



## HUD 2021 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations

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**State Name:** Massachusetts

### Summary by household type reported:

|   | Sheltered         |                       | Unsheltered** | Total**      |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
|   | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing* |               |              |
| Households without children <sup>1</sup>                      | 3,312             | 758                   | —             | —            |
| Households with at least one adult and one child <sup>2</sup> | 2,651             | 219                   | —             | —            |
| Households with only children <sup>3</sup>                    | 18                | 3                     | —             | —            |
| <b>Total Homeless Households</b>                              | <b>5,981</b>      | <b>980</b>            | <b>—</b>      | <b>8,053</b> |

### Summary of persons in each household type:

|  |               |              |          |               |
|--|---------------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| <b>Persons in households without children<sup>1</sup></b>                      | <b>3,467</b>  | <b>781</b>   | —        | —             |
| Persons Age 18 to 24   | 245           | 98           | —        | —             |
| Persons Over Age 24  | 3,222         | 683          | —        | —             |
| <b>Persons in households with at least one adult and one child<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>9,052</b>  | <b>614</b>   | —        | —             |
| Children Under Age 18  | 5,500         | 357          | —        | —             |
| Persons Age 18 to 24   | 691           | 59           | —        | —             |
| Persons Over Age 24  | 2,861         | 198          | —        | —             |
| <b>Persons in households with only children<sup>3</sup></b>                    | <b>25</b>     | <b>5</b>     | —        | —             |
| <b>Total Homeless Persons</b>  | <b>12,544</b> | <b>1,400</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>15,079</b> |

### Demographic summary by ethnicity:

|                            | Sheltered         |                       | Unsheltered** | Total**  |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------|
|                            | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing* |               |          |
| Hispanic / Latino          | 4,573             | 449                   | —             | —        |
| Non-Hispanic / Non- Latino | 7,971             | 951                   | —             | —        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>12,544</b>     | <b>1,400</b>          | <b>—</b>      | <b>—</b> |

### Demographic summary by gender:

|   |               |              |          |          |
|---|---------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Female  | 6,561         | 632          | —        | —        |
| Male  | 5,955         | 759          | —        | —        |
| Transgender   | 22            | 7            | —        | —        |
| Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female) | 6             | 2            | —        | —        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>12,544</b> | <b>1,400</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> |

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### Demographic summary by race:

|   | Sheltered         |                       | Unsheltered** | Total** |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|
|   | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing* |               |         |
| Black or African-American                 | 4,578             | 425                   | —             | —       |
| White                                     | 6,909             | 762                   | —             | —       |
| Asian                                     | 104               | 46                    | —             | —       |
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 47                | 10                    | —             | —       |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 80                | 4                     | —             | —       |
| Multiple Races                            | 826               | 153                   | —             | —       |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>12,544</b>     | <b>1,400</b>          | —             | —       |

### Summary of chronically homeless households by household type reported:

|  | Sheltered         |                       | Unsheltered** | Total** |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|
|  | Emergency Shelter | Transitional Housing* |               |         |
| Chronically Homeless households with at least one adult and one child <sup>2</sup> | 198               | 0                     | —             | —       |

### Summary of chronically homeless persons in each household type:

|   |              |           |   |   |
|---|--------------|-----------|---|---|
| Chronically Homeless persons in households without children <sup>1</sup>                      | 1,082        | 60        | — | — |
| Chronically Homeless persons in households with at least one adult and one child <sup>2</sup> | 476          | 0         | — | — |
| Chronically Homeless persons in households with only children <sup>3</sup>                    | 2            | 0         | — | — |
| <b>Total Chronically Homeless Persons</b>   | <b>1,560</b> | <b>60</b> | — | — |

### Summary of all other populations reported:

|                              |       |     |   |   |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|---|---|
| Severely Mentally Ill        | 1,876 | 376 | — | — |
| Chronic Substance Abuse      | 1,304 | 256 | — | — |
| Veterans                     | 212   | 293 | — | — |
| HIV/AIDS                     | 93    | 15  | — | — |
| Victims of Domestic Violence | 738   | 148 | — | — |
| Unaccompanied Youth          | 250   | 101 | — | — |
| Unaccompanied Youth Under 18 | 16    | 3   | — | — |
| Unaccompanied Youth 18-24    | 234   | 98  | — | — |
| Parenting Youth              | 270   | 43  | — | — |
| Parenting Youth Under 18     | 3     | 1   | — | — |
| Parenting Youth 18-24        | 267   | 42  | — | — |
| Children of Parenting Youth  | 340   | 53  | — | — |

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