plymouth · Michael J. Rodrigues

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Westport Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Greater Fall River Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Fall River, Somerset and Swansea

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Westport scores 30 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 17 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**30** / 100

310th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 28 | 30 | 32 | 29 |

Rank under other weightings: 281st to 330th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Westport received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 29 and 30 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**17** / 100

322nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 20 | 12 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 317th to 330th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

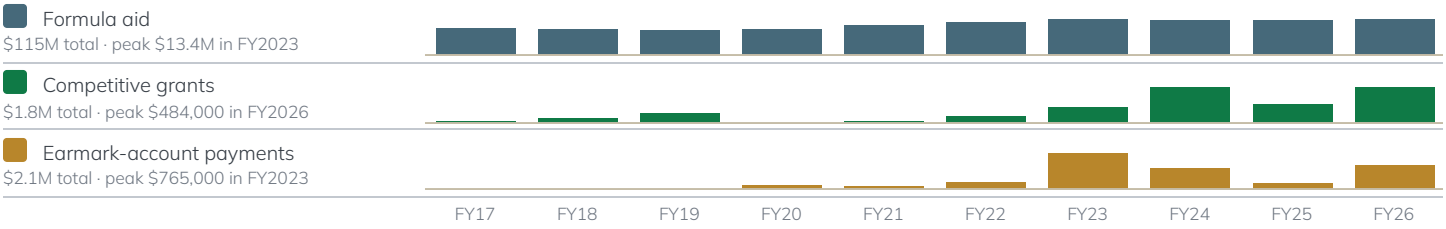
Westport received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 17 stays between 16 and 19 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Westport's town government and school districts received $115 million in formula aid and $1.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$115M** | **$1.8M** | **$2.1M** |
| $6,951 per resident (292nd of 351) · gross | $107 per resident (320th of 351) | $129 per resident (16th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Westport peaked in FY2026 at $484,000, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $18.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Westport received $685,000 in local earmarks to its government, $860,000 placed in the city or town and $860,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$685,000** | **$860,000** | **$860,000** | **No** |
| $41.56 per resident (101st of 351) | $52.17 per resident (164th of 351) · 20% to organizations | $52.17 per resident (169th of 351) · 20% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 15 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $685,000 went to Westport's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $175,000 went to organizations in Westport or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Westport, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (15 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "as a grant to the town of Westport for information technology infrastructure improvements and upgrades" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $100,000 | "Macomber school in Westport" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $75,000 | "the town of Westport for improvements to the town's transfer station" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "the Westport Police Department for the purchase, installation and training of an emergency vehicle preemption system" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "safety improvements and upgrades at the intersection of state highway route 177, Robert street and Tickle road in the town of Westport" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 15 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Westport received 45% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**139.4**<br>41st of 351 · 8.5 per 1,000 residents (129th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$21.3M**<br>scored exposure $5.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**144**<br>49th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**49.8 sq mi**<br>2% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**7%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**17,899**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.26**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.45; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**485 acres**<br>1.5% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$1.2M**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$2,478**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$38,287**<br>FY2017–2025 · 64th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WESTPORT

## Westport has 804 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,582 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**804 acres**<br>2.5% of Westport's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,582 acres**<br>5.0% of Westport's land · 82 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**2,033 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**2,436 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 36 | 804 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 7 | 346 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 6 | 99 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 65 | 1,364 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 11 | 118 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 206 | 6,374 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 50 | 2,033 |
| Conservation restriction | 130 | 2,436 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 334 |
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 2 | 12 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Horseneck Beach State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 803 | |
| Westport River Public Access Facility | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |


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ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 163.5 miles of public road in Westport, the state maintains 24.7 (15%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 24.7 | 15% |
| Town-accepted | 137.3 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.5 | 1% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Westport $9.5 million and takes back $1.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $8.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.5 million** | **$1.4 million** | **$8.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 15% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $6.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $36,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $125,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.6M |
| Veterans Benefits | $239,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $198,000 |
| State Owned Land | $1.2M |
| Public Libraries | $41,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $409,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $137,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $6,503 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $17,000 |
| Regional Transit | $94,000 |
| Special Education | $454 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $454,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $320,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WESTPORT

## State programs also awarded $1.4 million to organizations in Westport other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Westport. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | South Coast Bikeway Alliance nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $95,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2025 | Westport Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $40,000 |

A further $1.3 million in 9 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 16.5% of Westport's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 22.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **22.1%** | **18.8%** | **16.5%** | **13.7%** |
| $5.8M of $26.1M · median town 14.1% | $6.6M of $35.4M · median town 12.2% | $8.8M of $53.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 18.7% · median town 10.0% |

Westport's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $816,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Westport's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 1.9% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 12.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5.8 million in FY2006 to $8.8 million in FY2025, +52.1% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+27.2%** | **+47.6%** | **4 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $2.7M to $3.4M · all towns +54.0% | $5.3M to $7.8M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Westport's health insurance would have been $3.31 million in FY2025; it was $3.37 million, $60,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $6.63 million in FY2025; it was $7.83 million, $1.21 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Westport's government came to $595,000, 82.6% of the $721,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $595,000 | 82.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $770,000 | 106.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $770,000 | 106.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Westport's required school contribution is 3.2% of median household income, 35th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$6.5M** | **$20.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.2%** | **–2%** |
| 35th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Westport runs its own school district and also belongs to Greater Fall River and Bristol County; Westport accounts for 7% and 5% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $55.4 million for schools serving Westport, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Westport's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$55.4M** | **4** | **$8.66B** |
| $3,364 per resident (37th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Westport's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Greater Fall River | Core | $24.4M | $1.7M (7%) |
| FY2022 | Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School | Greater Fall River | Core | $149M | $10.6M (7%) |
| FY2020 | Westport Elementary School | Westport | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.2M | $2.2M |
| FY2020 | Bristol County Agricultural High School grant reduced by Board vote | Bristol County | Core | -$192,000 | -$10,000 (5%) |
| FY2018 | Bristol County Agricultural High School | Bristol County | Core | $53.3M | $2.8M (5%) |
| FY2018 | Westport Middle School (Middle/High School) | Westport | Core | $38.1M | $38.1M |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Westport; Westport's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.7 million, $1.7 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the two projects closed with a final audit, Westport's share of the final cost was $8.7 million against its share of the approved budget of $10 million (under by $1.3 million); the local share moved from $5 million to $4.7 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Westport has $908,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$10.4M**<br>$2M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$908,000**<br>annual program: 0.0 years of its yearly money · 335th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**5**<br>two rated poor; likely about $1.4M of work on those ($662,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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| FY2018 | $673,000 | $0 | $1M | $655,000 |
| FY2019 | $668,000 | $134,000 | $616,000 | $841,000 |
| FY2020 | $667,000 | $67,000 | $756,000 | $819,000 |
| FY2021 | $677,000 | $0 | $1M | $456,000 |
| FY2022 | $676,000 | $457,000 | $443,000 | $1.1M |
| FY2023 | $680,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $590,000 |
| FY2024 | $683,000 | $434,000 | $1.3M | $361,000 |
| FY2025 | $692,000 | $190,000 | $1M | $201,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.2M | $692,000 | $1.1M | $908,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.2M | $0 | $0 | $2.1M |

The full list of the 27 bridges in Westport in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

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## years, 29% of the $11.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




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| Dennis peer | 25 | $4,788 | $436 | $12.61† | 0.90 | 2.4% |
| Bourne peer | 29 | $6,777 | $185 | $55.96† | 0.51 | 2.9% |
| Marshfield peer | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Saugus peer | 29 | $7,158 | $98.00 | $42.11 | 0.36 | 3.3% |
| Salisbury peer | 38 | $7,912 | $1,047 | $37.77 | 1.32 | 2.7% |
| Chatham best in class of 30 | 23 | $4,225 | $743 | $246† | 0.70 | 1.8% |
| Tisbury lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,847 | $443 | $0 | 1.19 | 5.5% |

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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Westwood

Town · Norfolk County · 16,318 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**11th Norfolk** · Paul McMurtry

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk and Suffolk** · Michael F. Rush

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Westwood Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Avon, Braintree, Canton, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Norwood and Randolph

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Westwood scores 27 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 22 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**27** / 100

339th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 43 | 19 | 19 |

Rank under other weightings: 309th to 348th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Westwood received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 22 and 31 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**22** / 100

309th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 35 | 17 | 15 |

Rank under other weightings: 298th to 317th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

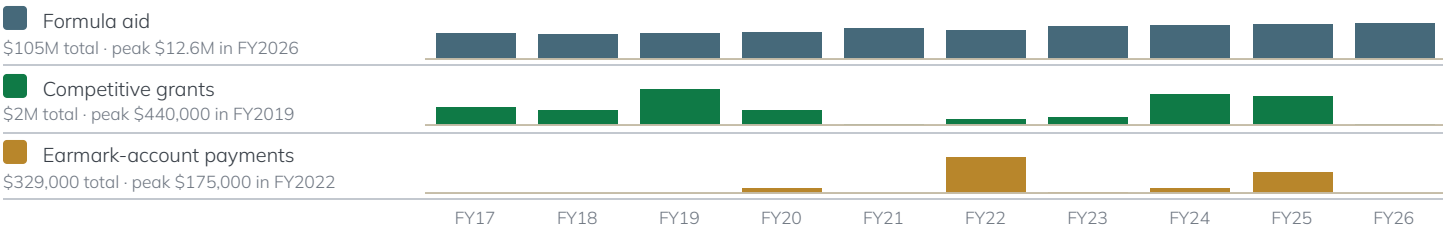
Westwood received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 22 stays between 18 and 25 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Westwood's town government and school districts received $105 million in formula aid and $2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$105M** | **$2M** | **$329,000** |
| $6,423 per resident (323rd of 351) · gross | $120 per resident (313th of 351) | $20.19 per resident (203rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Westwood peaked in FY2019 at $440,000, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $13.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Westwood received $575,000 in local earmarks to its government, $750,000 placed in the city or town and $750,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$575,000** | **$750,000** | **$750,000** | **No** |
| $35.24 per resident (136th of 351) | $45.96 per resident (179th of 351) · 23% to organizations | $45.96 per resident (184th of 351) · 23% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: nine clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $575,000 went to Westwood's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $175,000 went to organizations in Westwood or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Westwood, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (nine clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "capital improvements to municipally-owned buildings in the town of Westwood" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "design funds for the fire department project in the town of Westwood" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "Family Pantry of Cape Cod Corp." | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $100,000 | "complete the 1812 Obed House Restoration Project in the town of Westwood" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "electronic voting equipment in the town of Westwood" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 9 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Westwood received 30% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**82.0**<br>149th of 351 · 5.0 per 1,000 residents (229th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$2.7M**<br>scored exposure $606,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**52**<br>254th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**10.9 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**16,338**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.97**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.30; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$38,972**<br>FY2017–2025 · 59th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WESTWOOD

## Westwood has 2 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 122 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**2 acres**<br>0.0% of Westwood's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**122 acres**<br>1.8% of Westwood's land · 11 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**228 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 2 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 36 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 4 | 24 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 62 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 228 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Neponset River Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 89.3 miles of public road in Westwood, the state maintains 3.3 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 3.3 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 81.7 | 91% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.3 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Westwood $9.4 million and takes back $850,000 in assessments and


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## charges, a net $8.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$9.4 million** | **$850,000** | **$8.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 9% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $8.3M |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $989,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $9,499 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $69,000 |
| Public Libraries | $42,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $246,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $94,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $7,845 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $10,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $5,120 |
| MBTA | $422,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $66,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.3% of Westwood's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 13.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.3%** | **8.9%** | **7.3%** | **6.6%** |
| $7M of $52.7M · median town 14.1% | $7M of $78.4M · median town 12.2% | $8.3M of $114M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 10.8% · median town 10.0% |

Westwood's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $56,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Westwood's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 23.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 31.9% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $7 million in FY2006 to $8.3 million in FY2025, +18.9% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $3 million of Westwood's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+69.2%** | **+95.4%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $5.5M to $9.2M · all towns +54.0% | $8.9M to $17.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Westwood's health insurance would have been $6.81 million in FY2025; it was $9.22 million, $2.42 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $11.1 million in FY2025; it was $17.3 million, $6.26 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Westwood's government came to $525,000, 13.9% of the $3.77 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $525,000 | 13.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $700,000 | 18.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $700,000 | 18.6% | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## Westwood's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 231st highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$7.8M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$31M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.5%**<br>231st of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+25%**<br>after inflation |

Westwood runs its own school district and also belongs to Norfolk County and Blue Hills; Westwood accounts for 2% and 0% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $22.2 million for schools serving Westwood, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Westwood's share<br>**$22.2M**<br>$1,362 per resident (123rd of 351) | Projects<br>**3**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Westwood's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Paul R. Hanlon Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Westwood | Core | $3.8M | $3.8M |
| FY2021 | Paul R. Hanlon Elementary School | Westwood | Core | $18.2M | $18.2M |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $33,000 (2%) |
| FY2018 | Blue Hills Regional Technical High School | Blue Hills | Core | $44.4M | $195,000 (0%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Westwood; Westwood's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $3.8 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Westwood's share of the final cost was $390,000 against its share of the approved budget of $373,000 (over by $17,000); the local share moved from $178,000 to $200,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Westwood has $1 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$8.1M**<br>$1.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.2M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1M**<br>annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 229th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**1**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Westwood came on average 9 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $543,000 | $0 | $896,000 | $19,000 |
| FY2018 | $562,000 | $0 | $697,000 | $173,000 |
| FY2019 | $565,000 | $113,000 | $724,000 | $127,000 |
| FY2020 | $564,000 | $56,000 | $574,000 | $197,000 |
| FY2021 | $561,000 | $0 | $702,000 | $56,000 |
| FY2022 | $556,000 | $271,000 | $583,000 | $300,000 |
| FY2023 | $564,000 | $0 | $864,000 | $3 |
| FY2024 | $565,000 | $302,000 | $731,000 | $136,000 |
| FY2025 | $568,000 | $153,000 | $678,000 | $178,000 |
| FY2026 | $848,000 | $441,000 | $425,000 | $1M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $856,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.9M |

The full list of the seven bridges in Westwood in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Westwood received $3.9 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, about the $3.8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Westwood ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $750,000 in earmarks placed in Westwood, $175,000 (23%) went to organizations rather than to Westwood's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Westwood** this town | **27** | **$6,423** | **$120** | **$45.96** | **0.30** | **2.5%** |
| Scituate peer | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |
| Marblehead peer | 29 | $6,094 | $187 | $21.64 | 0.50 | 1.9% |
| Winchester peer | 28 | $6,820 | $40.16 | $49.13 | 0.45 | 2.5% |
| Hingham peer | 30 | $6,498 | $83.05 | $90.15† | 0.24 | 2.2% |
| Nantucket peer · lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Lincoln best in class of 30 | 41 | $8,832 | $272 | $223 | 1.39 | 1.9% |

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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Weymouth

City · Norfolk County · 58,505 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

4th Norfolk · James M. Murphy 74% of residents
3rd Norfolk · Ronald Mariano 26% of residents

Weymouth is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

First Plymouth and Norfolk · Patrick M. O'Connor

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Weymouth Public Schools, the city's own district

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Weymouth scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 64 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**39** / 100

222nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 35 | 44 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 187th to 265th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Weymouth received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 37 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**64** / 100

132nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 61 | 59 | 68 | 67 |

Rank under other weightings: 122nd to 146th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

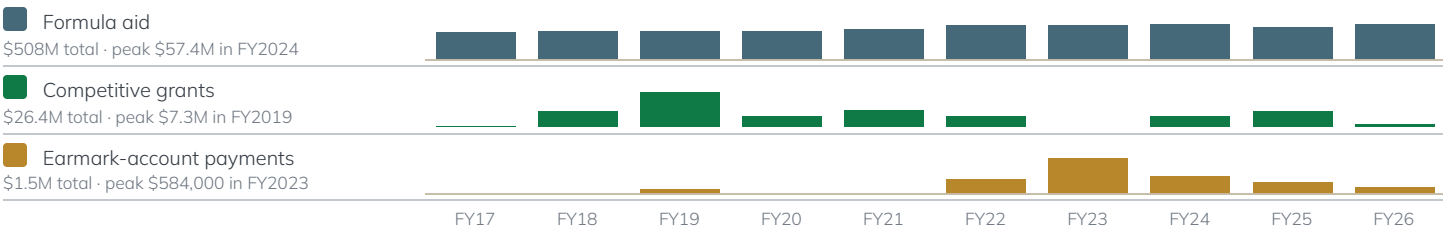
Weymouth received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 64 stays between 62 and 66 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Weymouth's town government and school districts received $508 million in formula aid and $26.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $508M | $26.4M | $1.5M |
| $8,687 per resident (230th of 351) · gross | $450 per resident (152nd of 351) | $25.64 per resident (171st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Weymouth peaked in FY2019 at $7.3 million, 28% of the ten-year total.**




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EARMARKS

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| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $3.7M | $6.1M | $6.1M | No |
| $63.24 per resident (52nd of 351) | $104 per resident (62nd of 351) · 39% to organizations | $104 per resident (73rd of 351) · 39% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 74 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $3.7 million went to Weymouth's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $2.4 million went to organizations in Weymouth or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $500,000 | "South Shore Health to support its efforts to advance health equity and improve access for underserved communities" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $500,000 | "South Shore Health to support its efforts to advance health equity and improve access for underserved communities" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "the construction of Fore River trail in the city known as the town of Weymouth" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $200,000 | "the construction of Fore River trail in Weymouth" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $150,000 | "the Weymouth Teen Center for job skills training, technology support, remedial education services and to promote a social service program for growth and social welfare" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 74 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Weymouth received 2.15 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**151.0**<br>34th of 351 · 2.6 per 1,000 residents (329th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6M**<br>scored exposure $2.7M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**111**<br>93rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**16.8 sq mi**<br>1% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**58,705**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.37**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 2.15; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**71 acres**<br>0.7% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$37,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$519**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$22,551**<br>FY2017–2025 · 156th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WEYMOUTH

## Weymouth has 148 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 5 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**148 acres**<br>1.4% of Weymouth's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**5 acres**<br>0.0% of Weymouth's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**52 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 11 | 148 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 2 | 57 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 2 | 5 |
| Conservation restriction | 10 | 52 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 57 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Boston Harbor Islands State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 71 | |
| Webb Memorial State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 59 | |
| Abigail Adams State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | |
| Connell Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 184.1 miles of public road in Weymouth, the state maintains 15.5 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 15.5 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 149.4 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 18.6 | 10% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Weymouth $45 million and takes back $8.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $36.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$45 million** | **$8.4 million** | **$36.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 19% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $31.7M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $989,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $11.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $311,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $515,000 |
| State Owned Land | $37,000 |
| Public Libraries | $167,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $453,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $154,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $20,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $37,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $76,000 |
| MBTA | $1.5M |
| Special Education | $52,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $559,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $5.5M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WEYMOUTH

## State programs also awarded $37,000 to organizations in Weymouth other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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A further $37,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 19.4% of Weymouth's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 26.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **26.2%** | **24.9%** | **19.4%** | **15.9%** |
| $30.6M of $117M · median town 14.1% | $36.7M of $147M · median town 12.2% | $41.9M of $216M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 23.9% · median town 10.0% |

Weymouth's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $111,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Weymouth's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 11.8% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 21.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $30.6 million in FY2006 to $41.9 million in FY2025, +36.8% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+37.0%** | **+52.7%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $24.3M to $33.3M · all towns +54.0% | $33.8M to $51.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Weymouth's health insurance would have been $30.4 million in FY2025; it was $33.3 million, $2.94 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $42.2 million in FY2025; it was $51.6 million, $9.39 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Weymouth's government came to $3.3 million, 36.5% of the $8.99 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $3.3M | 36.5% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $5.4M | 59.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $5.4M | 59.6% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Weymouth's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 128th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$30.9M** | **$74M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **–10%** |
| 128th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Weymouth runs its own school district and also belongs to Norfolk County; Weymouth accounts for 9% of that district's foundation budget.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $62.5 million for schools serving Weymouth, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Weymouth's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$62.5M** | **5** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,068 per resident (147th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Weymouth's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Ralph Talbot Primary School | Weymouth | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $600,000 | $600,000 |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $150,000 (9%) |
| FY2019 | Maria Weston Chapman Middle School | Weymouth | Core | $60.6M | $60.6M |
| FY2018 | Wessagusset Primary School | Weymouth | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $575,000 | $575,000 |
| FY2018 | Thomas W. Hamilton Primary School | Weymouth | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $579,000 | $579,000 |

**Cost after approval.** Of the three projects closed with a final audit, Weymouth's share of the final cost was $2.7 million against its share of the approved budget of $3.6 million (under by $924,000); the local share moved from $1.9 million to $1.4 million. Approved budgets include contingency.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Weymouth has $1.5 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$16.3M**<br>$2.6M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$13.1M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.5M**<br>annual program: 0.2 years of its yearly money · 316th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**13**<br>two rated poor; likely about $3M of work on those ($1.4M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**3**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$1.1M**<br>bridges $160,000 · dams $933,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Weymouth came on average 12 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.1M | $0 | $433,000 | $695,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.1M | $0 | $1.8M | $186,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.2M | $232,000 | $1.6M | $6,727 |
| FY2020 | $1.2M | $116,000 | $368,000 | $928,000 |
| FY2021 | $1.2M | $0 | $1.7M | $438,000 |
| FY2022 | $1.2M | $499,000 | $919,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2023 | $1.2M | $0 | $2.2M | $134,000 |
| FY2024 | $1.2M | $604,000 | $1.8M | $128,000 |
| FY2025 | $1.2M | $326,000 | $964,000 | $648,000 |
| FY2026 | $1.7M | $832,000 | $1.6M | $1.5M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.7M | $0 | $0 | $3.2M |

The full list of the 32 bridges in Weymouth in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Fort Point Road Coastal Infrastructure Repair source | $3M |
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Dam and Seawall award | River Street Design source | $183,000 |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Fort Point Road Coastal Infrastructure Design source | $103,000 |
| FY2019 | Dam and Seawall award | Weymouth Great Pond Dam Repair source | $783,000 |
| FY2018 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Fore River Avenue Seawall Repair source | $1.7M |
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Weymouth Great Pond Dam Repair Design source | $150,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Weymouth received $36.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 82% more than the $20.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Weymouth ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $6.1 million in earmarks placed in Weymouth, $2.4 million (39%) went to organizations rather than to Weymouth's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Weymouth** this town | **39** | **$8,687** | **$450** | **$104** | **2.15** | **2.8%** |
| Peabody peer | 39 | $9,164 | $124 | $37.54 | 0.34 | 3.1% |
| Beverly peer | 27 | $6,643 | $218 | $69.85 | 0.97 | 3.1% |
| Norwood peer | 34 | $7,831 | $166 | $22.99 | 0.33 | 3.0% |
| Quincy peer | 32 | $7,723 | $176 | $103† | 0.82 | 3.0% |
| Dartmouth peer | 28 | $6,506 | $296 | $16.50 | 0.73 | 3.6% |
| Marshfield best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Yarmouth lowest in class of 30 | 27 | $6,216 | $356 | $8.62† | 0.82 | 3.0% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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FRANKLIN COUNTY

# Whately

Town · Franklin County · 1,499 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**1st Franklin** · Natalie M. Blais

STATE SENATE

**Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire** · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Whately Public Schools**, the town's own district

**Frontier Regional School District**, shared with Conway, Deerfield and Sunderland

**Franklin County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield and ten others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Franklin Regional Council Of Governments

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Whately scores 46 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 84 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**46** / 100

158th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45 | 50 | 43 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 155th to 163rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Whately received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 44 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**84** / 100

64th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 88 | 90 | 73 | 87 |

Rank under other weightings: 59th to 75th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

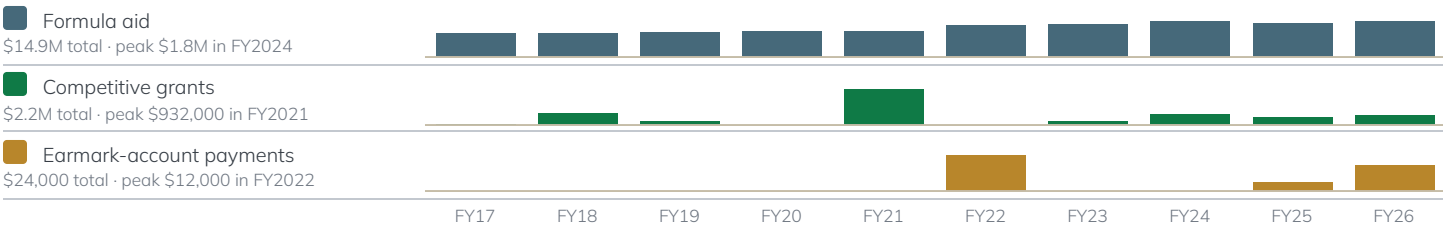
Whately received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 84 stays between 82 and 87 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Whately's town government and school districts received $14.9 million in formula aid and $2.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.9M** | **$2.2M** | **$24,000** |
| $9,968 per resident (178th of 351) · gross | $1,484 per resident (56th of 351) | $15.89 per resident (228th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Whately peaked in FY2021 at $932,000, 42% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $2.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Whately received $43,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$43,000** | **$43,000** | **$43,000** | **No** |
| $28.91 per resident (167th of 351) | $28.91 per resident (241st of 351) | $28.91 per resident (245th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in two of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2023. All of it went to Whately's government, its schools or municipal projects.



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Every local earmark in Whately, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $33,000 (split three ways) | "the town of Deerfield for improvements to the regional senior center in the town that serves the towns of Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $10,000 | "the town of Whately's two hundred and fiftieth anniversary" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Whately received about its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**31.5**<br>322nd of 351 · 21.0 per 1,000 residents (54th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$19.7M**<br>scored exposure $4.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**48**<br>270th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**20.2 sq mi**<br>12% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,499**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.09**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.02; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,302 acres**<br>10.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$62,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$47.87**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$33,809**<br>FY2017–2025 · 87th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WHATELY

## Whately has 1,530 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,570 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,530 acres**<br>11.9% of Whately's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,570 acres**<br>19.9% of Whately's land · 100 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**793 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**726 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 54 | 1,530 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 28 | 865 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 15 | 600 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 73 | 1,423 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 12 | 547 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 44 | 1,003 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 44 | 793 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 726 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 20 | 630 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 182 |
| DCR Water Supply Protection | 1 | 52 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Great Swamp WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 662 | |
| Whately WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 416 | |
| Mt. Esther WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 408 | |
| Connecticut River Greenway State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 42 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 48.2 miles of public road in Whately, the state maintains 8.7 (18%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
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| Town-accepted | 31.5 | 65% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 8.0 | 17% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

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|---|---|---|
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| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $368,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $296,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $176,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $16,000 |
| State Owned Land | $62,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,865 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $546 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,320 |
| Regional Transit | $10,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $47,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WHATELY

## State programs also awarded $252,000 to organizations in Whately other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $200,000 |
| FY2019 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $15,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2023 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $9,851 (shared seven ways) |
| FY2023 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $5,687 (shared 26 ways) |
| FY2019 | Franklin Regional Council of Governments regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $1,696 (shared 26 ways) |

A further $19,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.8% of Whately's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 13.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.1%** | **13.5%** | **11.8%** | **10.7%** |
| $542,000 of $4.1M · median town 14.1% | $673,000 of $5M · median town 12.2% | $788,000 of $6.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.8% · median town 10.0% |

Whately's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $464,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Whately's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 6.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 16.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $542,000 in FY2006 to $788,000 in FY2025, +45.5% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+37.9%** | **+48.1%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $307,000 to $423,000 · all towns +54.0% | $513,000 to $759,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Whately's health insurance would have been $383,000 in FY2025; it was $423,000, $40,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $640,000 in FY2025; it was $759,000, $119,000 above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Whately's government came to $43,000, 37.3% of the $116,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $43,000 | 37.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $43,000 | 37.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $43,000 | 37.3% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Whately's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 252nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$781,000** | **$1.8M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **–8%** |
| 252nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Whately runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Frontier and Franklin County for others; Whately accounts for 11% and 2% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $2.7 million for schools serving Whately, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Whately's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.7M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,798 per resident (100th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Whately's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Franklin County Technical High School | Franklin County | Core | $114M | $2.7M (2%) |

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Whately has $349,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.4M** | **$1.8M** | **$349,000** |
| $641,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.0 years of its yearly money · 221st of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **15** | **1** | **$826,000** |
| one rated poor; about $5.7M of work on those, by planning estimates | of one town-owned dam | bridges $769,000 · dams $0 · culverts $57,000 |


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**Whately owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.**

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $145,000 | $0 | $124,000 | $113,000 |
| FY2018 | $145,000 | $0 | $141,000 | $141,000 |
| FY2019 | $145,000 | $29,000 | $147,000 | $167,000 |
| FY2020 | $145,000 | $14,000 | $168,000 | $159,000 |
| FY2021 | $144,000 | $0 | $48,000 | $255,000 |
| FY2022 | $143,000 | $104,000 | $96,000 | $406,000 |
| FY2023 | $144,000 | $0 | $195,000 | $355,000 |
| FY2024 | $144,000 | $198,000 | $290,000 | $406,000 |
| FY2025 | $143,000 | $142,000 | $289,000 | $402,000 |
| FY2026 | $246,000 | $153,000 | $453,000 | $349,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $245,000 | $0 | $0 | $594,000 |

The full list of the 19 bridges in Whately in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Christian Lane over Great Swamp Brook source | $57,000 |
| FY2017 | Small Bridge award | Williamsburg Road bridge source | $497,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Whately received $2.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 78% of the $3.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Whately ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Whately** this town | **46** | **$9,968** | **$1,484** | **$28.91** | **1.02** | **2.4%** |
| Hinsdale peer · lowest in class of 30 | 44 | $9,786 | $1,790 | $0 | 2.54 | 3.6% |
| Sandisfield peer | 43 | $9,713 | $2,087 | $0 | 0.34 | 3.1% |
| Essex peer | 32 | $7,261 | $477 | $208 | 0.75 | 2.6% |
| Berlin peer | 32 | $7,567 | $464 | $104 | 2.37 | 2.7% |
| Richmond peer | 40 | $8,072 | $776 | $0 | 0.19 | 2.2% |
| Princeton best in class of 30 | 39 | $8,727 | $417 | $299† | 0.96 | 2.3% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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PLYMOUTH COUNTY

# Whitman

Town · Plymouth County · 15,295 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
**7th Plymouth** · Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida

**STATE SENATE**
**Second Plymouth and Norfolk** · Michael D. Brady

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
**Whitman-Hanson Regional School District**, shared with Hanson
**South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland and Scituate

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Old Colony Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Whitman scores 56 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 30 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**56** / 100

73rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 58 | 56 | 55 | 55 |

Rank under other weightings: 65th to 82nd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Whitman received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 56 stays between 55 and 57 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**30** / 100

265th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 29 | 27 | 39 | 26 |

Rank under other weightings: 257th to 280th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

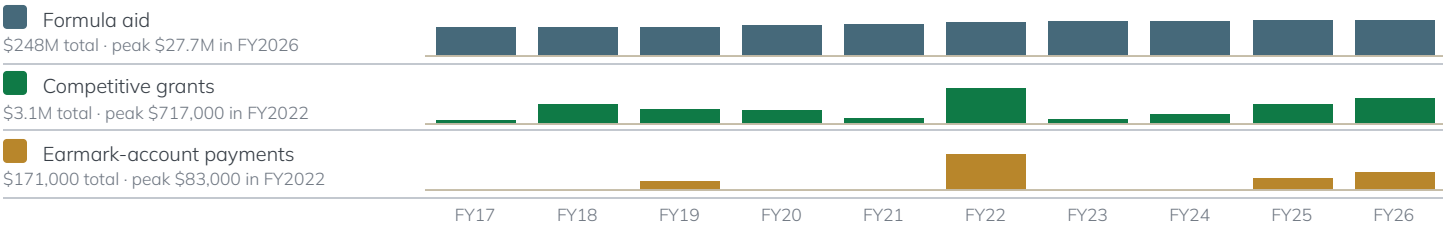
Whitman received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 30 stays between 28 and 32 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Whitman's town government and school districts received $248 million in formula aid and $3.1 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$248M** | **$3.1M** | **$171,000** |
| $16,230 per resident (56th of 351) · gross | $202 per resident (250th of 351) | $11.17 per resident (252nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Whitman peaked in FY2022 at $717,000, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $8.7 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Whitman received $228,000 in local earmarks to its government, $235,000 placed in the city or town and $235,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$228,000** | **$235,000** | **$235,000** | **No** |
| $14.87 per resident (241st of 351) | $15.36 per resident (289th of 351) · 3% to organizations | $15.36 per resident (290th of 351) · 3% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $228,000 went to Whitman's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $7,500 went to organizations in Whitman or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Whitman, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "install a well and irrigation system for the town park's upper field in the town of Whitman" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $50,000 | "technology improvements at the Whitman-Hanson regional school district" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $35,000 | "technology upgrades in the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $30,000 | "improvements for the council on aging in the town of Whitman" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $25,000 | "improvements to the Whitman fire department" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Whitman received 52% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**53.9**<br>237th of 351 · 3.5 per 1,000 residents (298th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.5M**<br>scored exposure $466,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**38**<br>300th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**6.9 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**15,295**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.52; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,778**<br>FY2017–2025 · 256th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WHITMAN

## No state conservation land is mapped in Whitman; 38 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**38 acres**<br>0.9% of Whitman's land · 4 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 1 | 14 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 4 | 38 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 1 | 60 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 14 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 54.4 miles of public road in Whitman, the state maintains 4.0 (7%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 4.0 | 7% |
| Town-accepted | 48.8 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.6 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Whitman $3.6 million and takes back $233,000 in assessments and charges, a net $3.4 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$3.6 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$233,000**<br>6% of what is sent | Net<br>**$3.4 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $174,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $123,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $196,000 |
| Public Libraries | $48,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $39,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $38,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,599 |
| Old Colony Planning Council | $6,491 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $27,000 |
| MBTA | $87,000 |
| Regional Transit | $31,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WHITMAN

## State programs also awarded $10,000 to organizations in Whitman other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Whitman. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Metropolitan Area Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $10,000 (shared 12 ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 7.2% of Whitman's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 11.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11.5% | 8.7% | 7.2% | 6.7% |
| $2.5M of $21.5M · median town 14.1% | $2.6M of $29.6M · median town 12.2% | $3.4M of $46.4M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 9.6% · median town 10.0% |

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**Whitman's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 12.2% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.5 million in FY2006 to $3.4 million in FY2025, +36.1% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +63.6% | +73.0% | 7 of 9 | 6 of 9 |
| $1.1M to $1.8M · all towns +54.0% | $3.2M to $5.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Whitman's health insurance would have been $1.36 million in FY2025; it was $1.79 million, $424,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.01 million in FY2025; it was $5.56 million, $1.55 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

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| Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
| To the city or town government | $198,000 | 28.4% | 13.0% |
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| Everything placed | $205,000 | 29.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

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| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$19.8M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$15.9M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.5%**<br>212th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–6%**<br>after inflation |

Whitman has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Whitman, Whitman-Hanson and South Shore; Whitman accounts for 100%, 61% and 22% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $60.3 million for schools serving Whitman, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Whitman's share<br>**$60.3M**<br>$3,945 per resident (23rd of 351) | Projects<br>**2**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

| School building grants approved, newest first | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Whitman's share |
| FY2025 | South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School | South Shore | Core | $112M | $24.2M (22%) |
| FY2024 | Whitman Middle School | Whitman Hanson | Core | $59.2M | $36.2M (61%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Whitman has $393,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.7M**<br>$811,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$393,000**<br>annual program: 0.1 years of its yearly money · 334th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**3**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of two town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $323,000 | $0 | $473,000 | $163,000 |
| FY2018 | $323,000 | $0 | $515,000 | $34,000 |
| FY2019 | $323,000 | $65,000 | $193,000 | $229,000 |
| FY2020 | $323,000 | $32,000 | $468,000 | $116,000 |
| FY2021 | $321,000 | $0 | $287,000 | $151,000 |
| FY2022 | $319,000 | $163,000 | $191,000 | $442,000 |
| FY2023 | $316,000 | $0 | $375,000 | $382,000 |
| FY2024 | $315,000 | $179,000 | $793,000 | $83,000 |
| FY2025 | $323,000 | $92,000 | $345,000 | $153,000 |
| FY2026 | $511,000 | $281,000 | $552,000 | $393,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $509,000 | $0 | $0 | $902,000 |

The full list of the three bridges in Whitman in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Whitman received $3.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 44% of the $8.2 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Whitman ranks 9th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $235,000 in earmarks placed in Whitman, $7,500 (3%) went to organizations rather than to Whitman's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Whitman** this town | **56** | **$16,230** | **$202** | **$15.36** | **0.52** | **2.5%** |
| Northbridge peer | 56 | $14,554 | $230 | $124† | 0.74 | 2.4% |
| Rockland peer | 52 | $13,816 | $523 | $41.44 | 1.27 | 2.5% |
| Carver peer · lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |
| Holbrook peer · best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Acushnet peer | 43 | $10,949 | $130 | $21.65 | 0.60 | 3.2% |

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HAMPDEN COUNTY

# Wilbraham

Town · Hampden County · 14,572 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

| STATE HOUSE | STATE SENATE | SCHOOL DISTRICTS | REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12th Hampden · Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. | Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester · Jacob R. Oliveira | Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District, shared with Hampden | Pioneer Valley Planning Commission |

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wilbraham scores 44 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 19 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**44** / 100

173rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 50 | 42 | 37 |

Rank under other weightings: 156th to 193rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Wilbraham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 44 stays between 41 and 47 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**19** / 100

317th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 21 | 22 | 13 |

Rank under other weightings: 311th to 323rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

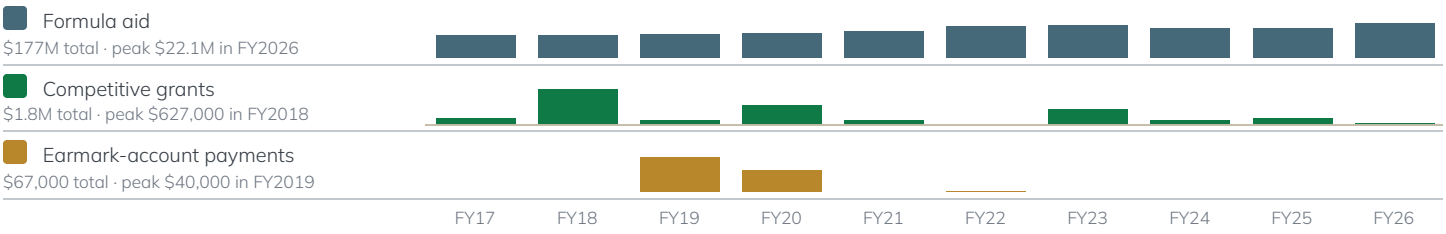
Wilbraham received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 19 stays between 17 and 20 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wilbraham's town government and school districts received $177 million in formula aid and $1.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$177M** | **$1.8M** | **$67,000** |
| $12,134 per resident (126th of 351) · gross | $123 per resident (308th of 351) | $4.62 per resident (292nd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wilbraham peaked in FY2018 at $627,000, 35% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $5.1 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wilbraham received $450,000 in local earmarks to its government, $1.6 million placed in the city or town and $1.6 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$450,000** | **$1.6M** | **$1.6M** | **No** |
| $30.88 per resident (159th of 351) | $109 per resident (56th of 351) · 72% to organizations | $109 per resident (64th of 351) · 72% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 25 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $450,000 went to Wilbraham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $1.1 million went to organizations in Wilbraham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Wilbraham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (25 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $125,000 | "Rick's Place, Inc. in the town of Wilbraham to provide grief support to youth and their families in the pioneer valley" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $125,000 | "Rick's Place, Inc. of Wilbraham to provide grief support to youth and their families in the Pioneer valley" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2024 | $110,000 | "Rick's Place, Inc. of Wilbraham to provide grief support to youth and their families in the Pioneer Valley" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $100,000 | "the Wilbraham Nature and Cultural Council for tourism, marketing and advertising purposes" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the Wilbraham nature and cultural council for tourism, marketing and advertising purposes" | Enacted<br>to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 25 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wilbraham received 42% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**103.5**<br>83rd of 351 · 7.1 per 1,000 residents (155th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$17.1M**<br>scored exposure $5.6M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**98**<br>120th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**22.0 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**14,680**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.69**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.42; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**56 acres**<br>0.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$4,362**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$77.89**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$14,302**<br>FY2017–2025 · 262nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WILBRAHAM

## Wilbraham has 15 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 504 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**15 acres**<br>0.1% of Wilbraham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**504 acres**<br>3.6% of Wilbraham's land · 30 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**157 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**480 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 2 | 15 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 5 | 85 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 7 | 130 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 4 | 142 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 19 | 232 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 4 | 157 |
| Conservation restriction | 14 | 480 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 5 | 85 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Red Bridge State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 113.3 miles of public road in Wilbraham, the state maintains 6.1 (5%); local government and others maintain the rest.


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| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.1 | 5% |
| Town-accepted | 100.1 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 7.1 | 6% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Wilbraham $2.3 million and takes back $163,000 in assessments and charges, a net $2.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.3 million** | **$163,000** | **$2.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 7% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.9M |
| Veterans Benefits | $65,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $257,000 |
| State Owned Land | $4,362 |
| Public Libraries | $45,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $62,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,374 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| Regional Transit | $85,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WILBRAHAM

## State programs also awarded $252,000 to organizations in Wilbraham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Wilbraham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

A further $252,000 in 4 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 3.9% of Wilbraham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 5.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5.1%** | **4.0%** | **3.9%** | **3.7%** |
| $1.4M of $27.9M · median town 14.1% | $1.5M of $37.5M · median town 12.2% | $2M of $51.2M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 3.9% · median town 10.0% |

Wilbraham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $11.2 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Wilbraham's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 9.5% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 19.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.4 million in FY2006 to $2 million in FY2025, +40.4% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+63.3%** | **+84.0%** | **9 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $1.1M to $1.8M · all towns +54.0% | $3M to $5.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |


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Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wilbraham's health insurance would have been $1.34 million in FY2025; it was $1.76 million, $413,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.78 million in FY2025; it was $5.57 million, $1.79 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Wilbraham's government came to $450,000, 66.1% of the $681,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $450,000 | 66.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1.4M | 2.0 times | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1.4M | 2.0 times | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

## Wilbraham's required school contribution is 3.1% of median household income, 58th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$11.4M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$19.8M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**3.1%**<br>58th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–6%**<br>after inflation |

Wilbraham has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Hampden-Wilbraham; Wilbraham accounts for 80% of that district's foundation budget. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.3 million for schools serving Wilbraham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Wilbraham's share<br>**$1.3M**<br>$90.61 per resident (240th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wilbraham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | Wilbraham Middle School | Hampden Wilbraham | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.6M | $1.3M (80%) |

**Cost after approval.** Of the one project closed with a final audit, Wilbraham's share of the final cost was $1.8 million against its share of the approved budget of $2.5 million (under by $738,000); the local share moved from $1.2 million to $826,000. Approved budgets include contingency.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wilbraham has $519,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$8.2M**<br>$1.5M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$6.8M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$519,000**<br>annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 308th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**6**<br>two rated poor; about $1.7M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Wilbraham came on average 8 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $549,000 | $0 | $549,000 | $11,000 |
| FY2018 | $543,000 | $0 | $543,000 | $11,000 |
| FY2019 | $548,000 | $110,000 | $548,000 | $121,000 |
| FY2020 | $549,000 | $55,000 | $549,000 | $176,000 |
| FY2021 | $550,000 | $0 | $717,000 | $8,910 |
| FY2022 | $549,000 | $332,000 | $549,000 | $341,000 |
| FY2023 | $541,000 | $0 | $873,000 | $8,911 |
| FY2024 | $543,000 | $330,000 | $846,000 | $36,000 |
| FY2025 | $552,000 | $152,000 | $580,000 | $161,000 |
| FY2026 | $897,000 | $522,000 | $1.1M | $519,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $899,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

The full list of the ten bridges in Wilbraham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2024 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Wilbraham Culvert Assessment source | $60,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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| Tyngsborough peer | 42 | $10,115 | $758 | $44.22 | 2.20 | 3.2% |
| Bellingham peer | 39 | $9,082 | $546 | $23.24 | 1.24 | 3.0% |
| Grafton peer | 36 | $9,020 | $459 | $36.42 | 1.97 | 2.9% |
| Abington peer | 42 | $10,596 | $233 | $38.85 | 1.02 | 2.5% |
| Westminster best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| East Longmeadow lowest in class of 30 | 43 | $11,619 | $224 | $13.70† | 0.72 | 3.2% |


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Williamsburg

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Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

1st Hampshire · Lindsay N. Sabadosa

STATE SENATE

Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Williamsburg Public Schools, the town's own district

Hampshire Regional School District, shared with Chesterfield, Goshen, Southampton and Westhampton

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Williamsburg scores 41 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 57 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**41** / 100

200th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 44 | 46 | 35 |

Rank under other weightings: 181st to 219th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Williamsburg received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 41 stays between 39 and 44 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**57** / 100

159th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 68 | 38 | 58 |

Rank under other weightings: 141st to 182nd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

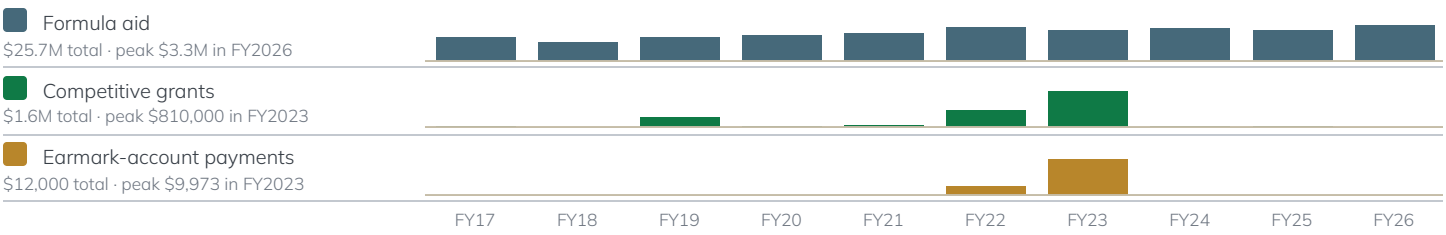
Williamsburg received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 57 stays between 52 and 63 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Williamsburg's town government and school districts received $25.7 million in formula aid and $1.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $25.7M | $1.6M | $12,000 |
| $9,541 per resident (192nd of 351) · gross | $578 per resident (126th of 351) | $4.62 per resident (291st of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Williamsburg peaked in FY2023 at $810,000, 52% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $4.8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Williamsburg received $10,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $10,000 | $10,000 | $10,000 | No |
| $3.71 per resident (291st of 351) | $3.71 per resident (314th of 351) | $3.71 per resident (314th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2022. All of it went to Williamsburg's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Williamsburg, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $10,000 | "the town of Williamsburg for the celebration of the town's two hundred and fiftieth anniversary" | Enacted to the city or town government |



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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Williamsburg received 1.40 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**42.5**<br>279th of 351 · 15.8 per 1,000 residents (71st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$15.8M**<br>scored exposure $6.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**65**<br>208th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**25.5 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**2,709**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**3.29**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.40; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**463 acres**<br>2.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$14,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$30.87**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,202**<br>FY2017–2025 · 251st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WILLIAMSBURG

## Williamsburg has 535 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,224 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**535 acres**<br>3.3% of Williamsburg's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,224 acres**<br>13.6% of Williamsburg's land · 44 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**269 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,340 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 535 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 4 | 530 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 20 | 1,293 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 11 | 512 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 13 | 418 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 76 | 2,781 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 6 | 269 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 1,340 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 3 | 486 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 44 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Williamsburg WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 319 | |
| Brewer Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 216 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 50.9 miles of public road in Williamsburg, the state maintains 5.7 (11%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 5.7 | 11% |
| Town-accepted | 42.5 | 84% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.6 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Williamsburg $1.5 million and takes back $218,000 in assessments


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## and charges, a net $1.3 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.5 million** | **$218,000** | **$1.3 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 15% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $893,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $28,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $94,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $391,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $24,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $17,000 |
| State Owned Land | $15,000 |
| Public Libraries | $10,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $735 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $2,040 |
| Regional Transit | $59,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $68,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $88,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WILLIAMSBURG

## State programs also awarded $222,000 to organizations in Williamsburg other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Williamsburg. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Snow Farm: The New England Craft Program nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $101,000 |
| FY2023 | Snow Farm: The New England Craft Program nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $20,000 |
| FY2020 | Snow Farm: The New England Craft Program nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $12,000 |
| FY2023 | Conway Snowmobile Club, Inc. nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $9,851 (shared seven ways) |
| FY2020 | Snow Farm: The New England Craft Program nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

A further $68,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 14.3% of Williamsburg's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 20.7% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **20.7%** | **14.5%** | **14.3%** | **12.0%** |
| $1M of $5M · median town 14.1% | $996,000 of $6.9M · median town 12.2% | $1.4M of $9.7M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.6% · median town 10.0% |

Williamsburg's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $742,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.


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**Williamsburg's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 13.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 22.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1 million in FY2006 to $1.4 million in FY2025, +34.7% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+48.8%** | **+59.5%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $438,000 to $652,000 · all towns +54.0% | $783,000 to $1.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Williamsburg's health insurance would have been $547,000 in FY2025; it was $652,000, $105,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $977,000 in FY2025; it was $1.25 million, $271,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Williamsburg's government came to $10,000, 4.7% of the $214,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $10,000 | 4.7% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $10,000 | 4.7% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $10,000 | 4.7% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Williamsburg's required school contribution is 2.2% of median household income, 289th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$1.6M** | **$2.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.2%** | **+46%** |
| 289th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Williamsburg runs its own district for some grades and belongs to Hampshire for others; Williamsburg accounts for 20% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## No school building grant was approved for a school serving Williamsburg, FY2017 to August 2026.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Williamsburg has $812,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.1M** | **$2M** | **$812,000** |
| $788,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 1.5 years of its yearly money · 145th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **17** | **0** | **$74,000** |
| one rated poor; about $8M of work on those, by planning estimates | of two town-owned dams | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $74,000 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Williamsburg came on average 22 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

**Williamsburg owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.**


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $190,000 | $0 | $567,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $188,000 | $0 | $47,000 | $141,000 |
| FY2019 | $187,000 | $37,000 | $210,000 | $226,000 |
| FY2020 | $188,000 | $19,000 | $379,000 | $134,000 |
| FY2021 | $189,000 | $0 | $121,000 | $202,000 |
| FY2022 | $188,000 | $142,000 | $286,000 | $245,000 |
| FY2023 | $187,000 | $0 | $265,000 | $168,000 |
| FY2024 | $187,000 | $230,000 | $334,000 | $251,000 |
| FY2025 | $187,000 | $154,000 | $0 | $592,000 |
| FY2026 | $327,000 | $206,000 | $312,000 | $812,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $326,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.1M |

The full list of the 26 bridges in Williamsburg in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Old Goshen Road over Branch of Nichols Brook source | $74,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Williamsburg received $1.6 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 63% of the $2.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Williamsburg ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Williamsburg** this town | **41** | **$9,541** | **$578** | **$3.71** | **1.40** | **2.2%** |
| Brimfield peer | 50 | $12,874 | $303 | $64.78 | 0.46 | 2.7% |
| Conway peer · lowest in class of 30 | 48 | $12,799 | $405 | $0 | 0.68 | 2.5% |
| Millville peer | 56 | $14,661 | $545 | $114 | 1.93 | 2.0% |
| Hampden peer | 31 | $7,912 | $119 | $42.46 | 1.10 | 3.0% |
| Shutesbury peer | 62 | $14,882 | $4,462 | $0 | 0.50 | 2.0% |
| Halifax best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,543 | $155 | $155 | 0.34 | 2.6% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Williamstown

Town · Berkshire County · 9,150 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Mount Greylock Regional School District, shared with Lanesborough
Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Florida, Lanesborough, Monroe, North Adams and Savoy

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Williamstown scores 21 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 18 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**21** / 100

349th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 16 | 27 | 22 |

Rank under other weightings: 345th to 351st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Williamstown received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 21 stays between 19 and 23 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**18** / 100

321st of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | 15 | 18 | 20 |

Rank under other weightings: 315th to 330th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

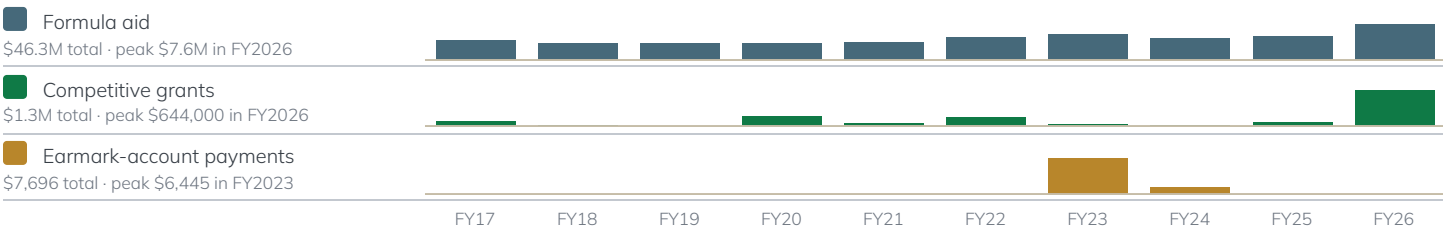
Williamstown received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 18 stays between 17 and 18 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Williamstown's town government and school districts received $46.3 million in formula aid and $1.3 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$46.3M** | **$1.3M** | **$7,696** |
| $5,059 per resident (344th of 351) · gross | $141 per resident (297th of 351) | $0.84 per resident (328th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Williamstown peaked in FY2026 at $644,000, 50% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.7 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Williamstown received $12,000 in local earmarks to its government, $188,000 placed in the city or town and $188,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$12,000** | **$188,000** | **$188,000** | **No** |
| $1.37 per resident (301st of 351) | $20.49 per resident (275th of 351) · 93% to organizations | $20.49 per resident (276th of 351) · 93% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: four clauses in four of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2025. $12,000 went to Williamstown's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $175,000 went to organizations in Williamstown or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Williamstown, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (four clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "the Williamstown Meetinghouse Preservation Fund, Inc. to support repairs to the Williamstown Meetinghouse in the town of Williamstown" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $50,000 | "the Williamstown Meetinghouse Preservation Fund, Inc. to support repairs to the Williamstown Meetinghouse" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2017 | $50,000 | "the Turner House Living Center for Veterans in Williamstown" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $12,000 | "programming at the Williamstown Senior Center" | Enacted to the city or town government |

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Williamstown received 1.38 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**52.4**<br>240th of 351 · 5.7 per 1,000 residents (203rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$21.9M**<br>scored exposure $4.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**121**<br>75th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**46.7 sq mi**<br>24% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**7%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**9,705**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.76**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.38; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**6,826 acres**<br>22.8% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$260,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$38.14**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$17,518**<br>FY2017–2025 · 220th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WILLIAMSTOWN

## Williamstown has 7,168 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,554 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**7,168 acres**<br>24.0% of Williamstown's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,554 acres**<br>8.5% of Williamstown's land · 50 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**947 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,167 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 38 | 7,168 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 15 | 6,988 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 11 | 466 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 37 | 1,767 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 2 | 320 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 90 | 5,761 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 21 | 947 |
| Conservation restriction | 34 | 1,167 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | 5,755 |
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 8 | 1,233 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Greylock State Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 3,666 | |
| Taconic Trail State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2,213 | |
| Misery Mountain WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 624 | |
| Green River WMA - Williamstown | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 597 | |
| Conway State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 53 | |
| Bullock Ledge WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 15 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 77.3 miles of public road in Williamstown, the state maintains 18.2 (23%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 18.2 | 23% |
| Town-accepted | 52.4 | 68% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.0 | 5% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Williamstown $1.6 million and takes back $41,000 in assessments and charges, a net $1.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.6 million** | **$41,000** | **$1.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 3% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $56,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $15,000 |
| State Owned Land | $260,000 |
| Public Libraries | $29,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,620 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,880 |
| Regional Transit | $37,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WILLIAMSTOWN

## State programs also awarded $3.3 million to organizations in Williamstown other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Williamstown. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2022 | Williamstown Fire District regional body | Community One Stop for Growth | $400,000 |
| FY2017 | Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2021 | Williamstown Theatre Festival nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2022 | Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2025 | Images Cinema nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2021 | Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $190,000 |
| FY2018 | Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $165,000 |
| FY2019 | Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $140,000 |
| FY2020 | Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $130,000 |
| FY2025 | New England Mountain Bike Association - Purple Valley Chapter nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $90,000 |
| FY2024 | MASS MoCA and Town of Williamstown nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $41,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2020 | Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $33,000 |
| FY2023 | Images Cinema nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $25,000 |
| FY2019 | Hoosic River Watershed Association nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $21,000 |
| FY2026 | Williamstown Fire District regional body | DFS Firefighter Safety Equipment / Fire grants | $12,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 19 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $1.2 million in 9 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

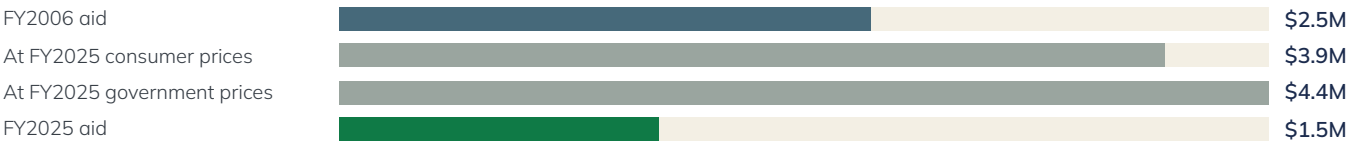
## State aid covered 5.7% of Williamstown's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 16.6% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **16.6%** | **12.6%** | **5.7%** | **5.6%** |
| $2.5M of $15.2M · median town 14.1% | $2.3M of $18.4M · median town 12.2% | $1.5M of $26.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 12.9% · median town 10.0% |

Williamstown's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $2.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Williamstown's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 61.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 65.6% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $2.5 million in FY2006 to $1.5 million in FY2025, −40.1% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **−34.0%** | **−8.3%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $2M to $1.3M · all towns +54.0% | $3.2M to $2.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Williamstown's health insurance would have been $2.46 million in FY2025; it was $1.30 million, $1.16 million below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $3.98 million in FY2025; it was $2.92 million, $1.06 million below the path.

Flag: fixed costs changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (−36%); health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2019 (−46%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Williamstown's reported health insurance fell from $2 million in FY2016 to $1.3 million in FY2025, so there is no increase to set its earmarks against.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $12,000 | no increase | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $188,000 | no increase | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $188,000 | no increase | 45.2% |


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SCHOOLS

## Williamstown's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 265th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$2.8M**<br>attributed to the town | Required local contribution<br>**$8.1M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.4%**<br>265th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**+7%**<br>after inflation |

Williamstown has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Mount Greylock and Northern Berkshire; Williamstown accounts for 66% and 5% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $480,000 for schools serving Williamstown, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Williamstown's share<br>**$480,000**<br>$52.49 per resident (253rd of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Williamstown's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School<br>grant increased by Board vote | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $571,000 | $26,000 (5%) |
| FY2026 | Charles McCann Vocational Technical High School | Northern Berkshire | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $9.8M | $454,000 (5%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Williamstown; Williamstown's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $26,000.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Williamstown has $1.7 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4.6M**<br>$994,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$2.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.7M**<br>annual program: 3.0 years of its yearly money · 28th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**17**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Williamstown came on average 78 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Williamstown owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.


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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $301,000 | $0 | $343,000 | $301,000 |
| FY2018 | $298,000 | $0 | $0 | $600,000 |
| FY2019 | $301,000 | $60,000 | $38,000 | $924,000 |
| FY2020 | $300,000 | $30,000 | $6,895 | $1.3M |
| FY2021 | $301,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |
| FY2022 | $300,000 | $175,000 | $43,000 | $2M |
| FY2023 | $292,000 | $0 | $858,000 | $2.1M |
| FY2024 | $293,000 | $278,000 | $161,000 | $2.6M |
| FY2025 | $294,000 | $184,000 | $18,000 | $3M |
| FY2026 | $465,000 | $266,000 | $1.9M | $2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $464,000 | $0 | $322,000 | $2.2M |

The full list of the 34 bridges in Williamstown in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Williamstown received $2.1 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 63% of the $3.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Williamstown ranks 8th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $188,000 in earmarks placed in Williamstown, $175,000 (93%) went to organizations rather than to Williamstown's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Williamstown** this town | **21** | **$5,059** | **$141** | **$20.49**† | **1.38** | **2.4%** |
| Blackstone peer | 51 | $14,382 | $190 | $90.57 | 0.82 | 2.6% |
| Monson peer | 55 | $15,493 | $338 | $14.84 | 2.33 | 2.6% |
| Belchertown peer | 49 | $13,722 | $401 | $15.27 | 2.92 | 2.5% |
| Dudley peer | 60 | $17,447 | $442 | $36.88 | 1.55 | 2.5% |
| Shirley peer | 48 | $11,957 | $554 | $23.80 | 0.74 | 2.5% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Lanesborough lowest in class of 30 | 40 | $10,886 | $484 | $0 | 1.16 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Wilmington

Town · Middlesex County · 23,336 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

19th Middlesex · David Allen Robertson

STATE SENATE

Second Essex and Middlesex · Barry R. Finegold

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Wilmington Public Schools, the town's own district

Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Bedford, Billerica, Burlington and Tewksbury

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wilmington scores 42 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 33 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**42** / 100

189th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 39 | 57 | 38 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 166th to 216th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Wilmington received less than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 42 stays between 39 and 46 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**33** / 100

256th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | 48 | 27 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 243rd to 265th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

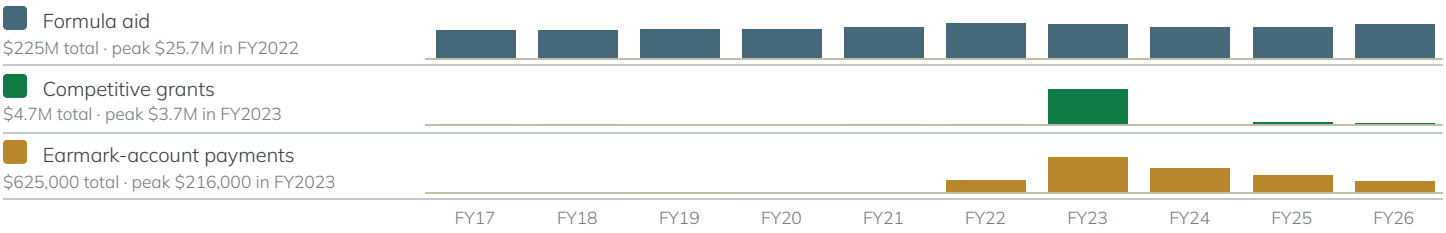
Wilmington received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 33 stays between 30 and 37 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wilmington's town government and school districts received $225 million in formula aid and $4.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $225M | $4.7M | $625,000 |
| $9,651 per resident (190th of 351) · gross | $202 per resident (251st of 351) | $26.76 per resident (163rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wilmington peaked in FY2023 at $3.7 million, 78% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $9.4 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wilmington received $714,000 in local earmarks to its government, $739,000 placed in the city or town and $739,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $714,000 | $739,000 | $739,000 | No |
| $30.61 per resident (161st of 351) | $31.68 per resident (232nd of 351) · 3% to organizations | $31.68 per resident (235th of 351) · 3% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 18 clauses in eight of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $714,000 went to Wilmington's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Wilmington or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Wilmington, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (18 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $75,000 | "repairs to the public school track and athletic facilities in the town of Wilmington" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | "the town of Wilmington to study, survey, engineer and install a traffic control signal at the public safety building for the safe entry and exit of responding emergency vehicles" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "the town of Wilmington for traffic signals and pedestrian safety improvements" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "purchasing a drone, supportive equipment, training, and other necessary expenditures for the Wilmington police department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $50,000 | "the restoration and improvement of the Rotary park playground and facility improvements to the Rotary park public baseball fields in the town of Wilmington" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 18 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wilmington received 32% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**97.4**<br>102nd of 351 · 4.2 per 1,000 residents (273rd of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$9M**<br>scored exposure $1.9M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**66**<br>207th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**17.0 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**23,359**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.21**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.32; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$731**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$2,150**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$38,978**<br>FY2017–2025 · 58th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WILMINGTON

## No state conservation land is mapped in Wilmington; 76 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**76 acres**<br>0.7% of Wilmington's land · 4 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**18 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 61A farm land | 4 | 76 |
| Conservation restriction | 4 | 18 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 128.3 miles of public road in Wilmington, the state maintains 12.6 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.6 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 96.9 | 76% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 18.8 | 15% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Wilmington $16.8 million and takes back $1.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $15.7 million.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sent: estimated receipts<br>**$16.8 million**<br>FY2027 cherry sheet | Taken back: assessments and charges<br>**$1.1 million**<br>7% of what is sent | Net<br>**$15.7 million**<br>receipts less charges |


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What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $13.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $32,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $3.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $160,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $285,000 |
| State Owned Land | $748 |
| Public Libraries | $57,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $82,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $9,357 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $14,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $11,000 |
| MBTA | $607,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $235,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $189,000 |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.9% of Wilmington's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 13.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.3%** | **14.8%** | **11.9%** | **11.1%** |
| $8.7M of $65.3M · median town 14.1% | $13.7M of $92.3M · median town 12.2% | $15.6M of $131M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 18.5% · median town 10.0% |

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**Wilmington's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 15.9% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 3.0% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $8.7 million in FY2006 to $15.6 million in FY2025, +79.8% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $2.1 million of Wilmington's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+59.1%** | **+65.3%** | **7 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $14.5M to $23.1M · all towns +54.0% | $17.7M to $29.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wilmington's health insurance would have been $18.1 million in FY2025; it was $23.1 million, $4.97 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $22.1 million in FY2025; it was $29.2 million, $7.14 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Wilmington's government came to $625,000, 7.3% of the $8.58 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $625,000 | 7.3% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $650,000 | 7.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $650,000 | 7.6% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Wilmington's required school contribution is 2.7% of


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## median household income, 147th highest of 351.

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026<br>**$14.2M**<br>to the town's district | Required local contribution<br>**$36.4M**<br>FY2026 |
| Share of household income<br>**2.7%**<br>147th of 351 (1 = highest) | Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26<br>**–2%**<br>after inflation |

Wilmington runs its own school district and also belongs to Shawsheen Valley; Wilmington accounts for 24% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $63.3 million for schools serving Wilmington, FY2017 to August 2026.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Approved, Wilmington's share<br>**$63.3M**<br>$2,711 per resident (64th of 351) | Projects<br>**1**<br>approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | Statewide<br>**$8.66B**<br>shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wilmington's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Wildwood Elementary School | Wilmington | Core | $63.3M | $63.3M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wilmington has $1.4 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$10.9M**<br>$1.7M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$8.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$1.4M**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 272nd of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**7**<br>one rated poor; about $262,000 of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Wilmington came on average 18 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Wilmington owns poor bridges and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found; its poor bridges are outside the program's 10-to-20-foot range.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $769,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $115,000 |
| FY2018 | $762,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $134,000 |
| FY2019 | $767,000 | $153,000 | $1M | $732,000 |
| FY2020 | $768,000 | $77,000 | $803,000 | $774,000 |
| FY2021 | $774,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $416,000 |
| FY2022 | $778,000 | $322,000 | $886,000 | $630,000 |
| FY2023 | $789,000 | $0 | $1.1M | $369,000 |
| FY2024 | $786,000 | $390,000 | $1.1M | $430,000 |
| FY2025 | $783,000 | $209,000 | $20,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2026 | $1.1M | $544,000 | $1.7M | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.1M | $0 | $0 | $2.5M |

The full list of the 29 bridges in Wilmington in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.


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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Wilmington received $5.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 93% of the $5.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Wilmington ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $739,000 in earmarks placed in Wilmington, $25,000 (3%) went to organizations rather than to Wilmington's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wilmington** this town | **42** | **$9,651** | **$202** | **$31.68** | **0.32** | **2.7%** |
| Ashland peer | 36 | $7,807 | $843 | $98.35 | 1.10 | 3.0% |
| Longmeadow peer | 28 | $7,493 | $122 | $37.08† | 0.57 | 3.4% |
| Melrose peer | 35 | $7,621 | $417 | $63.68 | 2.22 | 2.7% |
| Charlton peer | 56 | $14,031 | $197 | $23.82 | 0.74 | 3.0% |
| Rehoboth peer · lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |
| Medway best in class of 30 | 49 | $11,769 | $234 | $182 | 1.08 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Winchendon

Town · Worcester County · 10,440 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

2nd Worcester · Jonathan D. Zlotnik
66% of residents
2nd Franklin · Susannah M. Whipps
34% of residents
Winchendon is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester · Joanne M. Comerford

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**Winchendon Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Barre, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Holden and nine others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Winchendon scores 62 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 62 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

62 / 100
38th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 53 | 62 | 67 |

Rank under other weightings: 27th to 49th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Winchendon received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 62 stays between 59 and 64 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

62 / 100
140th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 64 | 52 | 67 | 66 |

Rank under other weightings: 128th to 156th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

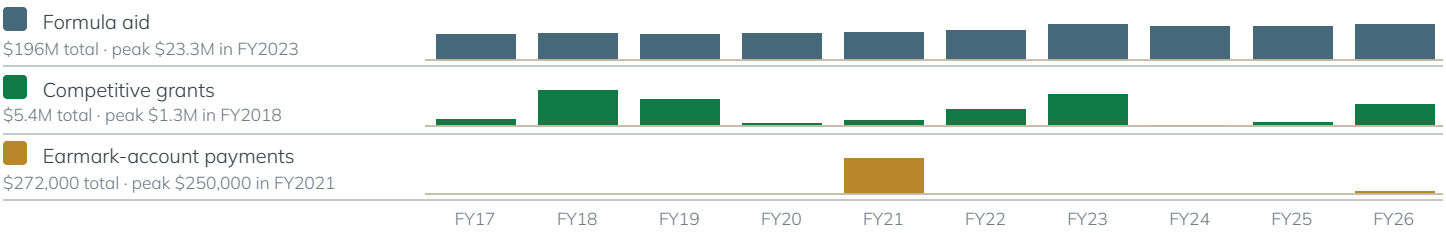
Winchendon received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 62 stays between 60 and 65 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Winchendon's town government and school districts received $196 million in formula aid and $5.4 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $196M | $5.4M | $272,000 |
| $18,732 per resident (37th of 351) · gross | $518 per resident (136th of 351) | $26.08 per resident (169th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Winchendon peaked in FY2018 at $1.3 million, 23% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $8 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Winchendon received $395,000 in local earmarks to its government, $445,000 placed in the city or town and $445,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $395,000 | $445,000 | $445,000 | No |
| $37.84 per resident (123rd of 351) | $42.62 per resident (187th of 351) · 11% to organizations | $42.62 per resident (192nd of 351) · 11% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: six clauses in six of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $395,000 went to Winchendon's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $50,000 went to organizations in Winchendon or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.


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Every local earmark in Winchendon, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (six clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | $250,000 | "COVID-19 related repairs in the town of Winchendon" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2017 | $100,000 | "the planning, engineering and construction for the redesign of the intersection of Front street, Central street and Spring street in the town of Winchendon" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $25,000 | "maintenance and improvements to Cathy's House in the town of Winchendon" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $25,000 | "maintenance and improvements for Cathy's House in the town of Winchendon" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2018 | $25,000 | "the intersection of Front street, Central street and Spring street in the town of Winchendon" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 6 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Winchendon received 1.52 times its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**101.9**<br>91st of 351 · 9.8 per 1,000 residents (111th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$17M**<br>scored exposure $8.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**99**<br>118th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**3**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**43.0 sq mi**<br>17% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**4%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**10,868**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.90**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.52; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**2,834 acres**<br>10.3% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$186,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$65.61**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$7,960**<br>FY2017–2025 · 338th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WINCHENDON

## Winchendon has 4,822 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 2,747 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,822 acres**<br>17.5% of Winchendon's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**2,747 acres**<br>10.0% of Winchendon's land · 83 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**121 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,628 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 87 | 4,822 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 68 | 4,025 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 52 | 1,880 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 18 | 593 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 13 | 273 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 54 | 2,036 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 3 | 121 |
| Conservation restriction | 20 | 1,628 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 51 | 3,470 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 17 | 554 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Winchendon Springs WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,774 | |
| Birch Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,714 | |
| Nineteenth Hill WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 382 | |
| Otter River State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 372 | |
| Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 234 | |
| Winchendon State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 183 | |
| Ashburnham State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 163 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 120.9 miles of public road in Winchendon, the state maintains 12.1 (10%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 12.1 | 10% |
| Town-accepted | 99.5 | 82% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 4.0 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Winchendon $17.5 million and takes back $1.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $16.4 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$17.5 million** | **$1.1 million** | **$16.4 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 6% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $14.6M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $77,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $187,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $153,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $80,000 |
| State Owned Land | $201,000 |
| Public Libraries | $36,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $2,774 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $19,000 |
| Regional Transit | $27,000 |
| Special Education | $13,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $808,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $181,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WINCHENDON

## State programs also awarded $2 million to organizations in Winchendon other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Winchendon. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.


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Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $877,000 |
| FY2023 | The Mill Farm Initiative nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $740,000 |
| FY2018 | The Mill Farm Initiative nonprofit | Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program | $250,000 |
| FY2025 | Montachusett Regional Planning Commission regional body | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |

A further $127,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 48.0% of Winchendon's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 50.0% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **50.0%** | **52.0%** | **48.0%** | **45.1%** |
| $12.6M of $25.2M · median town 14.1% | $13.8M of $26.5M · median town 12.2% | $16.9M of $35.3M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 49.7% · median town 10.0% |

Winchendon's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $1.3 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Winchendon's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 13.3% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 23.0% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $12.6 million in FY2006 to $16.9 million in FY2025, +34.4% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $893,000 of Winchendon's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+13.2%** | **+29.8%** | **5 of 9** | **3 of 9** |
| $2M to $2.3M · all towns +54.0% | $4M to $5.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Winchendon's health insurance would have been $2.55 million in FY2025; it was $2.31 million, $237,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $4.97 million in FY2025; it was $5.16 million, $195,000 above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Winchendon's government came to $375,000, 138.8% of the $270,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $375,000 | 138.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $425,000 | 157.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $425,000 | 157.3% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Winchendon's required school contribution is 2.6% of median household income, 192nd highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$15.6M** | **$7.4M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.6%** | **+7%** |
| 192nd of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Winchendon runs its own school district and also belongs to Montachusett; Winchendon accounts for 6% of that district's foundation budget.


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SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $20.5 million for schools serving Winchendon, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Winchendon's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$20.5M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,962 per resident (89th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Winchendon's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Toy Town Elementary School | Winchendon | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $6.8M | $6.8M |
| FY2026 | Murdock Middle-High School | Winchendon | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $5.1M | $5.1M |
| FY2026 | Memorial Elementary School | Winchendon | Accelerated Repair (Roof; Windows/Doors) | $8.6M | $8.6M |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Winchendon has $568,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and three high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.1M** | **$5.8M** | **$568,000** |
| $1.4M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 310th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **11** | **3** | **$900,000** |
| two rated poor; about $10M of work on those, by planning estimates | of three town-owned dams | bridges $500,000 · dams $400,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $448,000 | $0 | $352,000 | $448,000 |
| FY2018 | $444,000 | $0 | $851,000 | $98,000 |
| FY2019 | $451,000 | $90,000 | $595,000 | $44,000 |
| FY2020 | $458,000 | $46,000 | $468,000 | $80,000 |
| FY2021 | $457,000 | $0 | $353,000 | $184,000 |
| FY2022 | $457,000 | $332,000 | $427,000 | $546,000 |
| FY2023 | $471,000 | $0 | $1M | $3,020 |
| FY2024 | $469,000 | $307,000 | $755,000 | $24,000 |
| FY2025 | $468,000 | $129,000 | $291,000 | $330,000 |
| FY2026 | $797,000 | $495,000 | $1.1M | $568,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $813,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.4M |

The full list of the 24 bridges in Winchendon in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Whitney Pond Dam Repair Design source | $400,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

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| Ware peer | 61 | $18,604 | $846 | $21.89† | 1.01 | 2.4% |
| Athol peer | 69 | $23,699 | $853 | $117† | 1.25 | 1.4% |
| North Adams peer | 71 | $21,747 | $1,967 | $32.72 | 3.15 | 2.5% |
| Adams peer | 64 | $19,320 | $1,327 | $27.87† | 2.22 | 2.2% |
| Orange peer | 67 | $23,109 | $1,214 | $123† | 2.59 | 3.0% |
| Chelsea best in class of 30 | 77 | $32,370 | $919 | $147† | 3.69 | 2.6% |
| North Brookfield lowest in class of 30 | 57 | $15,678 | $1,128 | $7.35 | 0.87 | 2.9% |

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Winchester

Town · Middlesex County · 23,406 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

### STATE HOUSE

**31st Middlesex** · Michael S. Day 88% of residents
**15th Middlesex** · Michelle L. Ciccolo 12% of residents

Winchester is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

### STATE SENATE

**Fifth Middlesex** · Jason M. Lewis 51% of residents
**Second Middlesex** · Patricia D. Jehlen 49% of residents

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Winchester Public Schools**, the town's own district
**Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham and three others

### REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Winchester scores 28 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 12 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

#### ALL STATE AID

**28** / 100

329th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 45 | 19 | 21 |

Rank under other weightings: 297th to 344th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Winchester received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 28 stays between 23 and 33 under every weighting tested.

#### DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**12** / 100

342nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 19 | 11 | 7 |

Rank under other weightings: 337th to 344th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

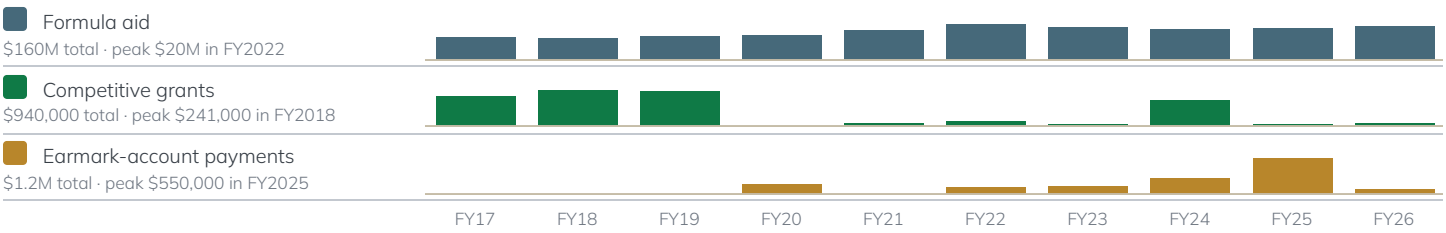
Winchester received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 12 stays between 10 and 14 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Winchester's town government and school districts received $160 million in formula aid and $940,000 in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$160M** | **$940,000** | **$1.2M** |
| $6,820 per resident (299th of 351) · gross | $40.16 per resident (349th of 351) | $53.14 per resident (73rd of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Winchester peaked in FY2018 at $241,000, 26% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $7.6 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Winchester received $1.1 million in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$1.1M** | **$1.1M** | **$1.1M** | **No** |
| $49.13 per resident (81st of 351) | $49.13 per resident (172nd of 351) | $49.13 per resident (178th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 13 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. All of it went to Winchester's government, its schools or municipal projects.


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Every local earmark in Winchester, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (13 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $200,000 | "the design, renovation and maintenance of recreational parks and facilities in the town of Winchester" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $200,000 | "the town of Winchester for the purchase and operation of a snow removal vehicle" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $150,000 | "the town of Winchester for improvements and environmental remediation of Wedge pond" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $100,000 | "the purchase, operation and maintenance of solid waste management equipment and practices in the town of Winchester" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2022 | $100,000 | "the town of Winchester for improvements to Winter pond" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 13 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Winchester received 45% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**73.0**<br>179th of 351 · 3.1 per 1,000 residents (313th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$22.4M**<br>scored exposure $7.8M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**33**<br>310th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**5**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**6.0 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**23,475**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.18**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.45; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**62 acres**<br>1.6% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$35,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$571**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$32,102**<br>FY2017–2025 · 97th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WINCHESTER

## Winchester has 322 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**322 acres**<br>8.3% of Winchester's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**6 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 15 | 322 |
| Conservation restriction | 5 | 6 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Middlesex Fells Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 266 | |
| Mystic Lakes | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 39 | |
| Mystic Valley Parkway | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 16 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 91.4 miles of public road in Winchester, the state maintains 5.7 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 2.0 | 2% |
| DCR | 3.6 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 73.0 | 80% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 12.7 | 14% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Winchester $14.2 million and takes back $730,000 in assessments and charges, a net $13.5 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$14.2 million** | **$730,000** | **$13.5 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 5% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $12.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $4,218 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $2M |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $83,000 |
| State Owned Land | $35,000 |
| Public Libraries | $58,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $12,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $15,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $34,000 |
| MBTA | $611,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $44,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $14,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WINCHESTER

## State programs also awarded $418,000 to organizations in Winchester other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Winchester. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Winchester Community Music School nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $194,000 |
| FY2024 | Griffin Museum of Photography nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $100,000 |
| FY2023 | Mystic River Watershed Association nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $88,000 (shared two ways) |
| FY2023 | Winchester Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $33,000 |
| FY2023 | Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,880 (shared five ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 8.8% of Winchester's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 9.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.9%** | **10.9%** | **8.8%** | **8.4%** |
| $6M of $61.2M · median town 14.1% | $9.8M of $90.4M · median town 12.2% | $12.7M of $144M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.9% · median town 10.0% |

Winchester's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $25,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Winchester's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 35.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 20.6% above grown by the government price index.**





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Gross state aid went from $6 million in FY2006 to $12.7 million in FY2025, +110.5% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $704,000 of Winchester's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+48.7%** | **+57.1%** | **6 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $9.4M to $14M · all towns +54.0% | $14.9M to $23.3M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Winchester's health insurance would have been $11.7 million in FY2025; it was $14 million, $2.24 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $18.6 million in FY2025; it was $23.3 million, $4.79 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Winchester's government came to $1 million, 21.8% of the $4.58 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $1M | 21.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $1M | 21.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $1M | 21.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Winchester's required school contribution is 2.5% of median household income, 235th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$11.4M** | **$47.5M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.5%** | **+7%** |
| 235th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Winchester runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Winchester accounts for 1% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $26.6 million for schools serving Winchester, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Winchester's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$26.6M** | **2** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,135 per resident (144th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Winchester's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $179,000 (1%) |
| FY2024 | Lynch Elementary School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Winchester | Core | $5M | $5M |
| FY2023 | Lynch Elementary School grant increased by Board vote | Winchester | Core | $2.9M | $2.9M |
| FY2023 | Lynch Elementary School | Winchester | Core | $17.4M | $17.4M |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $1.1M (1%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for two projects serving Winchester; Winchester's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $8 million, $5.1 million of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Winchester has $852,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and five high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$7.4M** | **$5.8M** | **$852,000** |
| $1.2M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.3 years of its yearly money · 303rd of 351 |


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| Town-owned bridges | High- or significant-hazard dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026 |
|---|---|---|
| **13**<br>none rated poor | **5**<br>of seven town-owned dams | **$1M**<br>bridges $0 · dams $1M · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Winchester came on average 16 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $528,000 | $0 | $943,000 | $11,000 |
| FY2018 | $525,000 | $0 | $528,000 | $11,000 |
| FY2019 | $521,000 | $104,000 | $403,000 | $395,000 |
| FY2020 | $518,000 | $52,000 | $472,000 | $493,000 |
| FY2021 | $518,000 | $0 | $678,000 | $333,000 |
| FY2022 | $517,000 | $244,000 | $570,000 | $524,000 |
| FY2023 | $519,000 | $0 | $729,000 | $314,000 |
| FY2024 | $515,000 | $279,000 | $674,000 | $434,000 |
| FY2025 | $516,000 | $144,000 | $850,000 | $243,000 |
| FY2026 | $757,000 | $393,000 | $541,000 | $852,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $755,000 | $0 | $0 | $1.6M |

The full list of the 16 bridges in Winchester in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | South Reservoir Dam Repair source | $1M |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Winchester received $2.4 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 32% of the $7.4 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Winchester ranks 6th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Winchester** this town | **28** | **$6,820** | **$40.16** | **$49.13** | **0.45** | **2.5%** |
| Hingham peer | 30 | $6,498 | $83.05 | $90.15† | 0.24 | 2.2% |
| Marblehead peer | 29 | $6,094 | $187 | $21.64 | 0.50 | 1.9% |
| Scituate peer | 34 | $7,209 | $711 | $18.25† | 3.23 | 2.9% |
| Westwood peer | 27 | $6,423 | $120 | $45.96 | 0.30 | 2.5% |
| Lexington peer | 36 | $9,001 | $61.92 | $113† | 0.57 | 2.7% |
| Lynnfield best in class of 30 | 30 | $7,167 | $206 | $147† | 0.81 | 3.0% |
| Nantucket lowest in class of 30 | 25 | $5,145 | $383 | $17.26† | 0.81 | 3.0% |


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BERKSHIRE COUNTY

# Windsor

Town · Berkshire County · 1,065 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Berkshire · John Barrett, III

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Central Berkshire Regional School District, shared with Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru and Washington

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Windsor scores 53 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 95 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**53** / 100

97th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 52 | 41 | 69 |

Rank under other weightings: 64th to 133rd.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Windsor received more than its share of state aid on three of four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 49 and 58 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**95** / 100

22nd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | 97 | 88 | 98 |

Rank under other weightings: 17th to 27th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

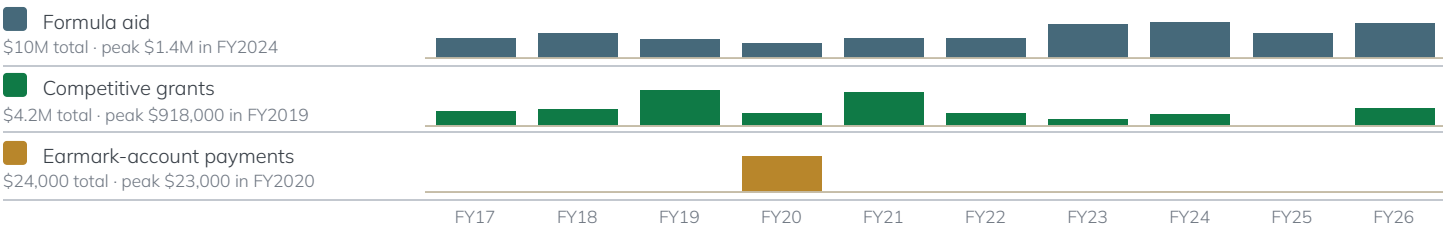
Windsor received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 95 stays between 94 and 97 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Windsor's town government and school districts received $10 million in formula aid and $4.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$10M** | **$4.2M** | **$24,000** |
| $9,357 per resident (201st of 351) · gross | $3,955 per resident (22nd of 351) | $22.23 per resident (190th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Windsor peaked in FY2019 at $918,000, 22% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $1 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Windsor received $25,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$25,000** | **$25,000** | **$25,000** | **No** |
| $23.47 per resident (192nd of 351) | $23.47 per resident (261st of 351) | $23.47 per resident (264th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: one clause in one of ten budgets; it came in FY2020. All of it went to Windsor's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Windsor, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (one clause; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $25,000 | "the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the town of Windsor" | Enacted to the city or town government |

## WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

### Measured against what it maintains, Windsor received 1.38 times its proportional share of competitive grant


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awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**62.3**<br>211th of 351 · 58.5 per 1,000 residents (15th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$15.6M**<br>scored exposure $4.5M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**68**<br>203rd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**35.0 sq mi**<br>28% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**22%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,370**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.91**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 1.38; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

### STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**6,078 acres**<br>27.1% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$160,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$26.35**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$20,064**<br>FY2017–2025 · 181st of 351 · median town $20,524 |

### THE COMMONWEALTH IN WINDSOR

## Windsor has 6,250 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,362 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**6,250 acres**<br>27.9% of Windsor's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,362 acres**<br>6.1% of Windsor's land · 45 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**4 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,724 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 74 | 6,250 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 51 | 5,573 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 17 | 480 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 9 | 478 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 19 | 404 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 21 | 2,115 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 1 | 4 |
| Conservation restriction | 34 | 1,724 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 40 | 3,823 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 11 | 1,750 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eugene D. Moran WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 1,861 | |
| Windsor State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1,678 | |
| Peru WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 950 | |
| Chalet WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 871 | |
| Savoy WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 597 | |
| Upper Westfield River WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 273 | |
| Wahconah Falls State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 15 | |
| Kenneth Dubuque Memorial State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 75.9 miles of public road in Windsor, the state maintains 10.9 (14%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 10.9 | 14% |
| Town-accepted | 62.3 | 82% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Windsor $332,000 and takes back $1,584 in assessments and charges, a net $331,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$332,000** | **$1,584** | **$331,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 0% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $29,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $134,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $4,353 |
| State Owned Land | $160,000 |
| Public Libraries | $4,932 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $262 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $580 |
| Regional Transit | $742 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WINDSOR

## State programs also awarded $135,000 to organizations in Windsor other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Windsor. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2021 | Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $50,000 |
| FY2024 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $19,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2026 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $17,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2019 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $13,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2020 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $12,000 (shared four ways) |
| FY2023 | Berkshire Regional Planning Commission regional body | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $8,696 (shared 23 ways) |
| FY2023 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobiling Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $8,557 (shared four ways) |
| FY2022 | Savoy Kanary Kats nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $4,428 (shared four ways) |
| FY2021 | Savoy Kanary Kats Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $2,500 (shared four ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 12.4% of Windsor's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 9.9% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.9%** | **12.1%** | **12.4%** | **12.3%** |
| $152,000 of $1.5M · median town 14.1% | $234,000 of $1.9M · median town 12.2% | $321,000 of $2.6M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 11.7% · median town 10.0% |

Windsor's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $162,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

### Windsor's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 35.7% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 20.6% above grown by the government price index.




Gross state aid went from $152,000 in FY2006 to $321,000 in FY2025, +110.4% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+46.7%** | **+43.0%** | **4 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $30,000 to $45,000 · all towns +54.0% | $120,000 to $172,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Windsor's health insurance would have been $38,000 in FY2025; it was $45,000, $6,636 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $150,000 in FY2025; it was $172,000, $22,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2023 (+50%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Windsor's government came to $25,000, 175.8% of the $14,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $25,000 | 175.8% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $25,000 | 175.8% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $25,000 | 175.8% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Windsor's required school contribution is 1.5% of median household income, 339th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$247,000** | **$786,000** |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **1.5%** | **–7%** |
| 339th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Windsor has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Windsor and Central Berkshire; Windsor accounts for 100% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $1.2 million for schools serving Windsor, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Windsor's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$1.2M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,161 per resident (141st of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Windsor's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Wahconah Regional High School | Central Berkshire | Core | $31.3M | $1.2M (4%) |

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Windsor has $534,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.2M** | **$3.2M** | **$534,000** |
| $1M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.5 years of its yearly money · 283rd of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **21** | **1** | **$1.6M** |
| two rated poor; likely about $3.3M of work on those ($2.8M with short spans at the federal unit cost) | of one town-owned dam | bridges $381,000 · dams $0 · culverts $1.3M |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Windsor came on average 20 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).


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Windsor owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $253,000 | $0 | $253,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $252,000 | $0 | $293,000 | $16 |
| FY2019 | $251,000 | $50,000 | $216,000 | $86,000 |
| FY2020 | $250,000 | $25,000 | $39,000 | $342,000 |
| FY2021 | $250,000 | $0 | $134,000 | $457,000 |
| FY2022 | $249,000 | $208,000 | $42,000 | $872,000 |
| FY2023 | $248,000 | $0 | $662,000 | $458,000 |
| FY2024 | $248,000 | $280,000 | $588,000 | $397,000 |
| FY2025 | $247,000 | $170,000 | $305,000 | $510,000 |
| FY2026 | $453,000 | $297,000 | $726,000 | $534,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $452,000 | $0 | $0 | $986,000 |

The full list of the 29 bridges in Windsor in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | Cheshire Rd. over Dry Brook Tributary source | $400,000 |
| FY2022 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | River Rd over UNT to Westfield River source | $150,000 |
| FY2021 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | River Road Site 1 Culvert source | $460,000 |
| FY2020 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | River Rd over Unnamed Trib to East Branch of Westfield River source | $165,000 |
| FY2019 | Culvert Replacement (DER) award | River Rd over Trib to Westfield River source | $78,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Windsor received $4.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 2.3 times the $1.9 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Windsor ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Windsor** this town | **53** | **$9,357** | **$3,955** | **$23.47** | **1.38** | **1.5%** |
| Cummington peer · lowest in class of 30 | 49 | $9,157 | $4,050 | $0 | 1.51 | 1.5% |
| Chester peer | 62 | $16,538 | $4,421 | $0 | 2.11 | 2.4% |
| Shutesbury peer | 62 | $14,882 | $4,462 | $0 | 0.50 | 2.0% |
| Oakham peer | 61 | $18,722 | $794 | $12.20 | 1.24 | 3.2% |
| Conway peer | 48 | $12,799 | $405 | $0 | 0.68 | 2.5% |
| Chesterfield best in class of 30 | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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SUFFOLK COUNTY

# Winthrop

City · Suffolk County · 18,759 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**19th Suffolk** · Jeffrey Rosario Turco

STATE SENATE

**Third Suffolk** · Lydia Edwards

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Winthrop Public Schools**, the city's own district

**Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Winthrop scores 40 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 63 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**40** / 100

213th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | 37 | 43 | 44 |

Rank under other weightings: 186th to 254th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Winthrop received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 40 stays between 38 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**63** / 100

137th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 59 | 68 | 65 |

Rank under other weightings: 127th to 153rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

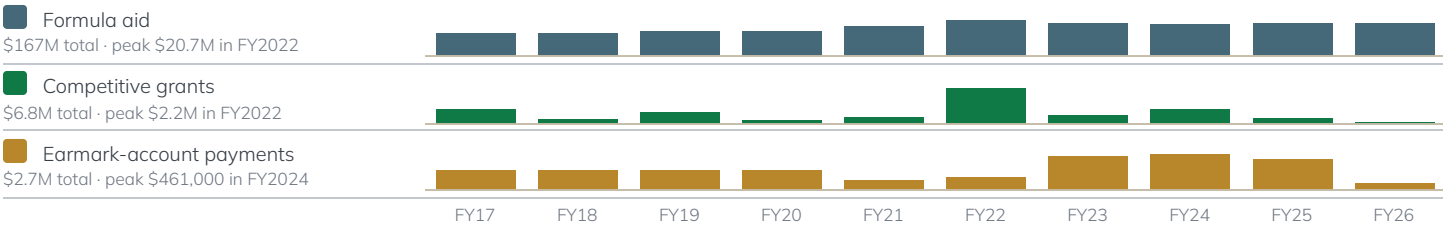
Winthrop received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 63 stays between 60 and 65 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Winthrop's town government and school districts received $167 million in formula aid and $6.8 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$167M** | **$6.8M** | **$2.7M** |
| $8,903 per resident (223rd of 351) · gross | $365 per resident (183rd of 351) | $142 per resident (13th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Winthrop peaked in FY2022 at $2.2 million, 33% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $14.3 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Winthrop received $2.3 million in local earmarks to its government, $3 million placed in the city or town and $3.5 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$2.3M** | **$3M** | **$3.5M** | **No** |
| $125 per resident (14th of 351) | $158 per resident (16th of 351) · 21% to organizations | $185 per resident (20th of 351) · 18% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 36 clauses in nine of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $2.3 million went to Winthrop's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $616,000 went to organizations in Winthrop or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Winthrop but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $514,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $514,000 in four clauses for state facilities located in Winthrop (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.



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Every local earmark in Winthrop, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (40 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | $1M | "subsidize ferry services administered by the city known as the town of Winthrop during the full-time closure of the Sumner tunnel" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $250,000 | "public schools in the city known as the town of Winthrop for the implementation of English as a second language instruction and technological support" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2023 | $250,000 (split four ways) | "the operation of a water ferry connecting the city known as the town of Winthrop, the cities of Lynn and Quincy and the East Boston section of the city of Boston to mitigate commuter disruptions from the renovation of the Boston Harbor Tunnels" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2025 | $200,000 | "the city known as the town of Winthrop in public schools for the implementation of English as a second language instruction and technological support" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2020 | $200,000 | "the United Way of Tri-County's Call 2 Talk program" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 40 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Winthrop received 60% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**36.0**<br>307th of 351 · 1.9 per 1,000 residents (337th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$6M**<br>scored exposure $552,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**0**<br>346th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**2.0 sq mi**<br>3% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**1%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**19,041**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**1.51**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.60; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>no eligible state land in FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$0**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>not applicable<br>no eligible acres · statewide $117 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,009**<br>FY2017–2025 · 305th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WINTHROP

## Winthrop has 43 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**43 acres**<br>3.4% of Winthrop's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**0 acres**<br>assessor records · 0 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 4 | 43 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Belle Isle Marsh Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 24 | |
| Winthrop Shore Reservation | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 19 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 39.9 miles of public road in Winthrop, the state maintains 1.2 (3%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| DCR | 1.2 | 3% |
| Town-accepted | 36.0 | 90% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.6 | 7% |


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STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2025 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere and Quincy, the towns of Nahant and Hull, the city known as the town of Winthrop and the East…” |
| FY2023 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the cities of Lynn, Revere, Winthrop and Quincy, the East Boston, South Boston and Dorchester sections of the city of…” |
| FY2020 | $129,000 | “the metropolitan beaches in the Dorchester, East Boston and South Boston sections of the city of Boston, in the cities of Lynn, Quincy and Revere…” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Winthrop $16.4 million and takes back $1.3 million in assessments and charges, a net $15.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$16.4 million** | **$1.3 million** | **$15.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 8% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $10.8M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $101,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $5.4M |
| Veterans Benefits | $15,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $88,000 |
| Public Libraries | $50,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $20,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $5,984 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $11,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $41,000 |
| MBTA | $478,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $113,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $648,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WINTHROP

## State programs also awarded $33,000 to organizations in Winthrop other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Winthrop. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town’s state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town’s share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | EV) Charging Plan (Chelsea nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $33,000 (shared three ways) |

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 24.9% of Winthrop’s general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 31.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **31.1%** | **23.7%** | **24.9%** | **23.0%** |
| $10.8M of $34.7M · median town 14.1% | $10.5M of $44.5M · median town 12.2% | $15.7M of $62.8M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 24.6% · median town 10.0% |


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Winthrop's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $492,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Winthrop's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 6.4% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 16.8% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $10.8 million in FY2006 to $15.7 million in FY2025, +45.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $662,000 of Winthrop's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+44.9%** | **+42.2%** | **5 of 9** | **5 of 9** |
| $5.6M to $8.1M · all towns +54.0% | $9.1M to $12.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Winthrop's health insurance would have been $6.98 million in FY2025; it was $8.10 million, $1.12 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $11.3 million in FY2025; it was $12.9 million, $1.57 million above the path.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Winthrop's government came to $2.3 million, 90.0% of the $2.51 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $2.3M | 90.0% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $2.8M | 112.2% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3.2M | 127.6% | 45.2% |

### SCHOOLS

## Winthrop's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 248th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$10.9M** | **$22.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+14%** |
| 248th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Winthrop runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Winthrop accounts for 4% of that district's foundation budget.

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $6.9 million for schools serving Winthrop, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Winthrop's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$6.9M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $366 per resident (197th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Winthrop's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $946,000 (4%) |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $5.9M (4%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Winthrop; Winthrop's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $946,000, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.


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ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Winthrop has $511,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$4M**<br>$637,000 of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$511,000**<br>annual program: 0.6 years of its yearly money · 281st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>the town owns no dams in the state inventory | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Winthrop came on average 13 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $278,000 | $0 | $440,000 | -$0 |
| FY2018 | $277,000 | $0 | $73,000 | $242,000 |
| FY2019 | $277,000 | $55,000 | $280,000 | $295,000 |
| FY2020 | $277,000 | $28,000 | $170,000 | $439,000 |
| FY2021 | $277,000 | $0 | $709,000 | $7,320 |
| FY2022 | $276,000 | $120,000 | $262,000 | $141,000 |
| FY2023 | $281,000 | $0 | $400,000 | $22,000 |
| FY2024 | $281,000 | $150,000 | $434,000 | $20,000 |
| FY2025 | $282,000 | $83,000 | $282,000 | $103,000 |
| FY2026 | $407,000 | $201,000 | $200,000 | $511,000 |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $413,000 | $0 | $0 | $924,000 |

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Winthrop received $12.7 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 59% more than the $8 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Winthrop ranks 1st of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3 million in earmarks placed in Winthrop, $616,000 (21%) went to organizations rather than to Winthrop's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Winthrop** this town | **40** | **$8,903** | **$365** | **$158** | **0.60** | **2.4%** |
| Hudson peer | 42 | $10,896 | $229 | $66.49 | 0.91 | 3.1% |
| Amesbury peer | 39 | $9,706 | $676 | $64.69 | 2.17 | 2.8% |
| Rockland peer | 52 | $13,816 | $523 | $41.44 | 1.27 | 2.5% |
| Wareham peer | 47 | $10,699 | $733 | $18.13 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Maynard peer | 40 | $10,015 | $584 | $105 | 2.79 | 2.5% |
| Holbrook best in class of 30 | 62 | $18,686 | $238 | $187 | 0.92 | 2.4% |
| Carver lowest in class of 30 | 50 | $13,650 | $330 | $7.68 | 0.83 | 3.0% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY

# Woburn

City · Middlesex County · 41,939 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**

30th Middlesex · Richard M. Haggerty
73% of residents
15th Middlesex · Michelle L. Ciccolo
27% of residents
Woburn is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

**STATE SENATE**

Fourth Middlesex · Cindy F. Friedman

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Woburn Public Schools, the city's own district
Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical School District, vocational, shared with Chelsea, Malden, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham and three others

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Woburn scores 31 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 38 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

**31** / 100
296th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 29 | 31 | 37 |

Rank under other weightings: 261st to 325th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Woburn received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 31 stays between 29 and 33 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

**38** / 100
237th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 36 | 38 | 31 | 46 |

Rank under other weightings: 223rd to 251st.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

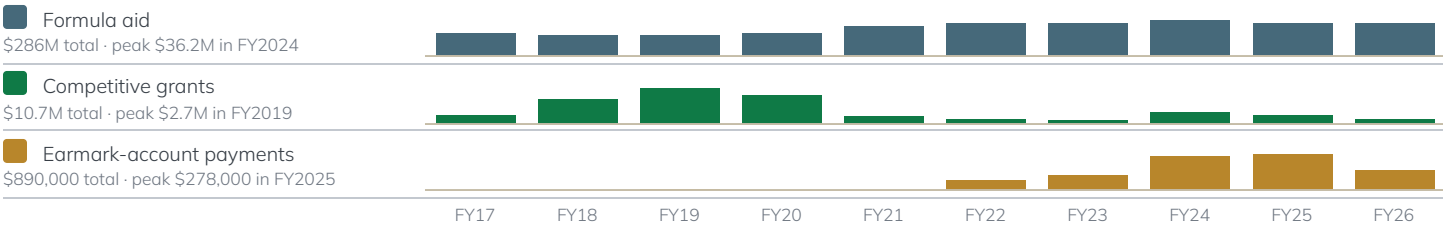
Woburn received less than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 38 stays between 35 and 40 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Woburn's town government and school districts received $286 million in formula aid and $10.7 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $286M | $10.7M | $890,000 |
| $6,812 per resident (301st of 351) · gross | $255 per resident (226th of 351) | $21.21 per resident (195th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Woburn peaked in FY2019 at $2.7 million, 25% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $58.9 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Woburn received $460,000 in local earmarks to its government, $3.6 million placed in the city or town and $3.6 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $460,000 | $3.6M | $3.6M | No |
| $10.97 per resident (266th of 351) | $85.34 per resident (91st of 351) · 87% to organizations | $85.93 per resident (98th of 351) · 87% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 40 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $460,000 went to Woburn's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $3.1 million went to organizations in Woburn or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Woburn but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $25,000, count under everything placed only.

Everything placed, the third measure, adds $25,000 in one clause for state facilities located in Woburn (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.


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Every local earmark in Woburn, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (41 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $200,000 | "as grants for the Bay State Games" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2019 | $200,000 | "Bay State Games" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2018 | $200,000 | "as grants for the Bay State Games" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2017 | $200,000 | "as grants for the Bay State Games" | Enacted<br>organization based here |
| FY2024 | $175,000 | "the Woburn Youth Hockey Association, Inc. for capital improvements to the O'Brien ice rink" | Enacted<br>organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 41 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Woburn received 44% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**131.2**<br>50th of 351 · 3.1 per 1,000 residents (311th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$4.3M**<br>scored exposure $1.1M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**135**<br>58th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**12.6 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**41,964**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**2.67**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.44; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**0 acres**<br>0.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$3,816**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$10,903**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$50,500**<br>FY2017–2025 · 37th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WOBURN

## No state conservation land is mapped in Woburn; 35 acres are coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**0 acres**<br>MassGIS open space | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**35 acres**<br>0.4% of Woburn's land · 2 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**33 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 3 | 7 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 1 | 15 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 1 | 20 |
| Conservation restriction | 16 | 33 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 7 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 2 | 1 |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 154.1 miles of public road in Woburn, the state maintains 13.1 (8%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 13.1 | 8% |
| Town-accepted | 131.2 | 85% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 9.8 | 6% |

STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2020 | $25,000 | "the design work of a pedestrian bridge to cross over the rail tracks at the Anderson regional transit center in Woburn" |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Woburn $24.5 million and takes back $6.4 million in assessments and charges, a net $18.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$24.5 million** | **$6.4 million** | **$18.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 26% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $16.1M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $107,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $7.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $178,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $316,000 |
| State Owned Land | $3,816 |
| Public Libraries | $114,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Retired Teachers Health Insurance | $3.6M |
| Air Pollution Districts | $16,000 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $27,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $54,000 |
| MBTA | $1.1M |
| Special Education | $32,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $435,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $1.1M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WOBURN

## State programs also awarded $8,000 to organizations in Woburn other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

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A further $8,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 11.8% of Woburn's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 13.1% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **13.1%** | **11.8%** | **11.8%** | **8.9%** |
| $12.1M of $92.9M · median town 14.1% | $14.6M of $124M · median town 12.2% | $22.9M of $194M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 8.0% · median town 10.0% |

Woburn's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $608,000 in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Woburn's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 22.0% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 8.4% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $12.1 million in FY2006 to $22.9 million in FY2025, +89.2% in dollars.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+23.6%** | **+31.5%** | **2 of 9** | **1 of 9** |
| $17.3M to $21.4M · all towns +54.0% | $25.3M to $33.2M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Woburn's health insurance would have been $21.6 million in FY2025; it was $21.4 million, $221,000 below the path. Its fixed costs would have been $31.5 million in FY2025; it was $33.2 million, $1.68 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Woburn's government came to $310,000, 7.6% of the $4.08 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $310,000 | 7.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $3M | 73.3% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $3M | 73.9% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Woburn's required school contribution is 3.5% of median household income, 18th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$16.1M** | **$63.1M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.5%** | **+38%** |
| 18th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Woburn runs its own school district and also belongs to Northeast Metropolitan; Woburn accounts for 9% of that district's foundation budget.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $15.5 million for schools serving Woburn, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Woburn's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$15.5M** | **1** | **$8.66B** |
| $370 per resident (196th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Woburn's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $22.5M | $2.1M (9%) |
| FY2022 | Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School | Northeast Metropolitan | Core | $141M | $13.4M (9%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Woburn; Woburn's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $2.1 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Woburn has $4.2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$17.2M** | **$11.4M** | **$4.2M** |
| $2.5M of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 2.0 years of its yearly money · 78th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **11** | **1** | **$0** |
| one rated poor; about $0 of work on those, by planning estimates | of one town-owned dam | bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Woburn came on average 26 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October


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2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Woburn owns one poor bridge of the size the Small Bridge Program funds and has no Small Bridge selection or payment in the records found, FY2017–FY2026.

Woburn owns one high- or significant-hazard dam and received no dam award from the Dam and Seawall or Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness programs, FY2017–FY2026.

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $1.3M | $0 | $3.1M | $154,000 |
| FY2018 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.5M | $154,000 |
| FY2019 | $1.3M | $254,000 | $579,000 | $1.7M |
| FY2020 | $1.3M | $127,000 | $1.3M | $3M |
| FY2021 | $1.3M | $0 | $1.5M | $2.7M |
| FY2022 | $1.3M | $437,000 | $1.9M | $2.5M |
| FY2023 | $1.3M | $0 | $2.1M | $1.7M |
| FY2024 | $1.3M | $583,000 | $2.2M | $1.3M |
| FY2025 | $1.3M | $335,000 | $0 | $2.9M |
| FY2026 | $1.7M | $772,000 | $1.2M | $4.2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.7M | $0 | $0 | $5.8M |

The full list of the 37 bridges in Woburn in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Woburn received $18.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 13% more than the $16.1 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Woburn ranks 2nd of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $3.6 million in earmarks placed in Woburn, $3.1 million (87%) went to organizations rather than to Woburn's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Woburn** this town | **31** | **$6,812** | **$255** | **$85.34**† | **0.44** | **3.5%** |
| Waltham peer | 28 | $6,149 | $102 | $54.73† | 0.45 | 2.8% |
| North Andover peer | 26 | $6,381 | $213 | $31.72 | 0.89 | 3.1% |
| Somerville peer | 40 | $7,819 | $474 | $26.26† | 2.18 | 1.7% |
| Marshfield peer · best in class of 30 | 38 | $9,344 | $361 | $162† | 1.35 | 3.2% |
| Medford peer | 32 | $6,237 | $331 | $44.47† | 2.03 | 1.9% |
| Harwich lowest in class of 30 | 24 | $5,502 | $93.86 | $4.93 | 0.59 | 2.8% |


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SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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WORCESTER COUNTY

# Worcester

City · Worcester County · 207,055 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

### STATE HOUSE

**13th Worcester** · John J. Mahoney 22% of residents
**16th Worcester** · Daniel M. Donahue 22% of residents
**15th Worcester** · Mary S. Keefe 21% of residents
**17th Worcester** · David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf 18% of residents
**14th Worcester** · James J. O'Day 17% of residents

Worcester is split among five House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

### STATE SENATE

**First Worcester** · Robyn K. Kennedy 63% of residents
**Second Worcester** · Michael O. Moore 27% of residents
**Worcester and Hampshire** · Peter J. Durant 10% of residents

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Worcester Public Schools**, the city's own district

### REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Worcester scores 65 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 53 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

#### ALL STATE AID

**65** / 100

23rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 66 | 54 | 67 | 73 |

Rank under other weightings: 18th to 40th.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

Worcester received more than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 65 stays between 62 and 68 under every weighting tested.

#### DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**53** / 100

179th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53 | 41 | 57 | 61 |

Rank under other weightings: 159th to 196th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

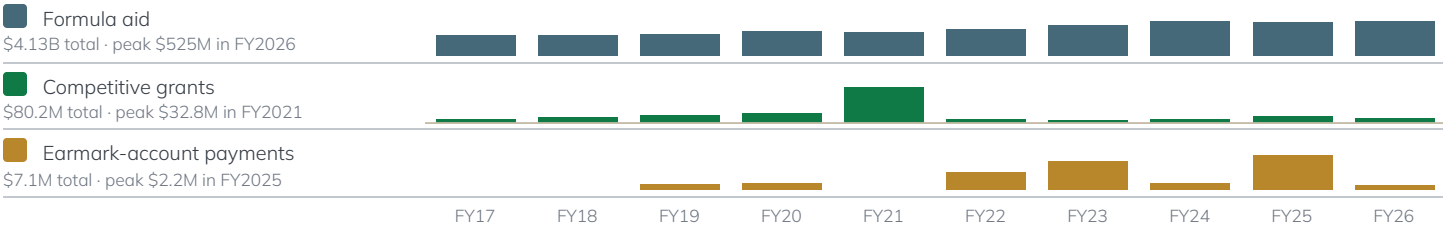
Worcester received more than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 53 stays between 49 and 56 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Worcester's town government and school districts received $4.13 billion in formula aid and $80.2 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$4.13B** | **$80.2M** | **$7.1M** |
| $19,940 per resident (27th of 351) · gross | $387 per resident (175th of 351) | $34.45 per resident (134th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Worcester peaked in FY2021 at $32.8 million, 41% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $239 million, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Worcester received $7 million in local earmarks to its government, $19.1 million placed in the city or town and $20.2 million counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$7M** | **$19.1M** | **$20.2M** | **No** |
| $34 per resident (144th of 351) | $92.28 per resident (79th of 351) · 63% to organizations | $97.76 per resident (83rd of 351) · 60% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 190 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $7 million went to Worcester's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $12.1 million went to organizations in Worcester or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.

Clauses that name Worcester but fund a state facility or a MassHealth rate add-on, $150,000, count under everything placed only.


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Everything placed, the third measure, adds $1.1 million in ten clauses for state facilities located in Worcester (such as state universities, courts, state parks or the metropolitan beaches) or MassHealth rate add-ons for providers here.

Every local earmark in Worcester, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (200 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $500,000 | "the operations of Veterans Inc. for services to veterans including, but not limited to, employment training and substance use treatment" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2023 | $500,000 | "the creation and maintenance of a baseball field for the use and benefit of disadvantaged youth in the city of Worcester" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $450,000 | "Father Bill's & MainSpring, Inc., the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness and Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc. for ongoing coordination and collaboration to prevent and end homelessness and a pilot program to identify and create regional solutions to reduce the number of..." | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2025 | $430,000 | "the Worcester county court-appointed special advocates program for its court-appointed special advocates program in Worcester county" | Enacted organization based here |
| FY2024 | $430,000 | "the Worcester county court-appointed special advocates program for its court-appointed special advocates program in Worcester county" | Enacted organization based here |

Printed: the 5 largest of 200 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Worcester received 90% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**434.7**<br>3rd of 351 · 2.1 per 1,000 residents (334th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$99.5M**<br>scored exposure $33.3M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**390**<br>1st of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**24**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**37.4 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**207,895**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.52**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.90; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**208 acres**<br>0.9% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$316,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$1,518**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$11,906**<br>FY2017–2025 · 295th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WORCESTER

## Worcester has 58 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 386 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**58 acres**<br>0.2% of Worcester's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**386 acres**<br>1.6% of Worcester's land · 8 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**609 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 11 | 58 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 22 | 224 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 22 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 2 | 11 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 5 | 353 |
| Conservation restriction | 49 | 609 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| University of Massachusetts and state colleges | 18 | 126 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 1 | 64 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | 21 |
| Correction and Youth Services | 1 | 12 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quinsigamond State Park | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 33 | |
| Worcester State Hospital | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 10 | |
| Blackstone Visitor Center and Central Region HQ | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 7 | |
| Worcester State University Stadium | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 4 | |
| Honorable Charles J. Buffone Skating Rink | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 2 | |
| Shine Pool | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | |
| Worcester State University Tennis Courts | State: Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 1 | |
| Wachusett Reservoir Watershed | DCR Water Supply Protection | 0 | |

### ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 535.7 miles of public road in Worcester, the state maintains 23.9 (4%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 23.9 | 4% |
| Town-accepted | 434.6 | 81% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 75.2 | 14% |

### STATE FACILITIES IN TOWN THAT RECEIVED EARMARKS

| Year | Amount | Enacted budget text (excerpt) |
|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | $250,000 | “the Duchenne Program at the University of Massachusetts medical school to advance clinical care, research and innovation for patients with complex…” |
| FY2026 | $125,000 | “the John J. Binienda center for civic education at Worcester state university to expand service learning and volunteerism in the greater Worcester…” |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | “the Latino Education Institute and pre-collegiate programs at Worcester State University” |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | “the Latino Education Institute and precollegiate programs at Worcester State University” |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | “a child watch center at Quinsigamond Community College” |
| FY2024 | $350,000 | “the foster child evaluation services clinic at the University of Massachusetts medical school to pilot a trauma-informed psychiatric consultation…” |
| FY2022 | $75,000 | “the Latino Education Institute at Worcester State University for the purposes of developing statewide strategies for accelerated learning…” |
| FY2021 | $50,000 | “a contract with the University of Massachusetts medical school to conduct a study on opioid use in the commonwealth specifically related to the…” |
| FY2019 | $108,000 | “continued operation of the Autism Insurance Resource Center at the University of Massachusetts Medical School’s Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center to…” |
| FY2017 | $25,000 | “weed control and public safety enhancements on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester” |

State hospitals, courts, sheriffs, colleges, DCR parks and the like, placed in the city or town by address: the money the third earmark measure adds. Three ways to count a local earmark.

### WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state’s cherry sheet sends Worcester $503 million and takes back $60.5 million in assessments and charges, a net $442 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$503 million** | **$60.5 million** | **$442 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 12% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $438M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $8.4M |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $383,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $53.1M |
| Veterans Benefits | $1.3M |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $621,000 |
| State Owned Land | $320,000 |
| Public Libraries | $735,000 |


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What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Mosquito Control Projects | $209,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $54,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $514,000 |
| Regional Transit | $4.4M |
| Special Education | $313,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $5.1M |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $50M |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WORCESTER

## State programs also awarded $18.8 million to organizations in Worcester other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Worcester. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | SMOC - Worcester nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $1.4M |
| FY2023 | WinnDevelopment nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $900,000 |
| FY2025 | Worcester Common Ground nonprofit | Housing grants (EOHLC) | $820,000 |
| FY2024 | The Menkiti Group nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $650,000 |
| FY2026 | The Menkiti Group nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $600,000 |
| FY2022 | Arts & Business Council of Greater Boston nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $500,000 |
| FY2022 | Architectural Heritage Foundation nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $475,000 |
| FY2023 | Boston Capital Development nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $400,000 |
| FY2016 | EcoTarium nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $300,000 |
| FY2016 | New Garden Park nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $300,000 |
| FY2027 | Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission regional body | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant | $271,000 |
| FY2024 | New Americans Community Development Corporation nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $250,000 |
| FY2017 | American Antiquarian Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $225,000 |
| FY2018 | American Antiquarian Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |
| FY2018 | Worcester Community Cable Access nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $200,000 |

Printed: the 15 largest of 73 awards; the web page lists all of them.

A further $5.4 million in 19 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 49.1% of Worcester's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 46.2% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **46.2%** | **48.9%** | **49.1%** | **43.3%** |
| $228M of $493M · median town 14.1% | $286M of $586M · median town 12.2% | $442M of $900M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 45.8% · median town 10.0% |

**Worcester's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 25.2% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 11.3% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $228 million in FY2006 to $442 million in FY2025, +94.2% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $19.1 million of Worcester's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.


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FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+76.1%** | **+68.8%** | **4 of 9** | **6 of 9** |
| $84M to $148M · all towns +54.0% | $107M to $180M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Worcester's health insurance would have been $105 million in FY2025; it was $148 million, $43 million above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $133 million in FY2025; it was $180 million, $46.8 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Worcester's government came to $6.3 million, 9.9% of the $63.9 million rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $6.3M | 9.9% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $15.9M | 24.9% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $16.6M | 26.0% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Worcester's required school contribution is 2.4% of median household income, 245th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$412M** | **$136M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.4%** | **+31%** |
| 245th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Worcester runs its own school district.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $308 million for schools serving Worcester, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Worcester's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$308M** | **16** | **$8.66B** |
| $1,488 per resident (111th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |

School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Worcester's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Doherty Memorial High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Worcester | Core | $28.8M | $28.8M |
| FY2022 | Worcester Arts Magnet School | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $3M | $3M |
| FY2021 | Doherty Memorial High School | Worcester | Core | $135M | $135M |
| FY2020 | Worcester East Middle School | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2.3M | $2.3M |
| FY2020 | Vernon Hill School | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $2M | $2M |
| FY2020 | Tatnuck Magnet School | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Roof) | $1.6M | $1.6M |
| FY2020 | Lincoln Street School | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Boiler) | $1.1M | $1.1M |
| FY2020 | Burncoat Street Preparatory School | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof) | $803,000 | $803,000 |
| FY2020 | Challenge and Reach Academy | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Roof, Boiler, Window/Door) | $3.2M | $3.2M |
| FY2018 | Thorndyke Road Elementary School | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $1.7M |
| FY2018 | Lincoln Street Elementary School | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof; Window/Door) | $2M | $2M |
| FY2018 | Elm Park Community School | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $2.3M | $2.3M |
| FY2018 | South High Community School | Worcester | Core | $116M | $116M |
| FY2017 | Wawecus Road School | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Window/Door) | $1.7M | $1.7M |
| FY2017 | Gerald Creamer Center | Worcester | Accelerated Repair (Partial Boiler, Window/Door) | $2.5M | $2.5M |

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**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added $28.8 million to grants for one project serving Worcester, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation. Of the 11 projects closed with a final audit, the final cost was $215 million against an approved budget of $237 million (under by $22.2 million); the local share moved from $102 million to $88.1 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Worcester has $10.3 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns one bridge rated poor and 24 high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$56.5M**<br>$8.4M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$40.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$10.3M**<br>annual program: 1.1 years of its yearly money · 186th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**38**<br>one rated poor; about $2.1M of work on those, by planning estimates | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**24**<br>of 32 town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$707,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $707,000 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $4.1M | $0 | $5.5M | -$0 |
| FY2018 | $4.1M | $0 | $4.7M | $10 |
| FY2019 | $4.1M | $819,000 | $4.1M | $819,000 |
| FY2020 | $4.1M | $409,000 | $4.1M | $1.3M |
| FY2021 | $4.1M | $0 | $4.6M | $787,000 |
| FY2022 | $4.1M | $1.4M | $503,000 | $5.8M |
| FY2023 | $4.2M | $0 | $9.1M | $882,000 |
| FY2024 | $4.2M | $2M | $2.1M | $5M |
| FY2025 | $4.2M | $1.2M | $2.9M | $7.4M |
| FY2026 | $5.6M | $2.6M | $5.2M | $10.3M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $5.6M | $0 | $0 | $15.9M |

The full list of the 138 bridges in Worcester in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Pine Hill Reservoir Dam Improvements Design source | $250,000 |
| FY2023 | Small Bridge selection | Bridge (project not named in the source) source | not published |
| FY2021 | Dam and Seawall award | Patch Pond Dam Repair Design source | $147,000 |
| FY2018 | Dam and Seawall award | Patch Reservoir Dam Repair source | $309,000 |

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PEERS

## Worcester ranks 5th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $19.1 million in earmarks placed in Worcester, $12.1 million (63%) went to organizations rather than to Worcester's government.


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester** this town | **65** | **$19,940** | **$387** | **$92.28†** | **0.90** | **2.4%** |
| Springfield peer · best in class of 30 | 79 | $35,424 | $352 | $178† | 1.27 | 1.8% |
| New Bedford peer | 73 | $27,251 | $466 | $126† | 1.34 | 1.9% |
| Lowell peer | 70 | $24,024 | $384 | $66.99 | 0.82 | 2.3% |
| Fall River peer | 72 | $25,031 | $426 | $77.65† | 0.89 | 2.0% |
| Brockton peer | 72 | $26,796 | $378 | $70.10 | 1.28 | 2.3% |
| Chicopee lowest in class of 30 | 62 | $19,031 | $203 | $19.30† | 0.65 | 2.4% |

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**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

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**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

# Worthington

Town · Hampshire County · 1,021 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

**STATE HOUSE**
1st Hampshire · Lindsay N. Sabadosa

**STATE SENATE**
Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire · Paul W. Mark

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**
Worthington Public Schools, the town's own district

**REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY**
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

## FAIRNESS INDEX

### Worthington scores 45 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 92 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

**ALL STATE AID**

45 / 100

159th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 50 | 53 | 36 | 42 |

Rank under other weightings: 142nd to 190th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

Worthington received less than its share of state aid on two of four measures; its blended score of 45 stays between 42 and 49 under every weighting tested.

**DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY**

92 / 100

40th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 94 | 95 | 86 | 92 |

Rank under other weightings: 38th to 43rd.

Stable high: above 55 under every weighting

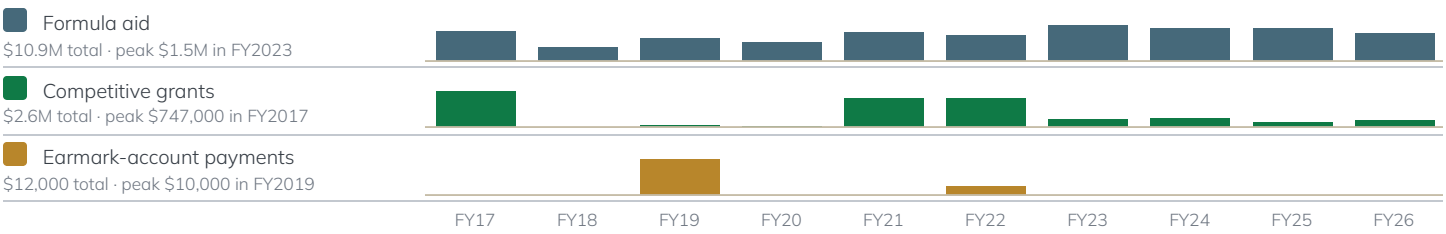
Worthington received more than its share of discretionary money on all four measures; its blended score of 92 stays between 90 and 93 under every weighting tested.

## STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

### Worthington's town government and school districts received $10.9 million in formula aid and $2.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| $10.9M | $2.6M | $12,000 |
| $10,665 per resident (159th of 351) · gross | $2,563 per resident (37th of 351) | $12.24 per resident (245th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Worthington peaked in FY2017 at $747,000, 29% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $453,000, are not shown.

## EARMARKS

### Worthington received $60,000 in local earmarks in ten enacted budgets on all three measures.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| $60,000 | $60,000 | $60,000 | No |
| $58.77 per resident (60th of 351) | $58.77 per resident (143rd of 351) | $58.77 per resident (149th of 351) | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: two clauses in one of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2019. All of it went to Worthington's government, its schools or municipal projects.

Every local earmark in Worthington, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (two clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | $50,000 | "the town of Worthington to conduct a comprehensive capital needs study for town-owned buildings" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $10,000 | "the commemoration of the town of Worthington's 250th anniversary celebration" | Enacted to the city or town government |


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WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Worthington received 59% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**57.5**<br>221st of 351 · 56.4 per 1,000 residents (16th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$16M**<br>scored exposure $3.4M · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**61**<br>226th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**32.0 sq mi**<br>24% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**14%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**1,197**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.25**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.59; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**4,302 acres**<br>21.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$153,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$35.50**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$24,645**<br>FY2017–2025 · 142nd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WORTHINGTON

## Worthington has 4,895 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 1,743 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**4,895 acres**<br>23.9% of Worthington's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**1,743 acres**<br>8.5% of Worthington's land · 39 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**897 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**1,211 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 42 | 4,895 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 25 | 2,588 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 23 | 1,178 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 5 | 129 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 11 | 435 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 63 | 4,210 |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction | 11 | 897 |
| Conservation restriction | 24 | 1,211 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 24 | 2,406 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 182 |

Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fox Den WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 3,215 | |
| Peru State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 796 | |
| Hiram H. Fox WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 364 | |
| Tower Brook WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 293 | |
| Worthington State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 182 | |
| Peru WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 45 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 65.1 miles of public road in Worthington, the state maintains 6.0 (9%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 6.0 | 9% |
| Town-accepted | 57.5 | 88% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 1.4 | 2% |


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WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Worthington $953,000 and takes back $169,000 in assessments and charges, a net $784,000.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$953,000** | **$169,000** | **$784,000** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 18% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $514,000 |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $12,000 |
| School Choice Receiving Tuition | $76,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $163,000 |
| Veterans Benefits | $6,756 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $19,000 |
| State Owned Land | $156,000 |
| Public Libraries | $5,162 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Air Pollution Districts | $397 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $1,440 |
| Regional Transit | $3,124 |
| Multi-Year Repayment Program | $50,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $72,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $42,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WORTHINGTON

## State programs also awarded $711,000 to organizations in Worthington other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Worthington. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Worthington Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $120,000 |
| FY2019 | Worthington Snowmobile Club nonprofit | MassTrails Grants | $40,000 |
| FY2023 | Sevenars Concerts nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $20,000 |
| FY2025 | Worthington Historical Society nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $4,000 |
| FY2022 | Pioneer Valley Planning Council nonprofit | Community Compact Efficiency & Regionalization Grant | $3,958 (shared 24 ways) |

A further $523,000 in 10 awards went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

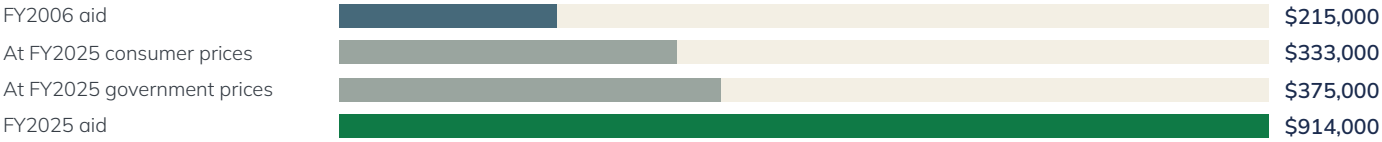
## State aid covered 18.2% of Worthington's general-fund spending in FY2025, up from 9.5% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **9.5%** | **15.6%** | **18.2%** | **9.9%** |
| $215,000 of $2.3M · median town 14.1% | $505,000 of $3.2M · median town 12.2% | $914,000 of $5M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 7.9% · median town 10.0% |


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**Worthington's state aid kept pace with both price measures: FY2025 aid was 174.6% above its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 144.1% above grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $215,000 in FY2006 to $914,000 in FY2025, +325.9% in dollars.

### FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+134.3%** | **+196.8%** | **7 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $146,000 to $342,000 · all towns +54.0% | $263,000 to $780,000 · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Worthington's health insurance would have been $182,000 in FY2025; it was $342,000, $160,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $328,000 in FY2025; it was $780,000, $452,000 above the path.

Flag: health insurance changed by more than 30% in one year in FY2022 (+44%). Swings this size usually mark costs moving between budget lines, into or out of trust funds, or into the state's Group Insurance Commission, so the comparison may reflect accounting as well as cost.

### LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Worthington's government came to $60,000, 30.6% of the $196,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $60,000 | 30.6% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $60,000 | 30.6% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $60,000 | 30.6% | 45.2% |

## SCHOOLS

### Worthington's required school contribution is 2.8% of median household income, 139th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$496,000** | **$1.3M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **2.8%** | **+55%** |
| 139th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Worthington runs its own school district.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

### No school building grant was approved for a school serving Worthington, FY2017 to August 2026.

## ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

### Worthington has $992,000 of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns two bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027 | Reimbursed against it | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money |
|---|---|---|
| **$3.9M** | **$2.5M** | **$992,000** |
| $971,000 of it one-time supplements | to 16 October 2026 | annual program: 0.9 years of its yearly money · 240th of 351 |
| **Town-owned bridges** | **High- or significant-hazard dams** | **Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026** |
| **24** | **0** | **$965,000** |
| two rated poor; likely about $1.4M of work on those ($666,000 with short spans at the federal unit cost) | the town owns no dams in the state inventory | bridges $965,000 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

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Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $239,000 | $0 | $729,000 | $1 |
| FY2018 | $237,000 | $0 | $87,000 | $163,000 |
| FY2019 | $236,000 | $47,000 | $369,000 | $114,000 |
| FY2020 | $234,000 | $23,000 | $233,000 | $372,000 |
| FY2021 | $234,000 | $0 | $375,000 | $242,000 |
| FY2022 | $234,000 | $192,000 | $70,000 | $598,000 |
| FY2023 | $233,000 | $0 | $341,000 | $490,000 |
| FY2024 | $233,000 | $268,000 | $346,000 | $645,000 |
| FY2025 | $232,000 | $166,000 | $310,000 | $733,000 |
| FY2026 | $423,000 | $275,000 | $63,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $422,000 | $0 | $376,000 | $1.4M |

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| Chesterfield peer | 65 | $13,176 | $12,060 | $213† | 1.15 | 2.7% |
| West Stockbridge peer | 43 | $9,304 | $478 | $0 | 0.46 | 2.4% |
| Richmond peer | 40 | $8,072 | $776 | $0 | 0.19 | 2.2% |
| Leverett peer | 47 | $11,884 | $1,674 | $134 | 1.95 | 2.9% |
| Egremont best in class of 30 | 52 | $9,039 | $3,748 | $394† | 2.06 | 2.0% |


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NORFOLK COUNTY

# Wrentham

Town · Norfolk County · 12,297 residents (ACS 2020–24)

Data through FY2026; built October 23, 2026.

STATE HOUSE

**9th Norfolk** · Marcus S. Vaughn

STATE SENATE

**Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex** · Rebecca L. Rausch

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Wrentham Public Schools**, the town's own district
**King Philip Regional School District**, shared with Norfolk and Plainville
**Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Plainville, Seekonk and two others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Wrentham scores 39 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 47 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**39** / 100

224th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 38 | 48 | 35 | 36 |

Rank under other weightings: 209th to 235th.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Wrentham received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 39 stays between 37 and 42 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**47** / 100

203rd of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44 | 55 | 45 | 43 |

Rank under other weightings: 198th to 208th.

Weighting-dependent: the range crosses the 45–55 band

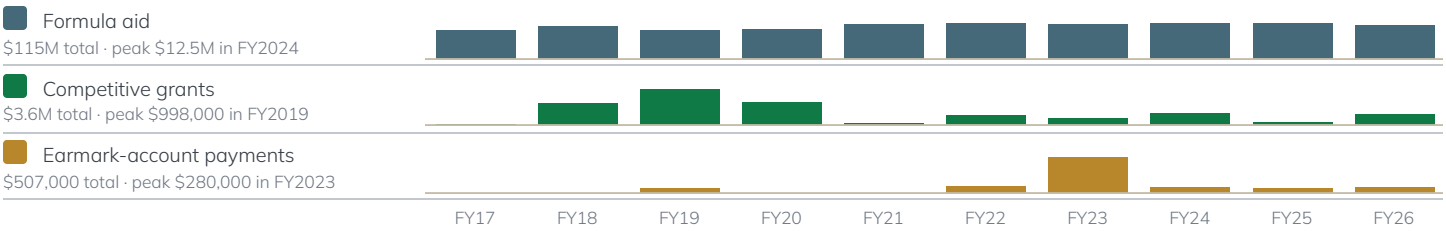
Wrentham received less than its share of discretionary money on three of four measures; its blended score of 47 stays between 45 and 48 under every weighting tested.

STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Wrentham's town government and school districts received $115 million in formula aid and $3.6 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$115M** | **$3.6M** | **$507,000** |
| $9,318 per resident (205th of 351) · gross | $289 per resident (213th of 351) | $41.23 per resident (105th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Wrentham peaked in FY2019 at $998,000, 28% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $11.6 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Wrentham received $577,000 in local earmarks to its government, $602,000 placed in the city or town and $602,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$577,000** | **$602,000** | **$602,000** | **No** |
| $46.95 per resident (86th of 351) | $48.99 per resident (173rd of 351) · 4% to organizations | $48.99 per resident (179th of 351) · 4% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: 16 clauses in ten of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $577,000 went to Wrentham's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $25,000 went to organizations in Wrentham or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Wrentham, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (16 clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2023 | $127,000 | "support the implementation of full-day kindergarten in the town of Wrentham" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2019 | $100,000 | "the town of Wrentham to be allocated equally amongst the King Philip Regional, Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham school districts" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2026 | $50,000 | "furniture, layout and technology upgrades at the Fiske public library in the town of Wrentham" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2025 | $50,000 | "upgrades to the lighting systems at the Rice Recreational Complex in the town of Wrentham" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2018 | $50,000 | "the town of Wrentham for a water service project" | Enacted to the city or town government |

Printed: the 5 largest of 16 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Wrentham received 85% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**67.3**<br>197th of 351 · 5.5 per 1,000 residents (212th of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$0**<br>scored exposure $0 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**89**<br>142nd of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**1**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**21.7 sq mi**<br>8% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**0%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**12,297**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.31**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.85; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**1,666 acres**<br>12.0% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$94,000**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$56.48**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$38,394**<br>FY2017–2025 · 63rd of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN WRENTHAM

## Wrentham has 1,211 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 740 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**1,211 acres**<br>8.7% of Wrentham's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**740 acres**<br>5.3% of Wrentham's land · 41 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**274 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 83 | 1,211 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 10 | 1,658 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 1 | 11 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 21 | 431 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 19 | 297 |
| Partly enrolled (mixed-use parcel) | 2 | 57 |
| Conservation restriction | 17 | 274 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 6 | 1,201 |
| Mental Health and Developmental Services | 4 | 457 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wrentham State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 930 | |
| F. Gilbert Hills State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 208 | |
| Franklin State Forest | DCR State Parks and Recreation | 73 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 95.9 miles of public road in Wrentham, the state maintains 20.6 (21%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 20.6 | 21% |
| Town-accepted | 67.3 | 70% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 2.8 | 3% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Wrentham $5.8 million and takes back $1.2 million in assessments and charges, a net $4.6 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$5.8 million** | **$1.2 million** | **$4.6 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 21% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Chapter 70 | $4.3M |
| Charter Tuition Reimbursement | $52,000 |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.2M |
| Veterans Benefits | $23,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $83,000 |
| State Owned Land | $94,000 |
| Public Libraries | $31,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $118,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $87,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $4,612 |
| Metropolitan Area Planning Council | $7,598 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $8,940 |
| Regional Transit | $106,000 |
| School Choice Sending Tuition | $5,000 |
| Charter School Sending Tuition | $860,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN WRENTHAM

## State programs also awarded $606,000 to organizations in Wrentham other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Wrentham. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Southeast Regional Planning & Economic Development District regional body | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $39,000 (shared six ways) |
| FY2020 | Towns of Foxborough, Plainville and Wrentham nonprofit | Gaming Commission Community Mitigation Fund | $25,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2021 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $8,333 (shared three ways) |
| FY2025 | Department of Conservation and Recreation state agency | MassTrails Grants | $3,833 (shared three ways) |


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A further $530,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.

COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 10.0% of Wrentham's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 17.3% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **17.3%** | **12.9%** | **10.0%** | **7.5%** |
| $5.4M of $31M · median town 14.1% | $5M of $38.9M · median town 12.2% | $5.4M of $54.1M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 15.0% · median town 10.0% |

Wrentham's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $3.4 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Wrentham's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 35.1% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 42.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $5.4 million in FY2006 to $5.4 million in FY2025, +0.6% in dollars. Flag: in FY2010, $293,000 of Wrentham's gross aid was in receipts the itemized cherry sheet does not show, consistent with school-building reimbursements that ended by FY2024 (not verified line by line). Part of the change since FY2006 may be that phase-out.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| **+28.0%** | **+51.3%** | **5 of 9** | **4 of 9** |
| $3.4M to $4.4M · all towns +54.0% | $5.3M to $7.9M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Wrentham's health insurance would have been $4.30 million in FY2025; it was $4.41 million, $107,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $6.56 million in FY2025; it was $7.94 million, $1.39 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Wrentham's government came to $502,000, 52.1% of the $964,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $502,000 | 52.1% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $502,000 | 52.1% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $502,000 | 52.1% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Wrentham's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 81st highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| **$7.7M** | **$19.7M** |
| to the town's district | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| **3.0%** | **−11%** |
| 81st of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Wrentham runs its own district for some grades and belongs to King Philip, Tri County and Norfolk County for others; Wrentham accounts for 39%, 8% and 4% of their foundation budgets, in that order.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $54.6 million for schools serving Wrentham, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Wrentham's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| **$54.6M** | **3** | **$8.66B** |
| $4,442 per resident (14th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Wrentham's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2026 | Charles E. Roderick Elementary School | Wrentham | Core | $46.1M | $46.1M |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School supplemental grant, FY2024 budget | Tri County | Core | $20M | $1.7M (8%) |
| FY2024 | Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School | Tri County | Core | $82.7M | $6.8M (8%) |
| FY2020 | Norfolk County Agricultural High School | Norfolk County | Accelerated Repair (Partial Roof, Partial Window/Door) | $1.7M | $65,000 (4%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Wrentham; Wrentham's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.7 million, all of it in the FY2024 supplemental grants for cost escalation.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Wrentham has $2 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and one high- or significant-hazard dam.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$6M**<br>$1M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$3.4M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$2M**<br>annual program: 2.2 years of its yearly money · 68th of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**0**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**1**<br>of three town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$211,000**<br>bridges $0 · dams $211,000 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Wrentham came on average 45 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $420,000 | $0 | $52,000 | $420,000 |
| FY2018 | $421,000 | $0 | $1.4M | $840,000 |
| FY2019 | $419,000 | $84,000 | $71,000 | $1.3M |
| FY2020 | $416,000 | $42,000 | $62,000 | $1.8M |
| FY2021 | $414,000 | $0 | $1M | $1.2M |
| FY2022 | $412,000 | $225,000 | $350,000 | $1.5M |
| FY2023 | $412,000 | $0 | $559,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2024 | $409,000 | $234,000 | $619,000 | $1.4M |
| FY2025 | $409,000 | $112,000 | $667,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2026 | $636,000 | $350,000 | $243,000 | $2M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $635,000 | $0 | $0 | $2.6M |

The full list of the ten bridges in Wrentham in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | Dam and Seawall award | Red Dam Improvement Design source | $124,000 |
| FY2023 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Eagle Dam Removal Phase II source | $41,000 |
| FY2019 | Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness award | Eagle Dam Removal source | $46,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Wrentham received $4.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 18% more than the $3.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.





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PEERS

## Wrentham ranks 7th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten nearest peers.

Of the $602,000 in earmarks placed in Wrentham, $25,000 (4%) went to organizations rather than to Wrentham's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wrentham** this town | **39** | **$9,318** | **$289** | **$48.99** | **0.85** | **3.0%** |
| Kingston peer | 44 | $10,470 | $762 | $41.35 | 2.68 | 3.0% |
| Hull peer | 42 | $8,515 | $509 | $61.46† | 1.65 | 1.6% |
| Sutton peer | 44 | $10,223 | $840 | $107 | 1.91 | 3.1% |
| Westminster peer · best in class of 30 | 48 | $12,585 | $85.79 | $1,114† | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Foxborough peer | 34 | $8,398 | $121 | $73.28† | 1.08 | 3.7% |
| Rehoboth lowest in class of 30 | 33 | $7,696 | $69.78 | $12.80 | 0.22 | 2.8% |

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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

# Yarmouth

Town · Barnstable County · 25,224 residents (ACS 2020–24)

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STATE HOUSE

1st Barnstable · Christopher Richard Flanagan 72% of residents

2nd Barnstable · Kip A. Diggs 28% of residents

Yarmouth is split among two House districts. Shares are of 2020 residents.

STATE SENATE

Cape and Islands · Julian Cyr

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District**, shared with Dennis

**Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District**, vocational, shared with Barnstable, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans and three others

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

Cape Cod Commission

FAIRNESS INDEX

## Yarmouth scores 27 on the Fairness Index for all state aid and 47 for discretionary money. Fifty is a fair share.

ALL STATE AID

**27** / 100

335th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 25 | 25 | 31 | 28 |

Rank under other weightings: 303rd to 343rd.

Stable low: below 45 under every weighting

Yarmouth received less than its share of state aid on all four measures; its blended score of 27 stays between 26 and 29 under every weighting tested.

DISCRETIONARY MONEY ONLY

**47** / 100

204th of 351 (1 = most above its share)

| Equal | Need | Burden | Effort |
|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 47 | 43 | 50 |

Rank under other weightings: 195th to 211th.

Near fair: between 45 and 55 under every weighting

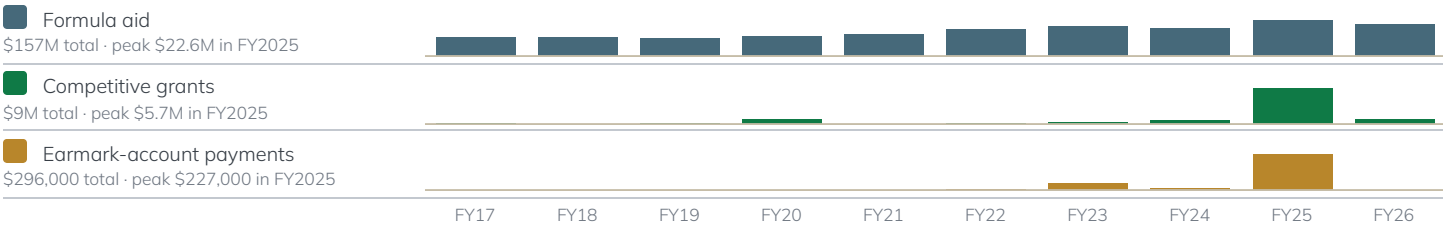
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STATE MONEY, FY2017–FY2026

## Yarmouth's town government and school districts received $157 million in formula aid and $9 million in competitive grants over ten years.

| Formula aid | Competitive grants | Earmark-account payments |
|---|---|---|
| **$157M** | **$9M** | **$296,000** |
| $6,216 per resident (330th of 351) · gross | $356 per resident (186th of 351) | $11.74 per resident (249th of 351) |

**Competitive grants to Yarmouth peaked in FY2025 at $5.7 million, 63% of the ten-year total.**




Each class has its own scale. Bars show dollars paid in each fiscal year.

Formula aid is gross; competitive grants and earmark-account payments are as paid. Other classes, $63 million, are not shown.

EARMARKS

## Yarmouth received $58,000 in local earmarks to its government, $218,000 placed in the city or town and $218,000 counting everything placed, in ten enacted budgets.

| To the city or town government | Placed in the city or town | Everything placed | No earmarks in ten budgets |
|---|---|---|---|
| **$58,000** | **$218,000** | **$218,000** | **No** |
| $2.28 per resident (296th of 351) | $8.62 per resident (308th of 351) · 74% to organizations | $8.62 per resident (309th of 351) · 74% to organizations | 35 municipalities had none |

Placed in the city or town: eight clauses in seven of ten budgets; the most recent in FY2026. $58,000 went to Yarmouth's government, its schools or municipal projects; the other $160,000 went to organizations in Yarmouth or named with it, some of which serve a wider area.



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Every local earmark in Yarmouth, FY2017–FY2026, largest first (eight clauses; the town's share where a clause names several towns)

| Year | Amount | Budget text (excerpt) | Stage |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2025 | $45,000 | "a training facility feasibility study for the Yarmouth police department" | Enacted to the city or town government |
| FY2024 | $35,000 (split two ways) | "Calmer Choice, Inc. for the development and support of anti-addiction and mental health programs in school districts including, but not limited to, the Monomoy regional school district, the Mashpee school district, the Barnstable school district, the Nauset regional school district and the…" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2026 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "Friends of Bass River, Inc. for the purchase and installation of passive filtration culvert inserts and to address the removal of Chesapeake bay boring sponge in the Bass river in the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2023 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "Calmer Choice, Inc. for the development and support of anti-addiction and mental health programs in school districts including, but not limited to, the Monomoy regional school district, the Mashpee school district, the Barnstable school district, the Nauset regional school district and the…" | Enacted organization named with the town |
| FY2022 | $25,000 (split two ways) | "Calmer Choice, Inc. for the development and support of anti-addiction and mental health programs in school districts including, but not limited to, Monomoy regional school district, Mashpee school district, Barnstable school district, Nauset regional school district and Dennis-Yarmouth regional…" | Enacted organization named with the town |

Printed: the 5 largest of 8 clauses; the web page lists all of them.

WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES

## Measured against what it maintains, Yarmouth received 82% of its proportional share of competitive grant awards.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Local road miles<br>**151.1**<br>33rd of 351 · 6.0 per 1,000 residents (191st of 351) | Town-owned bridges, replacement cost<br>**$1.6M**<br>scored exposure $316,000 · counts and condition under Roads, bridges and dams | Road-stream crossings<br>**65**<br>208th of 351 · culverts and small crossings | Town-owned hazard dams<br>**0**<br>high or significant hazard |
| Land area<br>**24.2 sq mi**<br>0% state-owned | Seasonal homes<br>**29%**<br>share of housing units | Peak service population<br>**35,699**<br>residents plus seasonal | Core infrastructure index<br>**0.55**<br>roads, culverts, dams, coast, flood, energy |

Burden index 0.82; state median 0.91; 1.0 is proportional. Ranks run from 1, the most among 351.

STATE LAND AND GROWTH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State land eligible for PILOT<br>**56 acres**<br>0.4% of land area · FY2026 | State-owned land PILOT, FY2026<br>**$2,195**<br>payment in lieu of taxes, cherry sheet | PILOT per eligible acre<br>**$38.92**<br>statewide $117 · FY2026 | New growth per resident<br>**$15,329**<br>FY2017–2025 · 247th of 351 · median town $20,524 |

THE COMMONWEALTH IN YARMOUTH

## Yarmouth has 71 acres of mapped state conservation and recreation land and 247 acres of land coded as chapter land.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land<br>**71 acres**<br>0.5% of Yarmouth's land | Chapter 61, 61A and 61B land<br>**247 acres**<br>1.6% of Yarmouth's land · 11 parcels | Agricultural Preservation Restrictions<br>**0 acres**<br>state farmland program | Conservation restrictions<br>**805 acres**<br>all holders; each approved by the state |

What the map shows

| Layer | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State conservation and recreation land | 5 | 71 |
| Other state-owned parcels (assessor records) | 19 | 47 |
| Chapter 61 forest land | 5 | 139 |
| Chapter 61A farm land | 3 | 68 |
| Chapter 61B recreation land | 3 | 40 |
| Conservation restriction | 85 | 805 |

State-owned parcels by agency (assessors' records)

| Agency | Parcels | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| Fisheries and Wildlife | 18 | 47 |
| DCR State Parks and Recreation | 1 | 0 |


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Named state conservation and recreation land

| Place | Agency | Acres | Article 97 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chase Garden Creek WMA | Fish and Game (MassWildlife) | 44 | |
| Cape Cod Rail Trail | State: Department of Transportation | 27 | |

ROADS: WHO MAINTAINS WHAT

Of 260.2 miles of public road in Yarmouth, the state maintains 15.0 (6%); local government and others maintain the rest.

| Jurisdiction | Miles | Share |
|---|---|---|
| MassDOT | 15.0 | 6% |
| Town-accepted | 150.4 | 58% |
| Unaccepted public ways | 94.8 | 36% |

WHAT THE STATE SENDS AND TAKES BACK

## In FY2027 the state's cherry sheet sends Yarmouth $2.2 million and takes back $1.1 million in assessments and charges, a net $1.1 million.

| Sent: estimated receipts | Taken back: assessments and charges | Net |
|---|---|---|
| **$2.2 million** | **$1.1 million** | **$1.1 million** |
| FY2027 cherry sheet | 48% of what is sent | receipts less charges |

What the state sends

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| Unrestricted General Government Aid | $1.7M |
| Veterans Benefits | $178,000 |
| Exemp: VBS and Elderly | $259,000 |
| State Owned Land | $2,244 |
| Public Libraries | $57,000 |

What the state takes back

| Line | FY2027 |
|---|---|
| County Tax | $585,000 |
| Mosquito Control Projects | $246,000 |
| Air Pollution Districts | $12,000 |
| RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge | $25,000 |
| Regional Transit | $188,000 |

STATE MONEY TO OTHERS IN YARMOUTH

## State programs also awarded $548,000 to organizations in Yarmouth other than the town government, FY2016–FY2027.

These are competitive grants to nonprofits, tribal nations, regional bodies, state agencies and businesses located in or serving Yarmouth. They are listed for completeness. They are not counted in the town's state money or its Fairness Index, because the money does not go to the town government. Where a program has a measure of need for the town, these awards do enter the burden index above; where it has none, they are left out of it. Many of these organizations serve a wider area than the town where they are based.

Awards to named organizations (the town's share where an award names several towns)

| Year | Recipient | Program | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2024 | Association to Preserve Cape Cod nonprofit | CZM Coastal Habitat and Water Quality Grant | $254,000 (shared three ways) |
| FY2026 | Cultural Center of Cape Cod nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $111,000 |
| FY2025 | Thacher Hall nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $66,000 |
| FY2025 | Peregrines Club nonprofit | Community One Stop for Growth | $42,000 |
| FY2024 | Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce nonprofit | MOTT Destination Development grants | $22,000 |
| FY2026 | Historical Society of Old Yarmouth nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $15,000 |
| FY2022 | Yarmouth New Church Preservation Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $9,500 |
| FY2019 | Yarmouth New Church Preservation Foundation nonprofit | Cultural Facilities Fund | $7,000 |

A further $21,000 in 1 award went to businesses, farms and recipients the source does not name; they are counted here but not named, because a farm or small business often carries a family's name.


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COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT

## State aid covered 1.8% of Yarmouth's general-fund spending in FY2025, down from 3.4% in FY2006.

STATE AID AS A SHARE OF GENERAL-FUND SPENDING

| FY2006 | FY2016 | FY2025 | Net of state charges, FY2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3.4% | 2.1% | 1.8% | 0.8% |
| $1.8M of $51.8M · median town 14.1% | $1.5M of $70.7M · median town 12.2% | $1.9M of $103M · median town 11.5% | FY2010: 1.5% · median town 10.0% |

Yarmouth's own cherry sheet carries no Chapter 70 for pupils in its regional district; the state paid $10.7 million in FY2025 Chapter 70 to the district on its behalf, outside these figures, while the town's assessment to the district sits in its spending. For a regional member the share understates state support for school costs.

**Yarmouth's state aid did not keep pace with either price measure: FY2025 aid was 30.6% below its FY2006 aid grown by Boston-area consumer prices and 38.3% below grown by the government price index.**




Gross state aid went from $1.8 million in FY2006 to $1.9 million in FY2025, +7.6% in dollars.

FIXED COSTS AGAINST THE 2½% LIMIT, FY2016–FY2025

| Health insurance, FY2016–25 | All fixed costs, FY2016–25 | Years squeezed | Health insurance |
|---|---|---|---|
| +43.0% | +57.4% | 5 of 9 | 5 of 9 |
| $2.1M to $3M · all towns +54.0% | $6.1M to $9.6M · all towns +53.0% | fixed costs grew faster than allowed levy growth | years it grew faster than allowed levy growth |

Nine years at 2.5% add 24.9%. Grown that way from FY2016, Yarmouth's health insurance would have been $2.59 million in FY2025; it was $2.97 million, $377,000 above the path. Its fixed costs would have been $7.63 million in FY2025; it was $9.61 million, $1.98 million above the path.

LOCAL EARMARKS AGAINST THE HEALTH-INSURANCE INCREASE

Over the nine budgets, earmarks to Yarmouth's government came to $58,000, 6.4% of the $893,000 rise in its health insurance.

Local earmarks FY2017–FY2025 (enacted, nine budgets) against the FY2016–FY2025 rise in health insurance

| Measure | Earmarks | Share of the increase | All towns, pooled |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the city or town government | $58,000 | 6.4% | 13.0% |
| Placed in the city or town | $192,000 | 21.5% | 41.2% |
| Everything placed | $192,000 | 21.5% | 45.2% |

SCHOOLS

## Yarmouth's required school contribution is 3.0% of median household income, 67th highest of 351.

| Chapter 70 aid, FY2026 | Required local contribution |
|---|---|
| $11.8M | $31.3M |
| attributed to the town | FY2026 |
| **Share of household income** | **Real aid per pupil, FY2017–26** |
| 3.0% | +59% |
| 67th of 351 (1 = highest) | after inflation |

Yarmouth has no school district of its own. Its pupils attend Dennis-Yarmouth and Cape Cod; Yarmouth accounts for 70% and 21% of their foundation budgets, in that order. Aid and contribution are DESE's attribution to the town. How a region splits its assessment among members is set by its own agreement and is not published statewide.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## The Massachusetts School Building Authority approved grants of up to $41.4 million for schools serving Yarmouth, FY2017 to August 2026.

| Approved, Yarmouth's share | Projects | Statewide |
|---|---|---|
| $41.4M | 2 | $8.66B |
| $1,643 per resident (107th of 351) | approved, July 2016 to August 2026 | shared by 278 of 351 municipalities |


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School building grants approved, newest first

| Year | School | District | Program | Maximum grant | Yarmouth's share |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2019 | Mattacheese Middle School | Dennis Yarmouth | Core | $45.3M | $31.6M (70%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School grant increased by Board vote | Cape Cod | Core | $5.3M | $1.1M (21%) |
| FY2018 | Cape Cod Regional Technical High School | Cape Cod | Core | $42.5M | $8.8M (21%) |

**Cost after approval.** After approval, the Board added money to grants for one project serving Yarmouth; Yarmouth's share of the additions, by enrollment where a school is regional, was $1.1 million. Of the one project closed with a final audit, Yarmouth's share of the final cost was $23.9 million against its share of the approved budget of $26.4 million (under by $2.5 million); the local share moved from $17.6 million to $14.5 million. Approved budgets include contingency.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND DAMS

## Yarmouth has $3.6 million of Chapter 90 road money from FY2017–FY2026 not yet reimbursed; it owns no bridges rated poor and no high- or significant-hazard dams.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 apportioned, FY2017–FY2027<br>**$12.5M**<br>$2.3M of it one-time supplements | Reimbursed against it<br>**$7.6M**<br>to 16 October 2026 | Not yet reimbursed, FY2017–FY2026 money<br>**$3.6M**<br>annual program: 1.7 years of its yearly money · 91st of 351 |
| Town-owned bridges<br>**2**<br>none rated poor | High- or significant-hazard dams<br>**0**<br>of four town-owned dams | Bridge, dam and culvert grants, FY2017–FY2026<br>**$0**<br>bridges $0 · dams $0 · culverts $0 |

Chapter 90 is the state's main road program. MassDOT apportions it to every city and town by a formula, and the town is reimbursed after it spends the money on approved work. Counting each payment against the town's oldest money first, payments to Yarmouth came on average 26 months after the start of the year the money was apportioned for. Statewide, $655 million of FY2017–FY2026 apportionments was not yet reimbursed on 16 October 2026; counting the annual program alone, the median town held about 1.2 years of its yearly money. Money not yet reimbursed is not the same as idle money: MassDOT's Chapter 90 Advisory Group found 63% of the unspent balance committed to approved projects not yet billed (January 2025).

Chapter 90 by state fiscal year

| Year | Annual apportionment | One-time supplements | Reimbursed in the year (any year's money) | Year-end balance, FY2017-on money |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | $852,000 | $0 | $1.2M | $202,000 |
| FY2018 | $850,000 | $0 | $746,000 | $355,000 |
| FY2019 | $847,000 | $169,000 | $187,000 | $1.2M |
| FY2020 | $846,000 | $85,000 | $532,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2021 | $843,000 | $0 | $777,000 | $1.6M |
| FY2022 | $840,000 | $502,000 | $0 | $3M |
| FY2023 | $833,000 | $0 | $2.1M | $1.8M |
| FY2024 | $831,000 | $501,000 | $538,000 | $2.5M |
| FY2025 | $834,000 | $231,000 | $1.9M | $1.7M |
| FY2026 | $1.3M | $768,000 | $94,000 | $3.7M |
| FY2027 (to 16 Oct) | $1.3M | $0 | $94,000 | $4.9M |

The full list of the 13 bridges in Yarmouth in MassDOT's inventory, with each one's condition, is on the town's page at parcenomics.com/commonwealth.

Bridge, dam and culvert awards and selections, FY2017–FY2026

| Year | Program | Project | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| FY2017 | Dam and Seawall award | Bass River Beach Revetment Repair Design source | $78,000 |

MassDOT does not publish Small Bridge award amounts; the bridge figure in the tile above is payments found in the Comptroller's records.

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL

## Yarmouth received $11.2 million in earmarks placed in the city or town and competitive grants over ten years, 83% of the $13.6 million its size, need and institutions predict.




PEERS

## Yarmouth ranks 11th of 11 on earmark dollars placed in the city or town per resident among itself and its ten


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## nearest peers.

Of the $218,000 in earmarks placed in Yarmouth, $160,000 (74%) went to organizations rather than to Yarmouth's government.

| Municipality | Fairness Index | Formula aid per resident | Competitive per resident | Earmarks placed in the city or town, per resident (enacted) | Burden index | School contribution, share of income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Yarmouth** this town | **27** | **$6,216** | **$356** | **$8.62**† | **0.82** | **3.0%** |
| Norwood peer | 34 | $7,831 | $166 | $22.99 | 0.33 | 3.0% |
| Northampton peer | 28 | $6,641 | $603 | $73.53† | 1.28 | 3.1% |
| Beverly peer | 27 | $6,643 | $218 | $69.85 | 0.97 | 3.1% |
| Westport peer | 30 | $6,951 | $107 | $52.17 | 0.45 | 3.2% |
| Wareham peer | 47 | $10,699 | $733 | $18.13 | 0.30 | 2.9% |
| Chatham best in class of 30 | 23 | $4,225 | $743 | $246† | 0.70 | 1.8% |
| Fairhaven lowest in class of 30 | 47 | $10,747 | $508 | $12.58† | 0.36 | 2.8% |

SOURCES

## Every figure traces to a public record.

**THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE TOWN** MassGIS Protected and Recreational OpenSpace; MassGIS Standardized Assessor Parcels; MassGIS-MassDOT Roads (Road Inventory); Division of Local Services, FY2027 cherry sheets

**FAIRNESS INDEX** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text; Division of Local Services, assessed values and tax rates; DESE Chapter 70 aid by town (gross); Division of Local Services cherry sheets; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**REPRESENTATION** Massachusetts Legislature, members and districts; District lines: Acts of 2021, chapters 82 and 83; Census 2020 block populations; DESE school district profiles and enrollment; MassGIS regional planning agencies; Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services

**STATE MONEY** CTHRU statewide spending, Office of the Comptroller; American Community Survey 2020–2024, U.S. Census Bureau

**EARMARKS** General Appropriations Acts, FY2017–FY2026, enacted text

**WHAT THE TOWN CARRIES** MassDOT Chapter 90 apportionment and Road Inventory; FHWA National Bridge Inventory, 2025; MassDOT Bridges layer (GeoDOT); North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative, road-stream crossings; DCR Office of Dam Safety inventory, via MassGIS; American Community Survey housing tables, U.S. Census Bureau; State grant award lists (Community One Stop, MVP, Green Communities and others); DLS Databank, state-owned land eligible for PILOT; DLS Databank, new growth

**COSTS AND THE 2½% LIMIT** DLS Databank, Schedule A general fund expenditures and revenues; DLS Databank, health insurance expenditures; DLS Databank, revenue by source (state aid); DLS Databank, cherry sheet receipts and charges by program; DLS Databank, new growth and levy limits; Boston-area CPI-U (BLS) and state-local price index (BEA), via FRED

**SCHOOLS** DESE Chapter 70 aid and required contribution; Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS** Massachusetts School Building Authority, Board meeting memos, votes and minutes; Massachusetts School Building Authority, grant announcements; DESE Chapter 70 regional district enrollment, FY2026

**EXPECTED AND ACTUAL** Division of Local Services, equalized valuation; CTHRU statewide spending; General Appropriations Acts, enacted text


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