

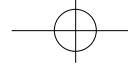
GRADE EXPECTATIONS

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TOWN	PER PUPIL SPENDING	RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	MEDIAN HOUSING PRICE	SAT VERBA / MATH	SAT PARTICI- PATION	4-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGE BOUND	4-YEAR PRIVATE COLLEGE BOUND	STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO	STUDENT DROPOUT RATE	4TH-GRADE MCAS			8TH-GRADE MCAS			10TH-GRADE MCAS			AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY	BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN	GIFTED PROGRAM
										ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE					
ABINGTON	\$5,055	\$16.05	\$197,536	492/502	72%	31%	25%	19:1	3.5%	234	239	245	244	232	233	231	229	227	\$43,690	1.2%	0.4%	0.6%	No
ACTON	\$4,645	\$16.33	\$310,000	589/611	94%	30%	50%	18:1	0%	241	248	252	249	250	244	243	251	238	\$50,370	1%	2.3%	9.8%	No
ANDOVER	\$5,284	\$14.92	\$379,900	551/571	94%	26%	52%	17:1	0.7%	237	246	250	249	244	244	240	245	236	\$47,380	0.9%	1.9%	6.6%	No
ARLINGTON	\$5,995	\$13.17	\$350,000	538/535	86%	23%	51%	17:1	1.2%	238	246	252	246	237	235	230	234	229	\$44,770	5.8%	2.3%	5.4%	Yes
ASHLAND	\$5,498	\$16.07	\$315,000	531/541	83%	26%	40%	17:1	0%	231	234	241	242	230	231	243	234	234	\$43,644	2.4%	4.6%	2.8%	No
ATTLEBORO	\$4,258	\$15.80	\$167,000	494/504	52%	23%	21%	n/a*	4.3%	230	232	241	239	228	230	224	224	222	\$39,281	2.5%	5.1%	5.6%	No
AVON	\$5,489	\$12.79	\$279,900	463/474	74%	42%	29%	16:1	0%	230	232	236	240	224	223	231	222	224	\$30,618	14.3%	3.1%	0.8%	No
BEDFORD	\$6,877	\$11.79	\$409,250	557/559	84%	32%	39%	15:1	0.3%	235	242	248	254	247	247	242	245	239	\$49,377	4.3%	1.4%	5.1%	No
BELMONT	\$5,635	\$11.86	\$442,500	558/596	100%	23%	62%	17:1	0.5%	240	247	249	250	245	244	247	240	240	\$50,598	3.6%	2.1%	8.4%	No
BEVERLY	\$5,317	\$14.20	\$242,750	511/502	75%	27%	31%	17:1	3.5%	235	240	246	245	236	235	235	231	230	\$44,074	2.1%	3%	1.2%	Yes
BILLERICA	\$5,077	\$13.36	\$226,000	507/517	82%	26%	32%	19:1	1.3%	234	241	245	242	226	230	236	231	230	\$38,499	0.9%	1.2%	2.1%	No
BOSTON	\$5,905	\$10.58	\$240,000	419/441	60%	12%	21%	27:1	9.9%	224	223	228	231	216	214	220	218	215	\$52,200	48.8%	26.9%	8.9%	Yes
BOXBOROUGH	\$3,700	\$15.50	\$255,000	589/611	94%	30%	50%	18:1	0%	237	252	249	249	250	244	243	251	238	\$43,374	0.8%	1.9%	9.1%	No
BOXFORD	\$4,351	\$12.80	\$370,000	533/547	90%	29%	45%	16:1	0%	237	241	248	245	242	244	237	237	235	\$43,328	0.4%	0.6%	1.5%	No
BRAINTREE	\$5,396	\$12.55	\$245,000	509/511	81%	20%	40%	17:1	1.3%	238	243	248	247	236	235	243	241	237	\$48,295	2.6%	1.4%	3.4%	No
BRIDGEWATER	\$4,987	\$14.46	\$212,500	518/518	76%	33%	31%	21:1	0%	232	237	242	240	229	230	231	233	230	\$51,197	1.8%	0.5%	0.6%	Yes
BROCKTON	\$5,774	\$16.62	\$148,900	436/434	66%	23%	23%	19:1	4.2%	226	228	233	231	215	216	226	217	220	\$46,833	40%	11.6%	3.2%	No
BROOKLINE	\$7,162	\$13.46	\$370,000	555/584	93%	21%	62%	16:1	0.4%	239	247	248	249	245	239	237	243	233	\$49,096	9.7%	4.2%	17.1%	Yes
BURLINGTON	\$6,700	\$9.60	\$304,000	513/517	94%	33%	40%	14:1	1%	236	241	247	245	233	237	235	234	232	\$51,758	2.4%	1%	9.5%	No
CAMBRIDGE	\$9,653	\$9.21	\$376,890	479/488	73%	18%	42%	14:1	2.4%	226	231	234	230	221	218	214	213	211	\$53,177	34.7%	14.5%	9.9%	No
CANTON	\$5,801	\$11.92	\$262,450	545/557	88%	14%	58%	17:1	0%	241	243	248	248	239	240	235	233	230	\$46,427	3.7%	2%	3.5%	Yes
CARLISLE	\$5,561	\$15.02	\$475,000	580/611	100%	20%	73%	15:1	0%	240	253	256	254	257	248	246	253	240	\$50,323	0%	0.4%	5.3%	Yes
CARVER	\$5,193	\$18.62	\$189,250	501/502	69%	21%	29%	18:1	5.3%	232	235	246	244	233	235	233	226	228	\$41,712	3.2%	1.1%	0.6%	No
CHELMSFORD	\$5,395	\$15.76	\$211,000	525/526	91%	27%	47%	17:1	1.3%	235	244	248	245	241	237	239	238	235	\$49,535	0.8%	0.5%	5.6%	No
CHELSEA	\$6,104	\$14.39	\$214,950	381/419	56%	14%	18%	21:1	12.2%	223	225	228	227	213	210	222	218	220	\$32,272	8.6%	67%	6.8%	No
COHASSET	\$6,061	\$14.59	\$482,770	560/556	97%	24%	63%	16:1	0%	237	243	247	248	249	239	250	249	238	\$48,534	3.3%	0.5%	0.1%	Yes
CONCORD	\$6,177	\$12.54	\$497,000	580/611	100%	20%	73%	15:1	0%	241	247	252	252	249	246	253	240	240	\$56,442	6.5%	3.2%	4.4%	Yes
DANVERS	\$5,666	\$12.80	\$234,900	482/496	81%	12%	49%	17:1	11%	239	243	246	245	232	232	236	231	229	\$46,855	0.5%	0.6%	1.2%	No
DEDHAM	\$5,950	\$12.76	\$250,000	497/507	82%	28%	39%	17:1	1.3%	233	241	247	242	233	230	240	238	232	\$45,765	2.4%	3.1%	2.3%	No
DOVER	\$5,698	\$11.34	\$655,000	581/595	99%	23%	65%	12:1	0%	238	247	250	251	248	242	241	245	235	\$48,136	0.7%	0.7%	3.8%	Yes
DUXBURY	\$5,780	\$13.17	\$323,500	551/555	95%	25%	59%	18:1	0%	235	245	247	247	240	238	244	243	237	\$51,249	0.5%	0.7%	1.2%	No
EASTBRIDGEWATER	\$4,653	\$15.38	\$190,000	490/462	82%	26%	25%	19:1	2.5%	232	240	243	238	229	227	237	234	232	\$48,269	1.6%	0.5%	0.5%	Yes
EASTON	\$4,437	\$14.57	\$184,500	528/510	77%	27%	43%	19:1	0.5%	237	244	249	241	231	233	243	238	237	\$45,853	1.7%	1%	1.7%	No
ESSEX	\$4,866	\$11.54	\$302,500	545/547	n/a*	n/a*	n/a*	17:1	0%	235	242	250	244	229	236	214	213	216	\$42,100	0.5%	0.5%	2.7%	No
EVERETT	\$4,746	\$10.53	\$252,000	441/455	53%	24%	19%	18:1	5.2%	232	235	244	236	224	225	224	218	223	\$47,198	8.7%	12.5%	4.7%	No
FALL RIVER	\$5,922	\$9.77	\$125,000	463/463	54%	19%	13%	n/a*	5.2%	226	227	235	230	214	216	221	217	218	\$42,110	5.9%	6.1%	5.4%	No
FOXBOROUGH	\$5,730	\$14.96	\$209,500	512/498	80%	43%	33%	17:1	1.9%	238	245	250	244	236	237	233	232	231	\$45,537	1.5%	1.2%	1.4%	No
FRAMINGHAM	\$6,462	\$16.55	\$232,600	507/528	93%	36%	38%	15:1	2.1%	233	236	241	241	229	230	235	235	230	\$45,508	7.9%	16.5%	5.2%	No
FRANKLIN	\$4,988	\$12.82	\$238,000	535/520	89%	36%	33%	14:1	1.7%	238	247	250	247	238	235	237	235	231	\$41,024	1.1%	0.5%	1.7%	No
GEORGETOWN	\$4,856	\$12.10	\$318,500	521/526	81%	44%	22%	17:1	2.3%	239	243	247	243	237	233	244	243	234	\$38,850	0.5%	0.7%	0.8%	Yes
GLOUCESTER	\$4,945	\$13.27	\$205,000	510/502	59%	27%	22%	17:1	2.8%	232	235	242	239	229	229	233	227	230	\$42,089	1.4%	1.6%	0.8%	No
GROVELAND	\$4,905	\$12.90	\$188,763	545/536	85%	19%	37%	17:1	0%	236	241	248	245	238	238	239	236	234	\$36,199	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	No
HALIFAX	\$4,036	\$14.88	\$158,000	523/512	77%	24%	29%	16:1	0%	232	236	244	242	232	236	233	231	230	\$40,001	1.3%	0.1%	0.4%	Yes

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											ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE					
106 SEPTEMBER 2001	HAMILTON	\$5,702	\$15.12	\$412,450	558/544	87%	24%	56%	17:1	0%	236	246	251	247	242	242	241	238	236	\$34,957	0.7%	0.7%	1.7%	No
	HANOVER	\$5,231	\$18.17	\$264,000	530/534	82%	12%	62%	17:1	0%	234	243	247	249	242	243	239	234	230	\$46,543	0.7%	0.3%	0.8%	No
	HANSON	\$4,764	\$16.43	\$179,900	519/518	67%	27%	24%	19:1	2%	232	236	243	241	228	229	233	231	228	\$45,289	1.6%	0.9%	0.4%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	HAVERHILL	\$4,869	\$16.74	\$159,833	494/485	69%	24%	23%	21:1	3.9%	226	228	238	235	220	224	228	223	225	\$48,568	3.1%	14.2%	1.6%	Yes
	HINGHAM	\$6,054	\$13.75	\$330,000	564/561	95%	23%	52%	17:1	0.5%	238	245	248	249	244	243	241	243	237	\$51,857	1.3%	0.7%	1.2%	No
	HOLBROOK	\$4,948	\$16.55	\$169,250	480/460	75%	21%	26%	21:1	5.3%	234	239	241	242	227	230	226	225	225	\$47,731	6.1%	2.5%	1.5%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	HOLLISTON	\$5,188	\$16.18	\$297,500	556/572	90%	27%	52%	18:1	0%	234	239	245	244	240	232	237	238	233	\$41,264	1.1%	0.9%	1.3%	Yes
	HOPKINTON	\$4,954	\$15.66	\$347,000	535/532	96%	28%	57%	17:1	1%	240	240	251	246	239	236	245	247	239	\$48,478	0.9%	0.6%	1.5%	Yes
	HUDSON	\$5,644	\$12.27	\$229,500	498/485	74%	28%	35%	17:1	3%	230	235	243	242	228	231	241	239	236	\$45,889	1.5%	2.4%	1.2%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	HULL	\$5,642	\$14.48	\$197,500	475/462	81%	36%	26%	16:1	0.8%	229	233	240	242	227	229	236	230	231	\$40,857	0.7%	0.7%	1.4%	No
	IPSWICH	\$5,132	\$11.40	\$250,000	515/514	75%	19%	58%	17:1	1.3%	232	238	246	245	246	233	239	246	234	\$44,083	1.1%	0.5%	1.3%	Yes
	KINGSTON	\$4,341	\$13.77	\$208,900	523/512	77%	24%	29%	16:1	0%	237	238	247	242	232	236	233	231	230	\$44,375	1.6%	0.3%	0.4%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	LEXINGTON	\$6,326	\$12.11	\$437,500	592/597	95%	21%	69%	15:1	0%	237	249	250	250	249	243	244	243	240	\$54,071	6.1%	2.4%	12.1%	Yes
	LINCOLN	\$7,472	\$10.27	\$721,563	559/576	100%	22%	63%	13:1	0%	237	246	247	248	238	234	237	237	233	\$48,614	12.7%	3.7%	4.2%	No
	LITTLETON	\$5,381	\$12.82	\$290,000	507/519	87%	29%	29%	16:1	1%	236	244	249	245	234	233	246	242	237	\$41,816	0.6%	0.7%	1.8%	Yes
BOSTON MAGAZINE	LONGMEADOW	\$5,544	\$19.60	\$210,500	554/565	95%	23%	64%	n/a*	0%	238	244	250	249	245	244	242	245	239	\$45,464	2.4%	0.8%	3.4%	No
	LOWELL	\$5,675	\$18.32	\$139,000	458/469	61%	34%	20%	n/a*	9.4%	224	224	231	231	215	216	222	221	221	\$48,849	4.1%	21.8%	31.3%	No
	LYNN	\$5,238	\$16.46	\$174,000	443/445	48%	12%	20%	21:1	2.7%	228	228	234	232	215	217	224	221	222	\$47,519	15%	25.9%	14%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	LYNNFIELD	\$5,959	\$13.74	\$350,000	536/540	94%	24%	61%	16:1	0%	238	242	250	249	242	236	244	244	237	\$46,588	1.7%	1.5%	2.3%	No
	MALDEN	\$5,432	\$13.12	\$216,750	442/478	66%	19%	32%	18:1	0%	228	229	236	236	220	219	229	225	226	\$49,005	14%	7%	19.8%	Yes
	MANCHESTER	\$7,302	\$8.72	\$380,000	545/547	n/a*	22%	52%	15:1	n/a*	238	247	252	246	234	n/a*	243	240	238	\$49,249	n/a*	n/a*	n/a*	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	MANSFIELD	\$4,752	\$18.75	\$227,950	516/529	75%	28%	41%	18:1	1.8%	235	242	245	244	235	233	241	241	235	\$42,126	3.4%	1%	1%	No
	MARBLEHEAD	\$6,126	\$10.23	\$326,250	559/560	94%	29%	56%	16:1	0.4%	235	242	247	248	239	235	244	241	234	\$48,177	3.2%	0.6%	1%	No
	MARION	\$5,760	\$12.70	\$195,000	507/523	87%	29%	44%	n/a*	0%	232	239	246	242	234	232	235	235	231	\$43,965	7.6%	0%	0.6%	Yes
BOSTON MAGAZINE	MARLBOROUGH	\$5,486	\$14.90	\$223,500	516/524	79%	30%	33%	18:1	3.1%	230	235	242	238	225	225	232	232	229	\$44,898	3.5%	14.2%	2.8%	Yes
	MARSHFIELD	\$4,899	\$15.63	\$201,500	519/506	78%	31%	37%	17:1	2.6%	239	248	251	242	229	228	235	230	229	\$48,838	0.5%	1.3%	0.7%	No
	MATTAPOISETT	\$4,697	\$14.96	\$205,000	507/523	87%	29%	44%	n/a*	0%	236	240	245	242	234	232	235	235	231	\$47,048	2.5%	0.7%	1%	Yes
BOSTON MAGAZINE	MAYNARD	\$5,700	\$16.81	\$232,450	526/529	81%	22%	26%	17:1	0%	229	236	242	239	224	225	225	228	225	\$37,412	2.1%	3.5%	1.3%	Yes
	MEDFIELD	\$4,985	\$13.75	\$381,500	587/581	97%	31%	60%	17:1	0%	236	245	248	253	245	244	243	245	239	\$43,716	0.4%	0.1%	1.7%	No
	MEDFORD	\$6,236	\$12.52	\$262,500	481/492	57%	15%	27%	16:1	2.2%	231	232	240	239	226	228	228	224	225	\$39,636	12.2%	3.6%	3.9%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	MEDWAY	\$5,252	\$16.31	\$291,867	525/526	98%	31%	51%	17:1	0.9%	234	239	246	247	241	241	243	241	238	\$47,714	1%	0.6%	1.3%	No
	MELROSE	\$5,454	\$13.65	\$290,000	526/506	76%	29%	38%	17:1	0%	235	240	245	246	236	233	230	227	227	\$46,079	4.2%	1.5%	2.6%	Yes
	METHUEN	\$5,007	\$15.05	\$184,900	475/481	66%	23%	24%	n/a*	0%	229	236	241	240	228	226	230	228	226	\$43,748	1.2%	15.3%	2.7%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	MIDDLEBOROUGH	\$5,190	\$14.98	\$183,000	516/488	63%	21%	28%	22:1	2.6%	230	232	242	242	227	229	231	227	227	\$42,526	2.3%	0.9%	0.6%	No
	MIDDLETON	\$4,199	\$13.10	\$305,000	533/547	90%	29%	45%	16:1	0%	234	238	244	245	242	244	237	237	235	\$32,339	0.6%	0.1%	0.5%	No
	MILLIS	\$5,395	\$20.00	\$245,000	509/492	90%	79%	0%	19:1	1.6%	234	240	245	245	232	231	238	236	230	\$48,102	1.1%	0.5%	1.5%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	MILTON	\$5,031	\$15.45	\$319,000	537/503	95%	24%	52%	19:1	1%	239	248	248	246	235	235	235	231	231	\$45,402	16.6%	2.1%	2.8%	No
	NAHANT	\$5,829	\$11.03	\$230,000	519/537	89%	22%	46%	16:1	0%	230	240	242	244	239	236	238	238	232	\$44,079	0%	0.9%	0.9%	No
	NATICK	\$6,190	\$12.74	\$260,000	545/534	88%	29%	45%	17:1	1.8%	238	244	249	245	234	236	238	233	230	\$48,021	2.9%	1.8%	3.5%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	NEEDHAM	\$6,185	\$12.06	\$435,000	561/570	100%	20%	64%	17:1	0.9%	241	250	251	251	243	243	244	245	237	\$51,749	4.4%	1.7%	4.3%	No
	NEW BEDFORD	\$4,915	\$15.49	\$111,600	470/470	69%	30%	17%	21:1	9%	225	225	232	230	214	216	221	219	221	\$42,803	14.9%	14.4%	0.8%	No
	NEWBURY	\$4,824	\$11.01	\$265,000	525/501	70%	35%	24%	17:1	2.5%	232	235	243	242	231	231	232	230	229	\$44,790	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	Yes
BOSTON MAGAZINE	NEWBURYPORT	\$6,144	\$17.44	\$251,750	535/540	75%	29%	34%	15:1	0%	232	239	245	244	240	233	236	234	232	\$39,904	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	No
	NEWTON	\$7,067	\$11.57	\$487,500	580/616	92%	20%	61%	17:1	0.6%	239	249	249	248	247	240	241	248	237	\$53,075	5.5%	2.6%	9.8%	Yes
	NORFOLK	\$4,332	\$14.69	\$383,746	538/518	87%	29%	44%	15:1	0%	235	241	248	243	234	231	236	236	233	\$44,858	0.6%	0.5%	1.7%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	NORTH ANDOVER	\$4,822	\$13.18	\$281,950	519/530	85%	37%	44%	20:1	0%	232	236	245	246	239	238	241	240	234	\$45,823	0.8%	2.3%	4.9%	No
	NORTH ATTLEBORO	\$4,485	\$15.27	\$176,000	514/504	82%	36%	30%	19:1	2.3%	236	240	247	242	231	233	232	227	228	\$39,742	1.2%	1.2%	1.8%	No
	NORTH READING	\$4,936	\$15.46	\$274,900	527/511	84%	20%	40%	18:1	1.3%	237	247	250	248	238	240	241	239	237	\$48,788	0.5%	0.5%	1.5%	No
BOSTON MAGAZINE	NORTHBOROUGH	\$4,847	\$15.23	\$226,550	543/568	90%	40%	45%	14:1	0%	236	244	249	250	246	240	242	249	239	\$46,153	1%	1.2%	6.3%	Yes



TOWN	PER PUPIL SPENDING	RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	MEDIAN HOUSING PRICE	SAT VERBAL/MATH	SAT PARTICIPATION	4-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGE BOUND	4-YEAR PRIVATE COLLEGE BOUND	STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO	STUDENT DROPOUT RATE	4TH-GRADE MCAS			8TH-GRADE MCAS			10TH-GRADE MCAS			AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY	BLACK	HISPANIC	ASIAN	GIFTED PROGRAM
										ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE					
NORWELL	\$5,926	\$15.45	\$320,000	535/552	96%	17%	72%	17:1	0%	238	246	247	249	241	244	245	250	240	\$52,360	0.7%	0.8%	1.9%	No
NORWOOD	\$5,869	\$12.65	\$243,000	510/516	80%	31%	38%	17:1	1.9%	235	240	246	244	234	235	240	235	232	\$45,390	4.7%	3.4%	5.1%	No
PEABODY	\$4,719	\$8.29	\$250,000	480/475	79%	33%	21%	19:1	3.4%	232	238	242	242	232	230	226	225	\$42,989	1.4%	6%	1.9%	No	
PEMBROKE	\$4,696	\$14.43	\$224,000	523/512	77%	24%	29%	16:1	0%	237	243	249	242	232	236	233	231	\$47,468	1.1%	0.1%	1.3%	No	
PLYMOUTH	\$5,853	\$16.30	\$180,000	510/508	68%	20%	33%	19:1	5.7%	235	240	246	242	229	232	230	229	\$45,969	3.4%	1.4%	0.8%	Yes	
PLYMPTON	\$5,442	\$16.36	\$210,400	523/512	77%	24%	29%	16:1	0%	236	235	247	242	232	236	233	231	\$44,529	1.1%	0%	0.7%	No	
QUINCY	\$5,621	\$15.94	\$233,050	468/501	66%	21%	33%	19:1	1.7%	230	236	241	242	227	228	230	228	\$46,037	3.8%	2.9%	22.1%	Yes	
RANDOLPH	\$4,723	\$17.46	\$185,000	472/481	93%	27%	34%	20:1	3.8%	230	234	241	239	225	225	233	230	\$43,969	31.4%	6.7%	12.3%	No	
RAYNHAM	\$4,987	\$12.80	\$184,950	518/518	76%	33%	31%	21:1	0%	232	237	242	240	229	230	231	233	\$51,197	1.8%	0.5%	0.6%	No	
READING	\$5,080	\$13.51	\$277,500	543/549	90%	31%	46%	17:1	1.2%	236	245	246	247	241	237	241	245	\$46,072	1.6%	0.5%	2.1%	No	
REVERE	\$5,262	\$17.12	\$196,500	444/466	76%	14%	28%	20:1	7.7%	229	231	236	237	223	221	228	224	\$46,868	4.3%	12.5%	11.9%	No	
ROCKLAND	\$4,913	\$17.20	\$200,000	476/501	73%	26%	31%	21:1	0%	233	240	245	240	226	230	231	228	\$50,144	3.5%	2.3%	1.6%	Yes	
ROCKPORT	\$5,501	\$11.61	\$260,000	542/494	80%	28%	44%	16:1	2%	236	240	247	246	242	237	240	236	\$42,598	1.1%	0.4%	0.5%	No	
ROWLEY	\$4,824	\$14.98	\$284,000	525/501	70%	35%	24%	17:1	2.5%	232	235	243	242	231	231	232	230	\$44,790	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	Yes	
SALEM	\$5,634	\$13.42	\$210,000	476/483	60%	23%	21%	18:1	3.8%	228	232	238	237	224	224	230	224	\$42,736	4.2%	25.8%	2.7%	No	
SAUGUS	\$4,981	\$11.00	\$231,500	465/476	79%	22%	33%	16:1	3.1%	232	237	244	238	224	226	230	232	\$37,098	0.8%	1.2%	1.2%	No	
SCITUATE	\$5,004	\$14.70	\$295,000	524/539	91%	22%	53%	18:1	0%	239	245	249	246	236	235	239	238	\$48,257	3%	0.4%	0.5%	Yes	
SHARON	\$4,777	\$17.44	\$326,050	562/581	90%	39%	51%	15:1	0.5%	238	247	249	246	239	235	243	245	\$42,634	5.6%	1.4%	5.8%	No	
SHERBORN	\$5,368	\$14.82	\$600,000	581/595	99%	23%	65%	12:1	0%	237	248	251	251	248	242	241	245	\$49,456	3.2%	0%	1.7%	Yes	
SOMERVILLE	\$6,629	\$12.89	\$302,500	450/473	46%	21%	19%	19:1	6.6%	228	229	235	238	223	224	221	218	\$37,060	14.8%	22.8%	6.5%	No	
SOUTHBOROUGH	\$4,970	\$13.38	\$350,000	543/568	90%	40%	45%	14:1	0%	239	244	247	249	244	239	242	249	\$44,809	1.4%	1%	4.2%	Yes	
STONEHAM	\$5,165	\$15.38	\$240,000	510/504	88%	22%	39%	20:1	1.4%	233	235	242	247	235	237	247	235	\$46,143	0.9%	2.1%	2.5%	No	
STOUGHTON	\$5,390	\$16.05	\$200,000	499/497	79%	25%	37%	17:1	0%	234	240	245	242	230	228	231	233	\$45,972	8.3%	1.9%	2.5%	No	
STOW	\$5,638	\$16.65	\$420,000	558/557	86%	34%	42%	16:1	2.1%	235	246	249	248	240	238	238	237	\$41,683	1.2%	2.4%	1.7%	No	
SUDBURY	\$5,214	\$15.56	\$532,450	559/576	100%	22%	63%	13:1	0%	238	249	250	251	246	242	237	237	\$45,775	2.6%	0.8%	4.3%	No	
SWAMPSCOTT	\$5,425	\$14.44	\$275,550	519/537	89%	22%	46%	16:1	1.4%	238	245	248	244	239	236	238	238	\$45,029	2%	1.6%	0.8%	No	
TAUNTON	\$5,101	\$11.54	\$159,000	495/486	59%	23%	14%	21:1	4.4%	228	231	238	235	220	225	224	223	\$46,563	5.5%	5.7%	0.7%	Yes	
TEWKSBURY	\$4,763	\$12.65	\$206,900	479/490	85%	48%	23%	19:1	3.5%	234	240	245	241	230	234	233	232	\$46,154	0.9%	1.3%	2.1%	No	
TOPSFIELD	\$4,192	\$13.90	\$313,000	533/547	90%	29%	45%	16:1	0%	238	242	245	241	242	244	237	237	\$44,124	0.4%	0.9%	1.3%	No	
WAKEFIELD	\$5,295	\$14.04	\$282,000	529/525	88%	28%	42%	17:1	0.3%	234	242	247	243	230	233	236	230	\$45,720	1.5%	0.6%	1.5%	No	
WALPOLE	\$4,814	\$15.76	\$257,750	505/519	95%	20%	52%	18:1	0.9%	234	240	244	245	235	231	239	238	\$42,151	1.8%	1%	0.9%	Yes	
WALTHAM	\$7,517	\$11.10	\$322,500	470/487	78%	21%	36%	15:1	4.9%	231	232	241	240	225	225	228	228	\$43,597	9.8%	17.5%	7.6%	Yes	
WAREHAM	\$5,048	\$13.56	\$135,750	477/456	89%	23%	30%	18:1	0%	230	233	240	238	225	223	233	223	\$43,444	11.1%	2.1%	1%	Yes	
WATERTOWN	\$6,923	\$11.93	\$315,000	479/495	76%	11%	48%	16:1	3%	232	236	242	243	235	233	230	232	\$51,496	2.3%	2.5%	3.1%	No	
WAYLAND	\$6,017	\$15.62	\$439,000	588/606	94%	18%	69%	18:1	0.1%	235	246	248	249	248	246	245	252	n/a*	3.8%	2%	5.5%	No	
WELLESLEY	\$6,881	\$8.85	\$577,000	599/595	98%	10%	75%	15:1	0.4%	240	250	251	251	251	240	242	247	\$52,967	3.9%	2.4%	5.3%	No	
WENHAM	\$5,702	\$12.71	\$416,000	558/544	87%	24%	56%	17:1	0%	236	246	251	247	242	242	241	238	\$34,957	0.7%	0.7%	1.7%	No	
WESTBRIDGEWATER	\$5,271	\$14.70	\$228,700	488/469	93%	35%	27%	13:1	0%	235	242	246	246	234	236	232	225	\$44,769	1.1%	0.9%	0.8%	No	
WEST NEWBURY	\$4,905	\$11.72	\$324,013	545/536	85%	19%	37%	17:1	0%	236	241	248	245	238	238	239	236	\$36,199	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	No	
WESTBOROUGH	\$6,035	\$14.03	\$315,000	544/566	93%	34%	46%	16:1	0%	236	246	249	248	243	245	242	249	\$48,659	1%	3.5%	8.4%	Yes	
WESTFORD	\$4,831	\$17.32	\$349,950	547/568	89%	32%	24%	19:1	0.3%	237	248	253	250	248	243	240	246	\$43,348	0.5%	0.7%	4.5%	Yes	
WESTON	\$8,291	\$12.92	\$826,217	597/622	99%	9%	83%	16:1	0%	239	250	248	250	249	243	241	249	\$51,363	7%	2.9%	8.9%	No	
WESTWOOD	\$6,243	\$13.37	\$373,500	559/565	98%	28%	66%	13:1	0%	239	245	248	248	240	238	245	245	\$46,170	1.4%	0.7%	2.2%	Yes	
WEYMOUTH	\$4,983	\$15.07	\$189,000	507/509	71%	16%	33%	18:1	3.1%	233	239	245	239	225	225	226	227	\$47,736	2.2%	1.6%	1.6%	No	
WHITMAN	\$4,764	\$20.60	\$175,250	519/518	67%	27%	24%	19:1	2%	232	236	243	241	228	229	233	231	\$45,289	1.6%	0.9%	0.4%	Yes	
WILMINGTON	\$4,978	\$12.16	\$254,950	503/506	78%	26%	41%	18:1	0.3%	237	241	247	241	228	226	233	230	\$47,418	0.6%	0.8%	1.6%	No	
WINCHESTER	\$6,202	\$13.11	\$395,500	552/585	94%	24%	63%	17:1	0%	239	249	251	247	246	240	247	238	\$48,714	1%	0.8%	5.3%	No	
WINTHROP	\$4,707	\$13.04	\$192,000	491/487	77%	28%	35%	17:1	3.8%	231	231	242	242	231	233	232	226	\$38,364	2.3%	3.1%	1%	No	
WOBURN	\$6,466	\$10.17	\$244,900	489/494	77%	31%	24%	18:1	3.5%	240	245	252	243	231	231	238	237	\$51,007	2.2%	5.2%	3.7%	No	
WRENTHAM	\$5,217	\$14.21	\$278,000	538/518	87%	29%	44%	15:1	0%	235	242	247	243	234	231	236	236	\$44,936	1.3%	1.6%	2%	Yes	

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