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We do this by locals coming together. The F.A.N.G.s (Facebook, Amazon, Netflix, Google) may play a role in the operation of the world – their focus is NOT Worcester County. Those local leaders who came before us – dug the canals from Worcester to Providence. It is us today, taking out our "modern shovels," with our sweat equity to rebuild our community into a model (once again) for our country.

Our work today, at UniBank, is to assist in the continuation of a community that mutually helps, encourages, and edifies one another - who works together, and does business together. When locals team up – that is when the magic happens, and it is how we ensure the trajectory that our community has experienced.

We are grateful to the many people and businesses who have given us the privilege of teaming up with them. For those, who are looking for new opportunities, please know we would be honored to partner with you. As are you, we are headquartered here and "we live here too."

Together we can! Together we will!

Michael Welch

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THE CITY OF WORCESTER OPERATES UNDER A COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT with a popularly elected Mayor, known as a modified Plan E form of government. The Worcester Public Schools (WPS) system is a quasi-independent department of the City.

The City Council is the City's legislative body while the City Manager serves as chief executive officer. The City Council is made up of 11 members serving 2-year terms—six elected citywide (or at-large) and five elected from districts. The Mayor is the candidate who receives the most votes in the mayoral election and wins an atlarge City Council seat. All at-large candidates are automatically entered into the mayoral race, and have the option of withdrawing their name from consideration for Mayor. This year's deadline for withdrawal was September 12. In addition to his or her role as City Councilor, the Mayor serves as the ceremonial head of the government and chairs both the City Council and School Committee. The City Council hires the City Manager and can remove him or her by majority vote. The City Manager hires all City employees (except the City Clerk, City Auditor, and WPS employees), oversees City operations, and presents the City Council with an annual budget that must be approved by June 30 of each year. The City Council has the authority to reduce the City Manager's proposed budget, but not increase it. The approved budget must be balanced.

The Worcester School Committee is the WPS's legislative body while the Superintendent of Schools serves as chief executive officer. In 2024, the School Committee will consist of nine members, two at-large members and six district committee members with the Mayor serving as its Chair. The School Committee approves the district budget, and has authority to transfer within line item accounts, so long as the overall amount remains within the City's appropriation. Additionally, the School Committee may hire or remove by majority vote the Superintendent and may establish and appoint the following key positions by recommendation of the Superintendent: Assistant or Associate Superintendent, School Business Administrator, Administrator of Special Education, School Physician, Registered Nurses, and Legal Counsel.

City Council and School Committee elections are held in odd-numbered years.



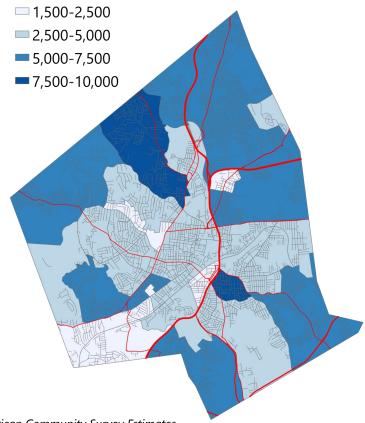
City of Worcester Seal

CITY OF WORCESTER — THE BASICS

City of Worcester Population: 205,917

2nd Largest City in New England
114th Largest City in the United States of America
Area: 37.37 square miles (96.79 square kilometers)
Population Density: 5,510 persons per square mile
Incorporation Date: 1722 as a Town | 1848 as a City

WORCESTER: TOTAL POPULATION, 2021



ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS, AS OF OCTOBER 25, 2023

Mayor

Joseph M. Petty

City Council

Sean M. Rose, District 1 Candy F. Mero-Carlson, District 2 George J. Russel, District 3 Sarai Rivera, District 4 Etel Haxhiaj, District 5 Morris A. Bergman, At-Large Donna M. Colorio, At-Large Khrystian A. King, At-Large Thu Nguyen, At-Large Kathleen M. Toomey, At-Large

City Clerk

Nikolin Vangjeli

City Auditor

Robert V. Stearns

City Manager

Eric D. Batista

City Manager's Cabinet

Hung Nguyen, Assistant City Manager William Bagley, Jr., Director of Human Resources Matilde Castiel, M.D., Health and Human Services Commissioner Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer Martin W. Dyer, Fire Chief Jay J. Fink, P.E., Public Works & Parks Commissioner Charles R. Goodwin, Director of Emergency Communications/Management Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer Jason L. Homer, Worcester Public Library Executive Director Julie A. Lynch, Chief of Public Facilities Timothy J. McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Transportation & Mobility Commissioner Paul B. Saucier, Interim Police Chief

Christopher P. Spencer, Inspectional Services Commissioner

School Committee

Laura Clancey Jermaine Johnson Jermoh Kamara Susan Mailman Molly O. McCullough Tracy O'Connell Novick

Clerk of the School Committee

Michael E. Traynor, City Solicitor

Vacant

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Rachel Monárrez

United State Senators

Elizabeth Warren Ed J. Markey

United State Representative

James P. McGovern

Governor

Maura Healey

Lieutenant Governor

Kimberly Driscoll

Governor's Council

Paul DePalo - 7th District

State Senators

Robyn K. Kennedy - 1st Worcester Michael O. Moore - 2nd Worcester Vacant - Worcester and Hampshire

State Representatives

Kimberly Ferguson - 1st Worcester Paul Frost - 7th Worcester Hannah Kane - 11th Worcester Meghan Kilcoyne - 12th Worcester John J. Mahoney - 13th Worcester David Muradian, Jr. - 9th Worcester James J. O'Day - 14th Worcester Mary S. Keefe - 15th Worcester Daniel M. Donahue - 16th Worcester David LeBoeuf - 17th Worcester

District Attorney

Joseph D. Early Jr.

Clerk of Courts

Dennis P. McManus

Register of Deeds

Kathryn A. Toomey

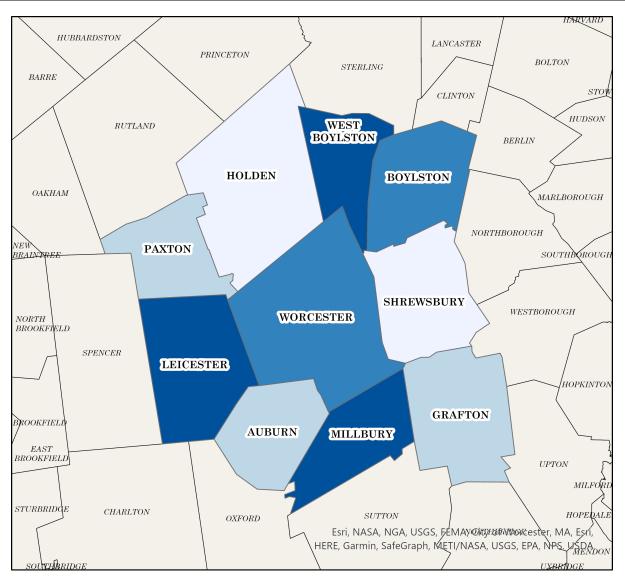
Register of Probate

Stephanie K. Fattman

County Sheriff

Lewis G. Evangelidis

GREATER WORCESTER EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP					
Town	Name	Position			
Auburn	Edward J. Kazanovicz	Town Manager	1778		
Boylston	April Steward	Town Administrator	1786		
Grafton	Evan Brassard	Town Administrator	1735		
Holden	Peter Lukes	Town Manager	1741		
Leicester	David A. Genereux	Town Administrator	1714		
Millbury	Karyn E. Clark	Acting Town Manager	1813		
Paxton	Heather Munroe	Town Administrator	1765		
Shrewsbury	Kevin J. Mizikar	Town Manager	1727		
West Boylston	Jennifer Warren-Dyment	Town Administrator	1808		





WORCESTER COUNTY: THE BASICS, 2021

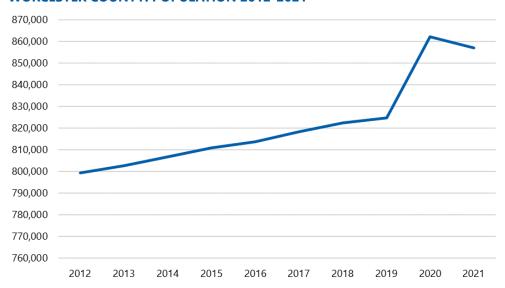
Worcester County Population: 856,858 (2021)

Area: 1,510 sq. miles

Population Density: 571 persons per square mile

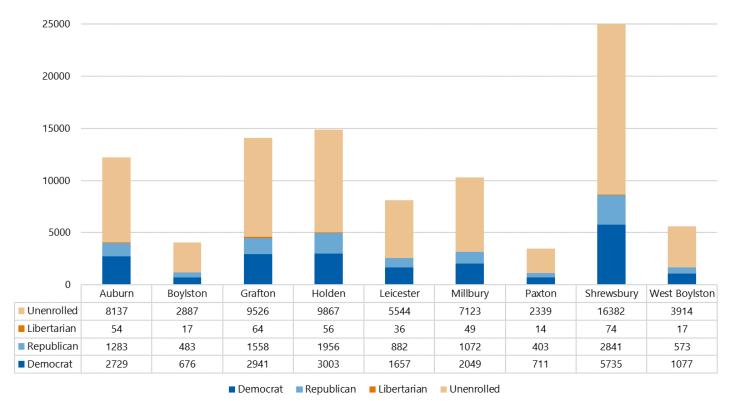
60 cities and towns (including Worcester)

WORCESTER COUNTY: POPULATION 2012-2021



Source: US. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates.

GREATER WORCESTER: PARTY AFFILIATION & REGISTRATION 2023



Source: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, data as of February 2023

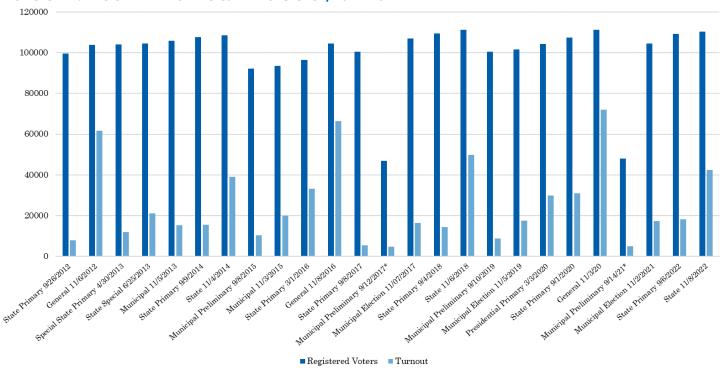


Worcester: Party Affiliation & Registration, as of 8/16/2023					
Party Affiliation	Registered Voters	Party Affiliation	Registered Voters		
Unenrolled	68,181	Pirate	19		
Democrat	33,711	Green Party USA	12		
Republican	6,910	America First Party	11		
Libertarian	413	Constitution Party	9		
United Independent Party	401	The People's Party	7		
Conservative	94	Workers Party	6		
Green Rainbow	92	Reform	5		
American Independent	66	Twelve Visions Party	4		
Inter 3rd Party	62	Rainbow Coalition	3		
Socialist	59	Veteran Party America	3		
MA Independent Party	53	American Term Limits	1		
Latino-Vote Party	34	New Alliance	1		
Working Families	30	Prohibition	1		
Pizza Party	27	World Citizens' Party	1		
We The People	23				

Source: Worcester City Clerk, Worcester Elections Commission

As of August 2023, there were 110,239 registered voters in the City of Worcester. 61.8% of voters were not enrolled in a political party, 30.6% of voters registered as Democrats, and 6.3% of voters registered as Republicans. Since 2010, the number of unenrolled voters has increased by 62.4%, the number of Democratic voters has decreased by 15.5%, and the number of Republicans has decreased by 9.9%.

WORCESTER: REGISTERED VOTERS & BALLOTS CAST, 2012-2022



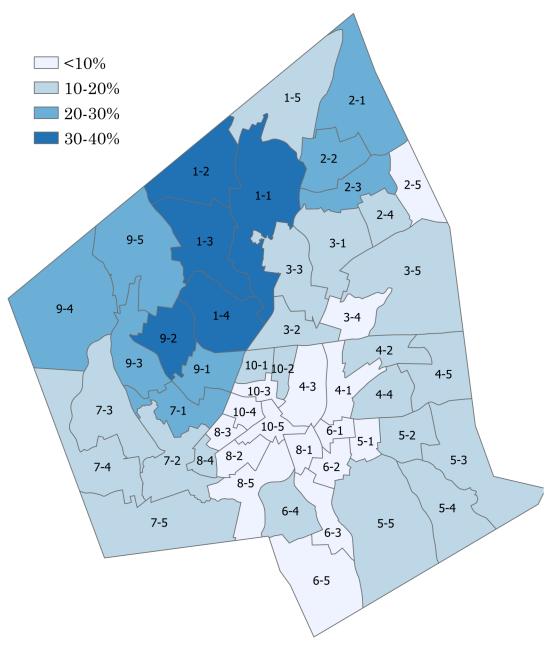
Source: Worcester City Clerk, Worcester Elections Commission



Voter Turnout

Voter turnout in the City of Worcester varies depending on the type of election. Municipal elections, which are held in odd-numbered years, experience the lowest turnout. Only 16.6% of registered voters turned out in November 2021 to vote for the Mayor, City Council, and School Committee. State elections, which occur in even-numbered years, and especially elections including the election for President, experience the highest turnout. 64.6% of Worcester's electorate voted in the November 2020 general election and 38.5% of registered voters turned out for the 2022 election.

WORCESTER: MUNICIPAL ELECTION VOTER TURNOUT BY PRECINCT, 2021



Source: Worcester City Clerk, Worcester Elections Commission



Tax Classification

The City of Worcester taxes property based on the following classifications: residential, commercial, industrial, and personal. Property that is owned by nonprofit institutions, as determined by Massachusetts General Law 156B, are exempt from paying property taxes as long as the property is fulfilling the non-profit mission of the organization.

Residential property is property used for human habitation and includes accessory land or buildings that are exclusively used by the residents of the property or their guests. **Commercial** property is used for business purposes including but not limited to commercial, retail, trade, service, recreational, agricultural, artistic, sporting, fraternal, governmental, educational, medical or religious purposes. **Industrial** property includes property used for manufacturing, milling, converting, producing, processing, extracting, or fabricating materials to create commercial products or materials. **Personal** property is trade stock, machinery used for business, and all furnishings and effects not kept at an individual's residence.

Tax Shift

The City of Worcester has a dual tax rate, which assesses residential and commercial/industrial/personal (CIP) property at different rates. Under Massachusetts law, communities are limited in their ability to shift the tax burden among classes to ensure that the burden is not shifted solely onto one side. A single tax rate is represented by a factor of 1.

Worcester: Property Tax Rates, FY23*			
Class	Fiscal Year 2022		
Residential	\$14.34		
Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP)	\$31.26		

Worcester: Tax Shift, FY23

Lowest Residential Residential Factor Allowed Factor Selected Shift Allowed Shift

0.802453 0.80262 1.75 1.74937

Source: Massachusetts Department of Revenue

^{*} Rates are per \$1,000 of value. Source: City of Worcester.

Worcester: Tax Value of Property, FY22					
Tax Status	Estimated Value	Percent of Total			
Total Taxable and Tax-Exempt Property Value	\$24,279,614	100.0%			
Taxable Property Values	\$17,934,338	73.9%			
Tax-Exempt Property Values	\$6,345,276	26.1%			
Class					
Residential	\$13,858,704	57.1%			
Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property	\$4,075,634	16.8%			

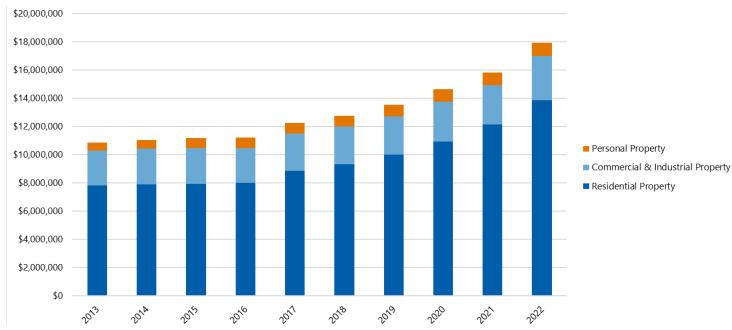
Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2022.

Worcester: Principal Taxpayers, FY22						
<u>Taxpayer</u>	Type of Business	Assessed Valuation	Fiscal 2022 Tax Bill	% of Tax Levy		
Massachusetts Electric Co.	Electric Utility	\$392,875	\$13,095	3.8%		
NSTAR Gas Co.	Gas Utility	\$264,035	\$8,800	2.5%		
VHS Acquisition Subsidiary (St Vincent Hospital)	Medical Care	\$153,785	\$5,126	1.5%		
Worcester TC LLC (Abbvie)	Biotechnology Park	\$77,308	\$2,577	0.7%		
Hanover Insurance Group	Insurance	\$71,635	\$2,388	0.7%		
V3B SA LLC (Lincoln Plaza)	Shopping Plaza	\$61,867	\$2,062	0.6%		
New England Power Company	Electric Utility	\$59,686	\$1,974	0.6%		
Front Street Associates LLC	Real Estate	\$57,735	\$1,924	0.6%		
Verizon New England	Communications	\$45,261	\$1,507	0.4%		
MC Roseland Worcester LLC	Real Estate	\$82,067	\$1,397	0.4%		

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2022.

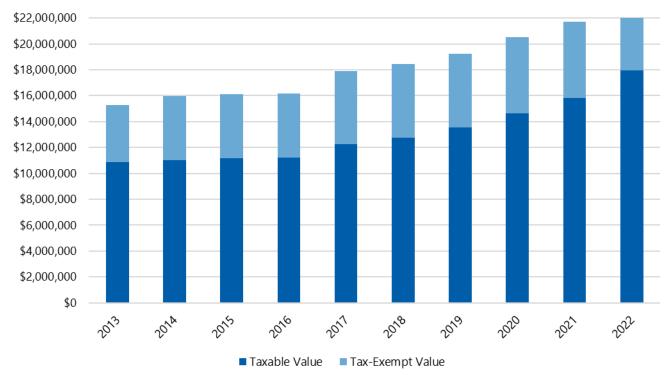






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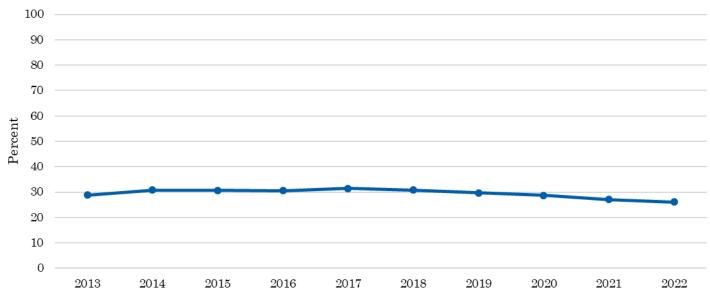
WORCESTER: ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE & TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTY, 2013-2022



Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, 2022

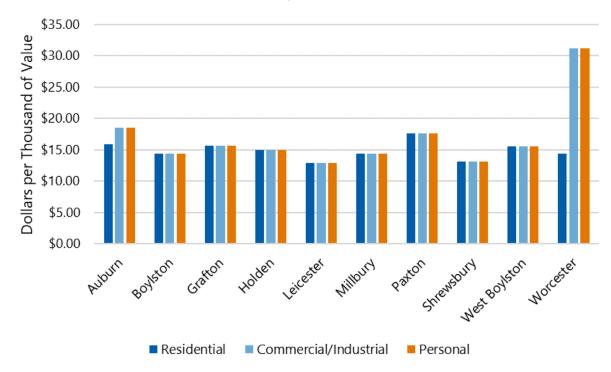


WORCESTER: TAX-EXEMPT VALUE AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL PROPERTY VALUES, 2013-2022



Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, 2022

GREATER WORCESTER: PROPERTY TAX RATES, FY22



Source: Massachusetts Department of Revenue



Unfunded Liabilities

Upon retirement, Massachusetts state and municipal employees are eligible for pension and other post-employment benefits (OPEB), such as health care. Each year, Massachusetts governmental entities must determine current costs (pension and benefits provided to existing retirees) and future costs (pension and benefits owed upon retirement to current employees, as determined by actuaries) to determine total liability.

The City of Worcester, like most municipalities, has struggled with outstanding pension and OPEB liability. In 1992, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts offered grant funding to cities and towns that committed to a schedule to eliminate unfunded pension liability. The City of Worcester accepted the offer, committing itself to full pension funding by 2028. In light of the financial downturn, in 2010 the Commonwealth offered cities and towns a waiver on the original plans, which allowed Worcester to extend its schedule to June 30, 2032.

While pension liabilities must be forward-funded, Massachusetts does not mandate that municipalities address OPEB liabilities. Under the City's Seven-Point Plan, Worcester contributes 30% of "free cash"—the surplus remaining after the end of the fiscal year—to be deposited into the OPEB Trust. If "free cash" is not available, no funds are deposited. As a result, Worcester's outstanding liability increases annually and is projected to exceed \$2.5 billion within the next 30 years.

Worcester: Pension Liability, FY22			
Total Pension Liability	\$1,652,123,169		
Net Position (Restricted for Pensions)	\$1,338,509,591		
Funded Pension Obligation	81.0%		

Source: City of Worcester Com	rehensive Financial Report, 2022.
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Worcester: Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability, FY22			
Total OPEB Liability	\$1,256,269,218		
Funded Portion of OPEB Liability	\$30,859,128		
Funded OPEB Obligation	2.5%		

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2022.

Worcester: Fund Balance, FY22			
Fund Balance	\$82,472,394		
Change in Fund Balance - FY21-22	\$12,229,911		
Fund Balance as a % of FY23 Budget	10.6%		

^{*}The City's fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities in the general fund.

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, 2022.

Worcester: Public Debt, 2022			
Total Outstanding Long-Term Debt	\$961,213,000		
Bond Anticipation Notes as of 6/30/22	\$47,410,000		
Bonded Debt per Capita	\$4,659		
Bonded Debt as a % of Assessed Valuation	5.35%		

^{*}A portion of the long-term debt is supported by fees from water and sewer usage, public parking garages, and DCU Center operating revenue. Debt related to district improvement financing (DIF) capital projects for CitySquare and the DCU Center are supported from new revenue sources generated within or for the designated geographic areas.

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, 2022

Bond Rating

In order to borrow money, municipalities issue bonds that are purchased by investors for a guaranteed return over time. Bond ratings serve as third-party evaluations of a bond issuer's ability to repay the bond according to the terms. Three primary rating agencies—Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investors Service, and Standard & Poor's Rating Service—evaluate most municipal bonds. Bonds are given ratings ranging from a high of "AAA" or "Aaa" to a low of "C" or "D". Worcester's ratings indicate attractive, high grade bonds that are considered at low risk of default.

Worcester: Bond Ratings, 2022			
Rating Agency	Rating		
Fitch Ratings	AA		
Moody's Investors Service	Aa3		
Standard & Poor's Rating Service	AA-		

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2022.



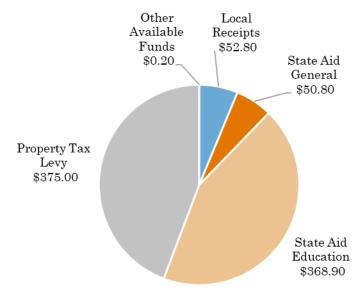
Greater Worcester: FY24 Budgets						
	Total City Budget (including schools)	Education Budget	Education % of Total Budget	Police Budget	Fire Budget	Police & Fire % of Total Budget
Auburn	\$75,711,783	\$31,639,165	41.79%	\$4,708,132	\$4,570,424	12.26%
Boylston	\$21,791,913	\$13,407,010	61.52%	\$1,693,630	\$753,951	11.23%
Grafton	\$73,143,829	\$43,427,796	59.37%	\$3,174,938	\$975,375	5.67%
Holden	\$62,425,202	\$36,469,661	58.42%	\$2,787,946	\$2,632,546	8.68%
Leicester	\$37,212,013	\$18,170,366	48.83%	\$2,374,272	\$370,873	7.38%
Millbury	\$53,269,351	\$27,033,580	50.75%	\$3,178,480	\$608,995	7.11%
Paxton	\$15,755,153	\$7,976,423	50.63%	\$1,213,781	\$1,221,144	15.45%
Shrewsbury	\$145,872,799	\$83,086,623	56.96%	\$7,240,875	\$5,097,340	8.46%
West Boylston	\$29,037,228	\$13,837,414	47.65%	\$1,847,987	\$1,439,480	11.32%
Worcester	\$847,728,079	\$462,693,121	54.58%	\$55,226,214	\$44,960,420	11.82%

^{*}Education includes state aid Source: Individual Municipal Budgets

City of Worcester's Budget

The City's final FY24 budget was \$847.7 million. City leadership has discretion over only a small part of the City's expenditures. A significant portion of the City's annual budget is fixed obligations to education, pensions, and debt service. The City of Worcester is heavily dependent of local property tax revenues; state aid education is passed on to the Worcester Public Schools.

WORCESTER: BUDGETED REVENUES, FY24



Source: City of Worcester FY24 Budget

WORCESTER: BUDGETED EXPENDITURES, FY24

City Budget \$847.7 million Education \$507.4 million (59.86%) City Services \$183.7 million (21.67%) Fixed Costs \$156.6 million (18.%)



Worcester Public School's Budget

State education funding is established by the Commonwealth's Chapter 70 formula, which provides education subsidies to cities and towns using standardized criteria including the characteristics of local school-age populations and municipal finances. In 2015, the Commonwealth's Foundation Budget Review Commission called for changes to the formula. In 2019, the Massachusetts Legislature passed the Student Opportunity Act which provided the first substantial update to the education formula since 1993. Many districts, particularly Gateway Cities, received a substantial funding increase for public schools.

The Worcester Public Schools allocation within the City budget is augmented by available Federal, State, and other outside grants.

WORCESTER: BUDGETED EXPENDITURES, FY24

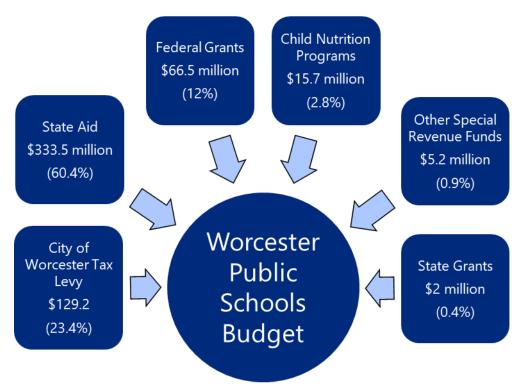
Worcester Public Schools \$552 million

Salaries \$356.7 million (64.6%) Fringe Benefits \$94.3 million (17.1%) Supplies & Services \$85.2 million (15.4%)

Overtime \$2.8 million (0.5%) Equipment \$13 million (2.4%)

Source: Worcester Public Schools FY24 Budget

WORCESTER: BUDGETED REVENUES, FY24



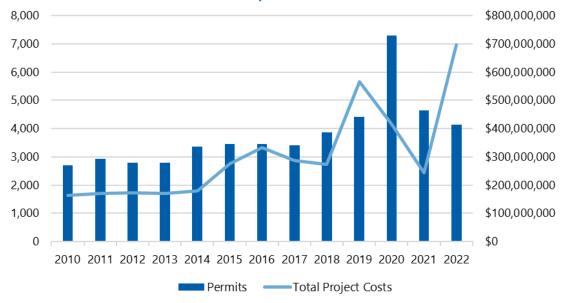
Source: Worcester Public Schools FY24 Budget

Worcester: Budgeted Employee Counts, FY24					
Positions	# of Budgeted Employees				
Legislative Offices	, ,				
City Council	12				
Mayor's Office	2				
City Clerk	13				
Election Commission	9				
Auditing	8				
City Manager's Office					
City Manager's Office	11				
Elder Affairs	12				
Public Library	94				
Dept. of Economic Development					
Economic Development	45				
MassHire Central Region Workforce Board	10				
MassHire Central Career Center	35				
Cable Services	5				
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	9				
Sustainability and Resilience	9				
Public Facilities	24				
Health and Human Services	23				
Public Health	30				
Human Resources	21				
Law Department	19				
Police Department	537				
Fire Department	458				
Emergency Communications	69				
Dept. of Inspectional Services	73				
Worcester Public Schools	5376				
Public Works and Parks					
Golf	3				
Public Works	180				
Parks, Recreation, and Hope Cemetery	64				
Enterprise: Sewer Division	68				
Enterprise: Water Division	128				
Transportation and Mobility	24				
Administration & Finance	11				
Treasury	27				
Purchasing	4				
Assessing	10				
Innovation and Technology	34				
TOTAL: CITY ONLY	2,081				
TOTAL: CITY & WPS	7,457				

Each year, as part of the annual budget process, the City Council (and the School Committee in the case of the Worcester Public Schools) approves staff positions within City departments. Authorized positions are filled at the discretion of the City or WPS Administration and can be full-time or part-time. While 7,457 positions are budgeted, it is possible that not all of these positions will be filled during the fiscal year or that some of these positions are filled with part-time employees.

WPS: Budgeted Employee Counts, FY24							
Positions	# of Budgeted Employees						
District Administrators	51						
School Administrators	94						
Teachers	2703						
Instructional Assistants	699						
Teacher Substitutes	111						
Crossing Guards	110						
Educational Support	141						
Custodial Services	162						
Maintenance Services	31						
Full Year Clerical	92						
School Year Clerical	76						
School Nurses	114						
District Support	88						
Student Transportation	414						
Child Nutrition	324						
Head Start	166						
TOTAL: WPS ONLY	5,376						





Source: City of Worcester Inspectional Services

Worcester: Parks and Recreation, 2022						
Parks	61					
Dog Parks	3					
Playgrounds	37					
Fields for Sports	67					
Swimming Beach, Pool, Spray Parks	7					
Total Park Acreage	1391.21					
% of Total Acreage in City	5.82%					
State Parks	2					
State Pools and Beaches	4					

Source: City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks

Worcester: Public Library System, 2022					
# of Independent Branches	3				
# of School-Based Branches	4				
# of Mobile Libraries	2				
Print Holdings (including periodicals) 432,81					
Total Circulation	535,815				
Total eCirculation	188,714				
Total Number of Visits During Public Hours	337,259				
Total Number of Students at School based branches during class time	42,469				

Source: Worcester Public Library

WORCESTER: WATER AND SEWER RATES, FY14-FY23

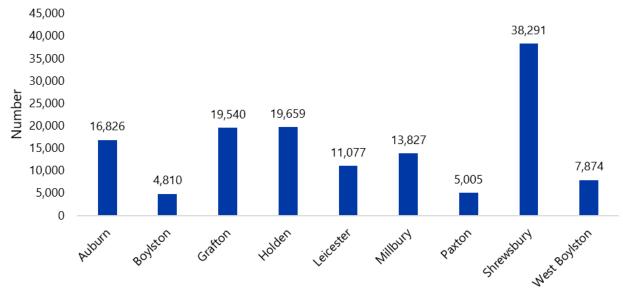


Source: City of Worcester Water and Sewer Operations.

*Rates are per 100 cubic feet of usage. Sewerage use is based on 80% of water usage.

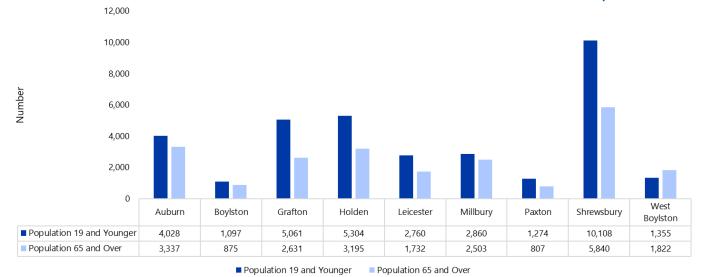






Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

GREATER WORCESTER: POPULATION 19 YEARS OR UNDER & POPULATION 65 YEARS OR OVER, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

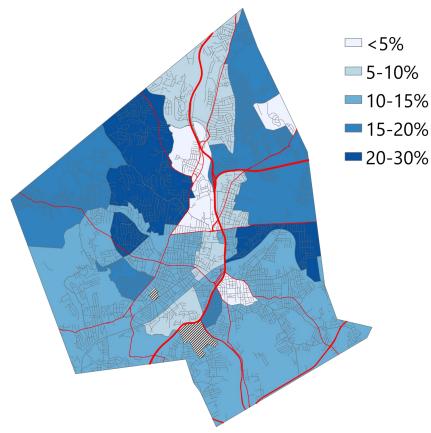


WORCESTER: POPULATION BY AGE & SEX, 2021

85 and over	1,241	2,754
80 to 84	1,078	2.124
75 to 79	1,815	1,990
70 to 74	2,849	3,833
65 to 69	4,003	4,766
60 to 64	5,862	6,322
55 to 59	6,556	6.074
50 to 54	5,964	6,096
45 to 49	5,334	5,997
40 to 44	6,218	6,010
35 to 39	6,648	6,534
30 to 34	8,589	7.683
25 to 29	8,270	8,460
20 to 24	10,143	10,332
15 to 19	9,012	8,421
10 to 14	6,028	5,598
5 to 9	5,550	4.966
Under 5	5,397	5,350
	■ Male ■	Female

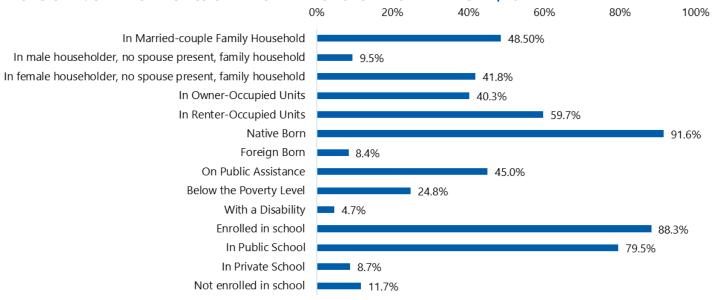
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WORCESTER: PERCENT 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, 2021



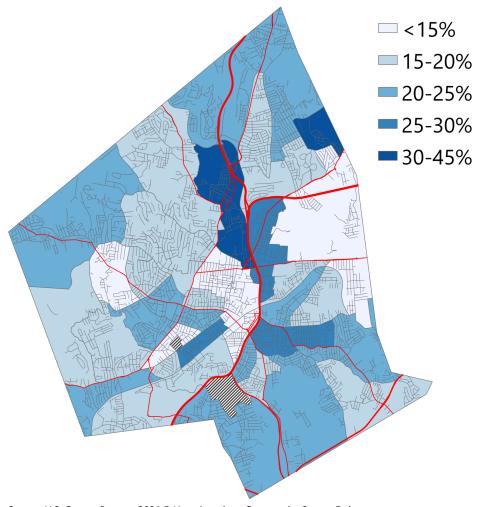




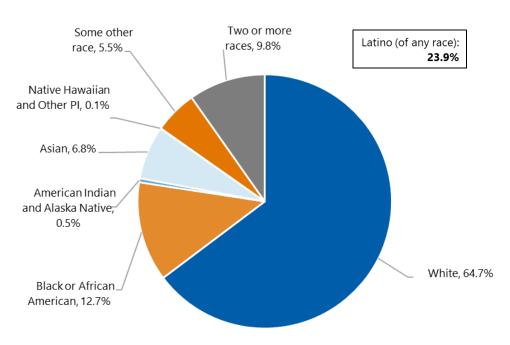


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WORCESTER: POPULATION PERCENT UNDER 18, 2021



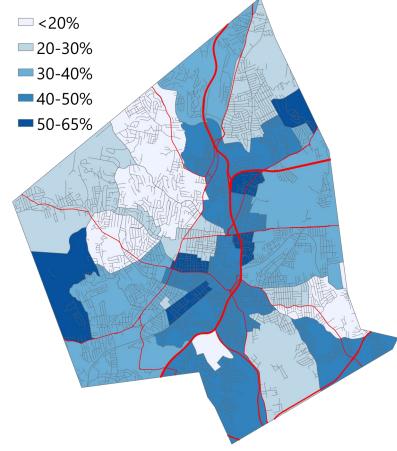
WORCESTER: POPULATION BY RACE & ETHNICITY, 2021



The U.S. Census Bureau tallies five categories of race: "American Indian or Alaska Native," "Asian," "Black or African American," "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander," and "White." Hispanic origin is defined as ethnicity, rather than race, and persons defined as Hispanic or Latino can be of any race.

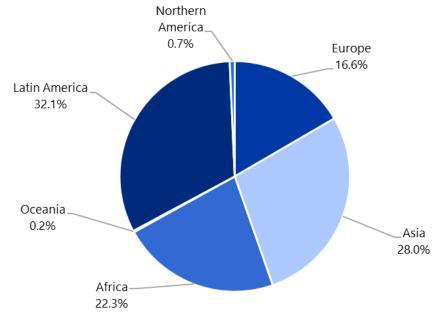
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: PERCENT NON-WHITE POPULATION, 2021





WORCESTER: REGION OF ORIGIN OF FOREIGN BORN RESIDENTS, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester: Foreign Born Residents, 2021						
Total Foreign Born Naturalized Citizen Not US Citizen						
44,641	23,972	20,669				

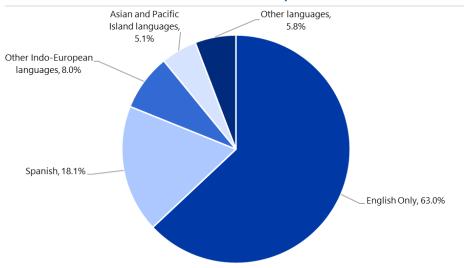
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester: Place of Birth for Foreign-Born Population 2021						
Total foreign-born population	44,641					
Ghana	5,714					
Vietnam	4,694					
Dominican Republic	3,899					
Brazil	2,686					
Albania	2,529					
China, excluding Hong Kong and Taiwan	2,099					
El Salvador	1,867					
Iraq	1,442					
Poland	1,221					
Jamaica	965					

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates



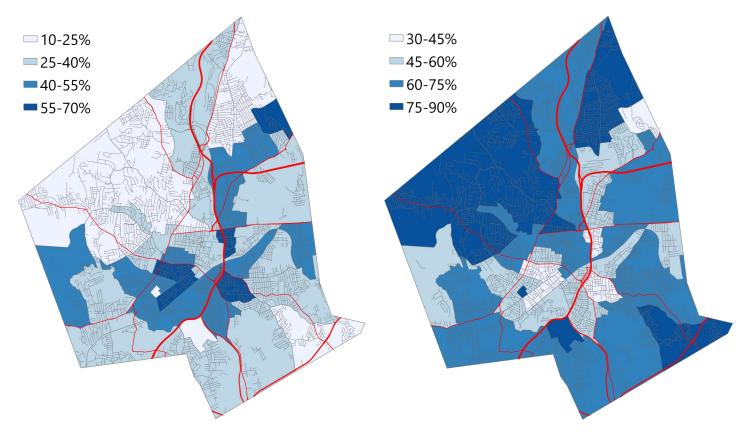




Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: PERCENT THAT SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE, 2021

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey

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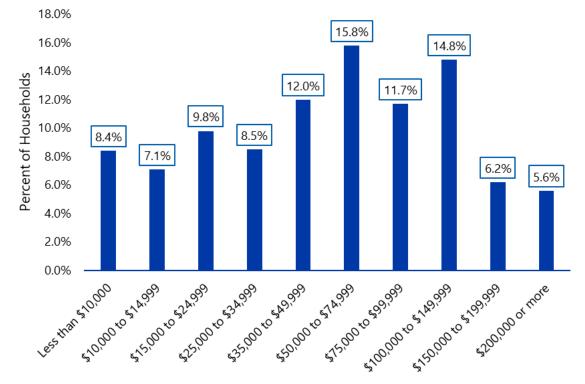
Worcester: Households, 2021							
Total # of Households	78,780						
Total # of families	43,192						
Households with Children under 18	19,690						
Average Household Size	2.40						
Average Family Size	3.14						
Owner-occupied	42.4%						
Renter-Occupied	57.6%						
Median Household Income	\$ 56,746						

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

"Median Household Income" indicates that there are an equal number of households above and below that income level. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median household income in Worcester is \$56,746, the median household income of Massachusetts is \$89,026, and the median household income of the United States is \$69,021.

"Mean Household Income" indicates the average household income.

WORCESTER: HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates



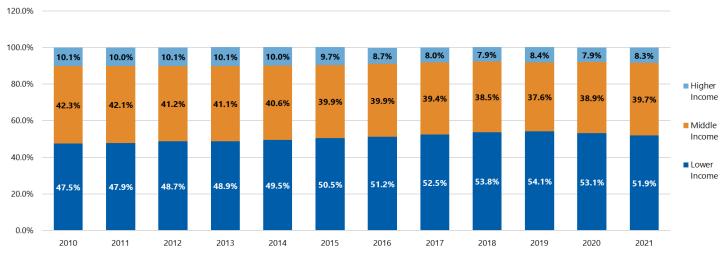
Worcester's Middle Income*

The Pew Research Center defines middle income, or middle class, as households between 67% to 200% of the state median income. In Massachusetts, with a median household income of \$89,026, a middle-class household income would range from \$59,647 to \$178,052. The Census Bureau does not divide income groups into lower, middle, and upper-income categories, and its household income categories do not allow for exact determinations. However, the chart below estimates these categories by proportionally interpolating the values of existing ranges provided by the Census to approximate The Pew Research Center's definition of middle income for Worcester. In 2021, approximately 39.7% of Worcester households were in the middle-income range, 51.9% of Worcester households were in the lower-income range, and 8.3% of Worcester households were in the upper-income range.

Income Ranges

Lower Income: \$0—\$59,647 Middle Income: \$59,647-\$178,052 Higher Income: \$178,052+

WORCESTER: PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME LEVEL, 2021



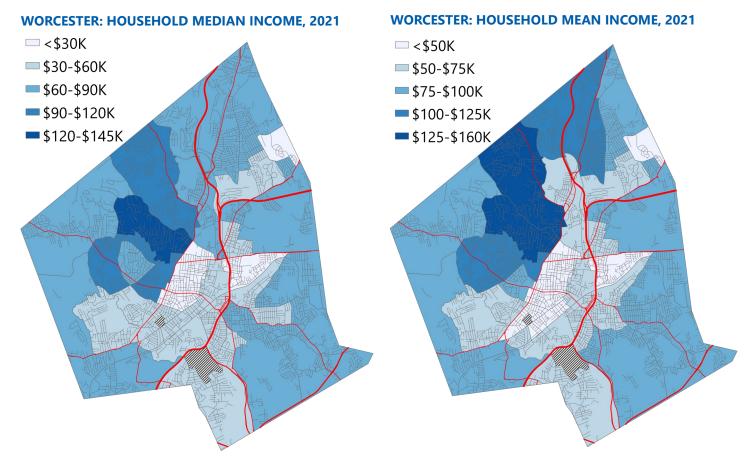
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

*According to Pew Research Center:

"Middle income or middle class? The terms "middle income" and "middle class" are often used interchangeably. This is especially true among economists who typically define the middle class in terms of income or consumption. But being middle class can connote more than income, be it a college education, white-collar work, economic security, owning a home, or having certain social and political values. Class could also be a state of mind, that is, it could be a matter of self-identification (Pew Research Center, 2008, 2012). The interplay among these many factors is examined in studies by Hout (2007) and Savage et al. (2013), among others."

Source: Pew Research Center, Social and Demographic Trends, http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2015/12/09/the-american-middle-class-is-losing-ground/, Accessed March 2016.

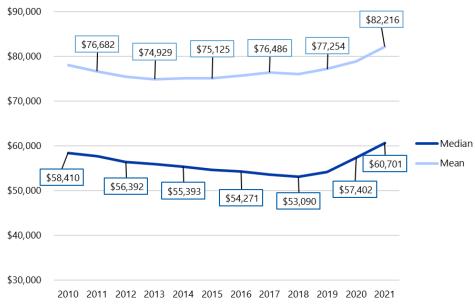




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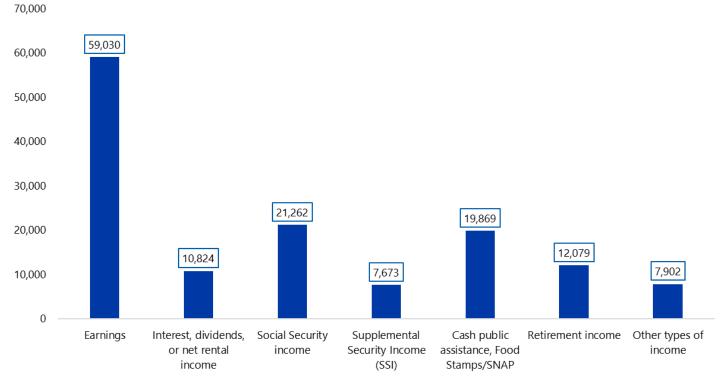
WORCESTER: MEAN & MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (INFLATION-ADJUSTED 2022), 2010-2021





Worcester: Income by Quintile, 2021						
	Mean househol	d income	Shares of Aggregate Household Income			
Lowest Quintile	\$	9,976	2.6%			
Second Quintile	\$	30,387	7.9%			
Third Quintile	\$	56,856	14.8%			
Fourth Quintile	\$	92,685	24.1%			
Highest Quintile	\$	194,393	50.6%			
Top 5 Percent	\$	325,217	21.2%			

WORCESTER: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS PER HOUSEHOLD INCOME SOURCE, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Household Mean & Median Income Comparison	Wo	orcester	Mas	sachusetts	Unit	ed States
Household Median Income (dollars)	\$	56,746	\$	89,026	\$	69,021
Household Mean Income (dollars)	\$	76,859	\$	123,174	\$	97,196

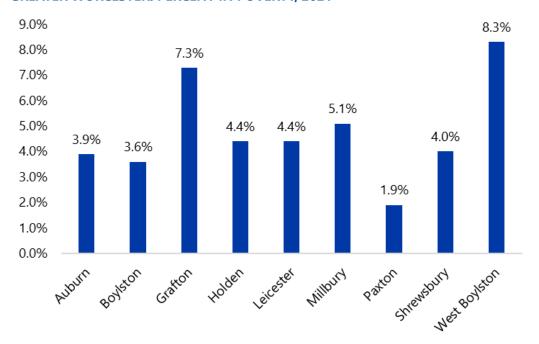






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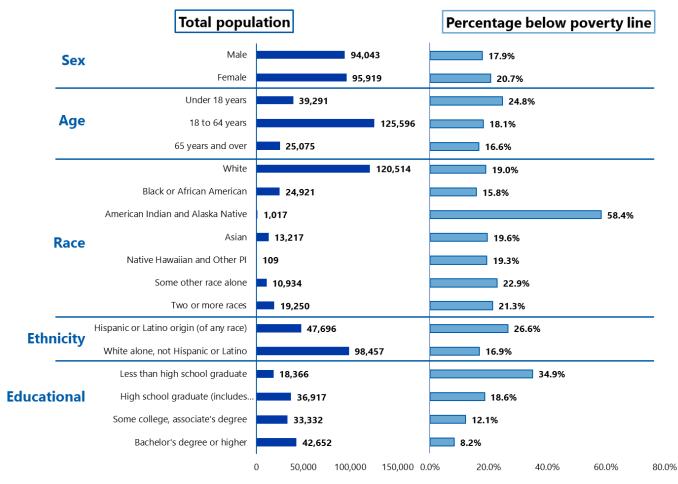
GREATER WORCESTER: PERCENT IN POVERTY, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

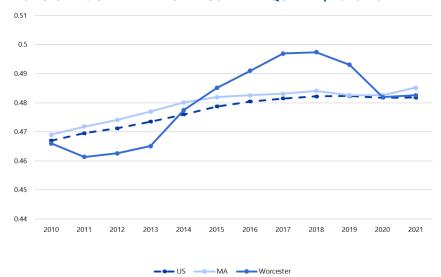


WORCESTER: POVERTY BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: GINI INDEX OF INCOME INEQUALITY, 2010-2021



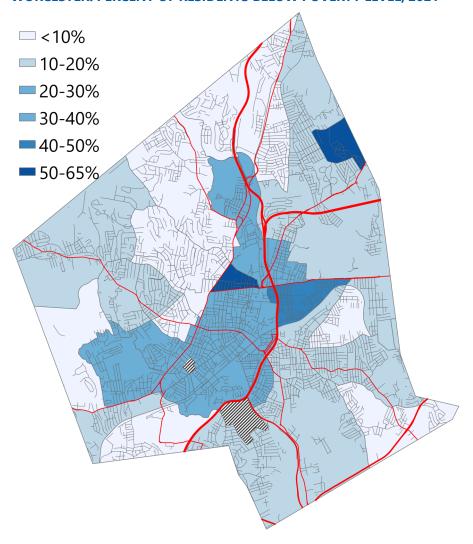
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Gini Coefficient

The Gini Coefficient is a measure of inequality whose values range from 0 to 1, with 0 representing perfect equality and 1 representing perfect inequality

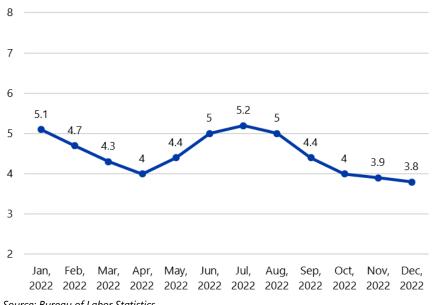


WORCESTER: PERCENT OF RESIDENTS BELOW POVERTY LEVEL, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

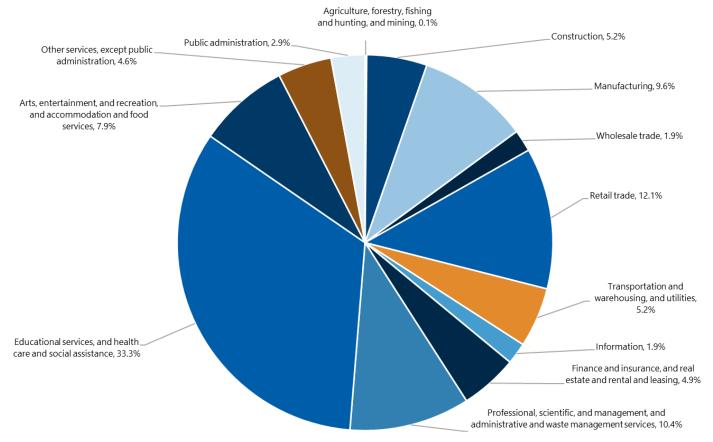
WORCESTER: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2022



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

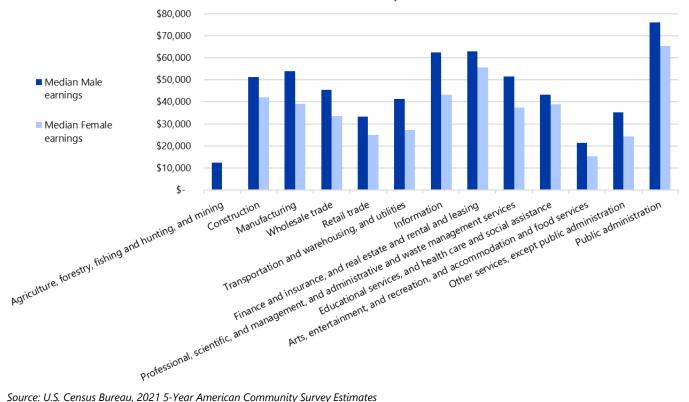


WORCESTER: EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: MEDIAN EARNINGS PER INDUSTRY BY GENDER, 2021





Worcester: Employment & Earnings by Industry, 2021								
	Total	Industry percent	Male percent	Female percent	Median earnings	Median Male earnings	Median Female earnings	Female Earnings as a Percent of Male
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	143	0.1%	49.0%	51.0%	\$11,349	\$12,303	NA	NA
Construction	5,120	5.2%	93.4%	6.6%	\$50,353	\$51,297	\$42,143	82.2%
Manufacturing	9,467	9.6%	72.0%	28.0%	\$47,479	\$53,850	\$39,155	72.7%
Wholesale trade	1,852	1.9%	49.8%	50.2%	\$39,452	\$45,338	\$33,467	73.8%
Retail trade	11,984	12.1%	56.3%	43.7%	\$30,019	\$33,242	\$25,027	75.3%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5,085	5.2%	76.0%	24.0%	\$38,001	\$41,336	\$27,170	65.7%
Information	1,835	1.9%	59.3%	40.7%	\$53,313	\$62,561	\$43,250	69.1%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	4,874	4.9%	47.8%	52.2%	\$57,364	\$62,833	\$55,762	88.7%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	10,224	10.4%	63.6%	36.4%	\$47,344	\$51,549	\$37,527	72.8%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	32,857	33.3%	32.9%	67.1%	\$40,345	\$43,201	\$38,956	90.2%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	7,743	7.9%	46.0%	54.0%	\$17,425	\$21,318	\$15,305	71.8%
Other services, except public administration	4,583	4.6%	37.7%	62.3%	\$28,842	\$35,204	\$24,262	68.9%
Public administration	2,868	2.9%	59.1%	40.9%	\$67,553	\$76,062	\$65,349	85.9%
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	98,635	100.0%	50.9%	49.1%	\$40,600	\$45,484	\$35,861	78.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

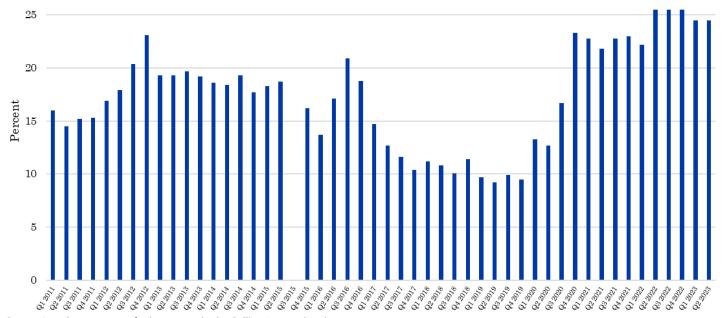
	Mean usual hours worked for workers, 2021	Median age of workers 16 to 64 years, 2021
Total	36.6	35.8
Male	38.9	36.2
Female	34.3	35.3



Worcester: Office and R&D Space							
		20	2023				
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter	
Square Feet (SF) Supply	1,988,183	1,988,183	1,988,183	1,988,183	1,988,183	1,988,183	
Direct SF Available	322,634	388,251	387,048	387,048	387,048	386,512	
Sublease SF Available	119,466	119,466	119,466	119,466	100,000	100,000	
Vacancy Rate%	22.20%	25.50%	25.50%	25.50%	24.50%	24.50%	
Current Net Absorption	15,475	-65,617	1,203	0	19,466	536	
YTD Net Absorption	15,475	-50,142	-48,939	-48,939	19,466	20,002	

Source: Based on a survey of select properties by Colliers International

WORCESTER: QUARTERLY OFFICE & R&D VACANCY RATE, 2011-2023



Source: Based on a survey of select properties by Colliers International.

Colliers International completes a survey of office vacancies for Greater Boston that includes select buildings in Worcester. *Colliers did not complete a market survey in the 3rd Quarter of 2015.

**Colliers reported that the data starting in Q4 2020 reflects adjustments made to the select properties to better represent market conditions and the market as a whole. This should be considered when making historical comparisons going forward.

Worcester: Hotels, 2022		
	Number of Rooms	
AC Hotel by Marriott	170	
Beechwood Hotel	73	
Courtyard by Marriott Worcester	134	
Hampton Inn & Suites Worcester	100	
Hilton Garden Inn Worcester	199	
Holiday Inn Express Worcester	96	
Homewood Suites	119	
Quality Inn & Suites	112	
Residence Inn by Marriott	129	
Total Hotel Rooms	1,132	

Worcester: Hotel Market, 2022				
Occupancy	73.60%			
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	\$150.92			
Revenue per Available Room	\$111.04			

Worcester County: Hotel Market, 2022			
Occupancy	66.40%		
Supply	2,288,468		
Demand	1,519,912		
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	\$136.40		
Revenue per Available Room	\$90.59		

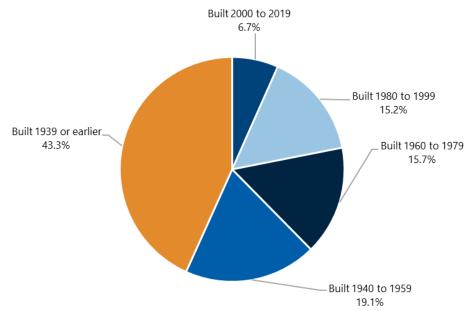
Source for all Hotel Data: Discover Central Massachusetts



Worcester: Housing Units, 2021					
Total Housing Units	85,218				
Occupied Housing Units	78,780	92.4%			
Owner occupied	33,416	39.2%			
Renter occupied	45,364	53.2%			
Vacant Housing Units	6,438	7.6%			
Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures	52,399	61.5%			
Homeowner vacancy rate	1.5				
Rental vacancy rate	3.3				

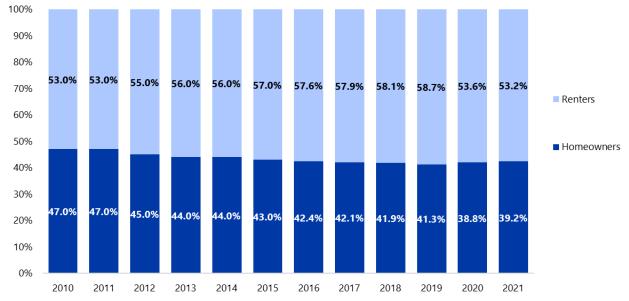
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WORCESTER: AGE OF HOUSING STOCK, 2021



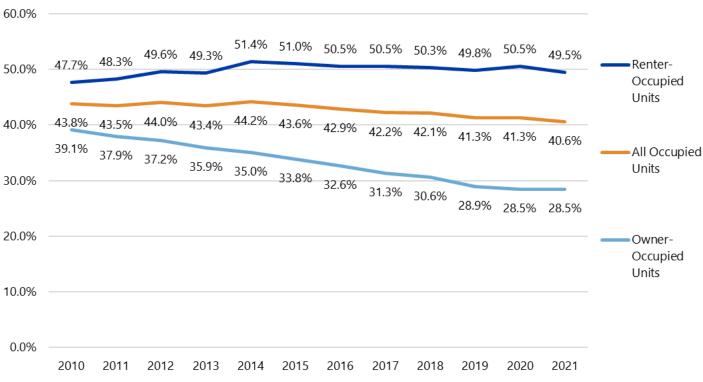
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WORCESTER: OWNER-OCCUPIED, AND RENTER-OCCUPIED AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS, 2010-2021



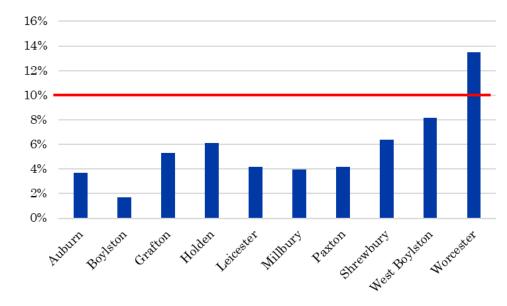


WORCESTER: PERCENT OF HOUSHOLDS SPENDING 30% OR MORE OF INCOME ON HOUSING, 2010-2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

GREATER WORCESTER: CHAPTER 40B SUBSIDIZED HOUSING INVENTORY



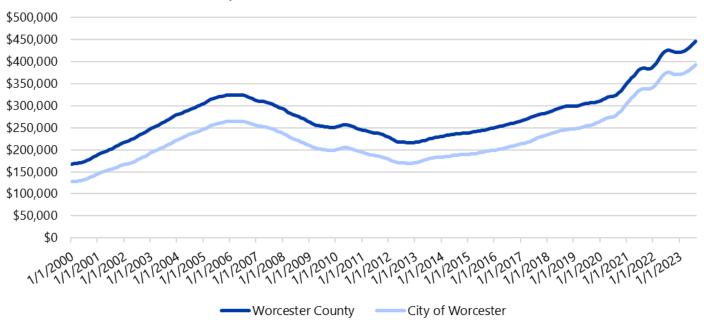
Red line indicates 10% threshold called for under Chapter 40B.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development, 2010

Massachusetts General Chapter 40B was adopted in 1969 of as part the Massachusetts Comprehensive Permit Act to encourage and facilitate the building affordable, long-term housing for low-income individuals and families across the Commonwealth and to ensure that low-income residents can remain in their localities if housing costs increase. The law calls on every Massachusetts community to ensure that 10% of all housing units meet certain affordability requirements.

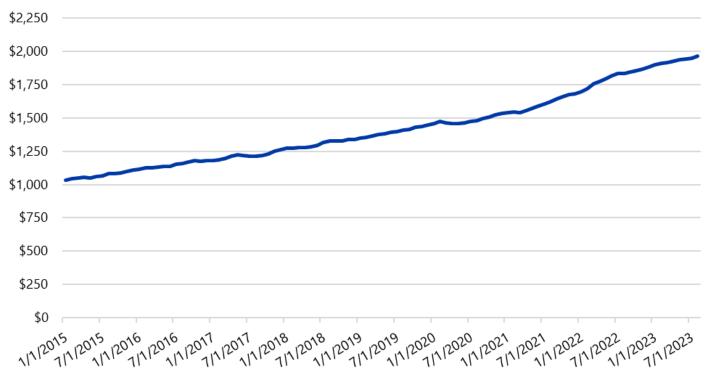


WORCESTER: TYPICAL HOME VALUE, 2000-2023



Source: Zillow Home Value Index (ZHVI)

WORCESTER: TYPICAL OBSERVED MARKET RATE RENT, 2015-2023



Source: Zillow Observed Rent Index (ZORI)



Annual Worcester County Homeless Point-In-Time Count, 2023							
	Sheltere	d		Unsheltered	Total		
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional	Safe Haven				
Total Homeless	1213	244	13	137	1,607		
Chronically Homeless	229		12	51	292		
Age							
# under age 18	506	44	0	0	550		
# ages 18-24	79	27	0	6	112		
# ages 24 and older	628	173	13	131	945		
Gender							
Female	572	96	2	49	719		
Male	599	145	11	88	843		
Transgender	41	2	0	0	43		
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0		
Gender that is not singularly 'Female' or 'Male' (e.g. non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender)	1	1	0	0	2		
Race							
White	610	151	8	123	892		
Black, African American, or African	502	59	4	9	574		
Asian or Asian American	5	5	1	1	12		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	4	4	0	4	12		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5	2	0	0	7		
Multiple Races	87	23	0	0	110		
Ethnicity							
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	710	165	9	117	1,001		
Hispanic/Latino(a)(o)(x)	503	79	4	20	606		
Annual City of Worcester Point-In-Time Count							
Households With Children	717	75	-	-	792		
Households Without Children	245	144	13	51	453		

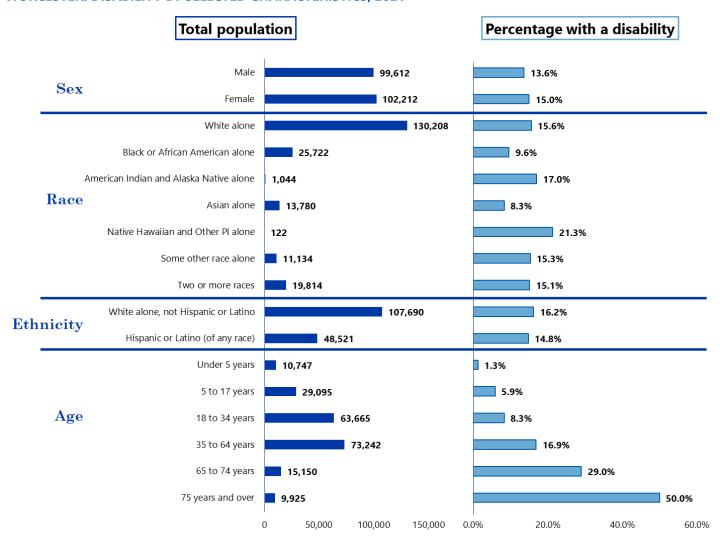
Source: Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance

Worcester: Veterans, 2021									
Number of Veterans	6,440	Period of Service							
Veterans as % of Population 18 and Older	3.9%	Gulf War (September 2001 or later)	1,415						
% of Veterans - Male	90.5%	Gulf War (August 1990 to August 2001)	847						
% of Veterans - Female	9.5%	Vietnam era	2,204						
% of Veterans - 18 to 64	52.7%	Korean War	406						
% of Veterans - 65 and older	47.3%	World War II	183						
% of Veterans - Disabled	29.9%								
% of Veterans - Below the Poverty Line	11.3%								

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

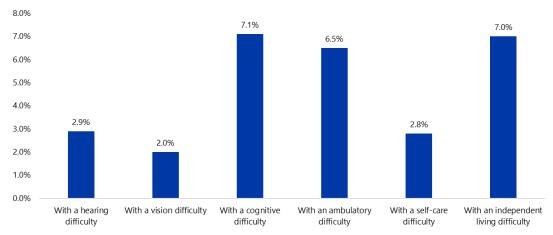


WORCESTER: DISABILITY BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates





Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates



Worcester: Household Inter	net Access	Details, 2021					
			With a co	omputer		No	% No
	Total	Broadband Internet Subscription	% Broadband Internet Subscription	Internet	% Without an Internet Subscription	computer in	computer in
Total population in households	188,885	171,549	90.8%	7,977	4.2%	8,938	4.7%
Age							
Under 18 years	39,728	38,311	96.4%	1,099	2.8%	318	8.0%
18 to 64 years	124,350	115,526	92.9%	5,163	4.2%	3,423	2.8%
65 years and over	24,807	17,712	71.4%	1,715	6.9%	5,197	20.9%
Race							
White alone	119,649	107,193	89.6%	4,958	4.1%	7,252	6.1%
Black or African American alone	24,763	22,887	92.4%	1,250	5.0%	455	1.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,017	881	86.6%	35	3.4%	101	9.9%
Asian alone	13,198	12,548	95.1%	475	3.6%	175	1.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	97	64	66.0%	33	3.4%	0	0.0%
Some other race alone	10,923	9,970	91.3%	502	4.6%	451	4.1%
Two or more races	19,238	18,006	93.6%	724	3.8%	504	2.6%
Ethnicity							
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	47,517	42,759	90.0%	2,506	5.3%	2,252	4.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	97,672	87,831	89.9%	3,619	3.7%	5,976	6.1%
Educational Attainment							
Household population 25 years and over	129,889	114,740	88.3%	6,251	4.8%	8,597	6.6%
Less than high school graduate or equivalency	17,911	13,979	78.0%	1,307	7.3%	2,574	14.4%
High school graduate (includes equivalency), some college or associate's degree	69,463	60,823	87.6%	3,543	5.1%	5,017	7.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	42,515	39,938	93.9%	1,401	3.3%	1006	2.4%
Employment Status							
Civilian population 16 years and over	153,518	137,456	89.5%	6,996	4.6%	8,645	5.6%
In labor force	99,716	94,208	94.5%	3,703	3.7%	1,546	1.6%
Employed	93,492	88,345	94.5%	3,432	3.7%	1,456	1.6%
Unemployed	6,224	5,863	94.2%	271	4.4%	90	1.4%
Not in labor force	53,802	43,248	80.4%	3,293	6.1%	7,099	13.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates



Worcester: Household Internet A	ccess Metrics, 2021
With an Internet Subscription	86.2%
Broadband of any type	85.9%
Cellular Data Plan	80.1%
Satellite Internet Service	2.8%
Dial-up with no other subscription	0.3%
No Internet Access	13.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

	Affordable Connectivity Program Enrollment as of							
Zip Code	Mar. 2022	Aug. 2023	Subsidy by Zip Code					
01602	738	1951	\$58,530					
01603	1371	3006	\$90,180					
01604	1962	4480	\$134,400					
01605	2563	5030	\$150,900					
01606	540	1420	\$42,600					
01607	619	1417	\$42,510					
01608	547	1134	\$34,020					
01609	1257	2647	\$79,410					
01610	2439	5035	\$151,050					
01611	47	156	\$4,680					
Total	12083	26276	\$788,280					

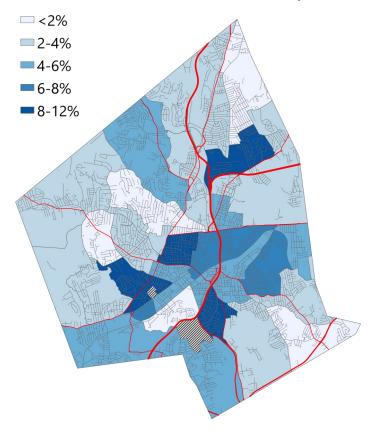
Source: Federal Communications Commission

WORCESTER: PERCENT WITH COMPUTER BUT NO INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION, 2021

2% 2-4% 4-6% 6-8% 10-18%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: PERCENT WITH NO COMPUTER, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates



Worcester: Health Status Not Good (≥14 days), Among Adults (≥18)								
Year	Mental health	Physical health						
2014	14.4%	13.2%						
2015	14.7%	13.9%						
2016	14.4%	13.4%						
2017	15.4%	14.2%						
2018	16.2%	14.3%						
2019	16.0%	13.8%						
2020	15.7%	10.4%						
2021	18.7%	11.8%						

*Age-adjusted values

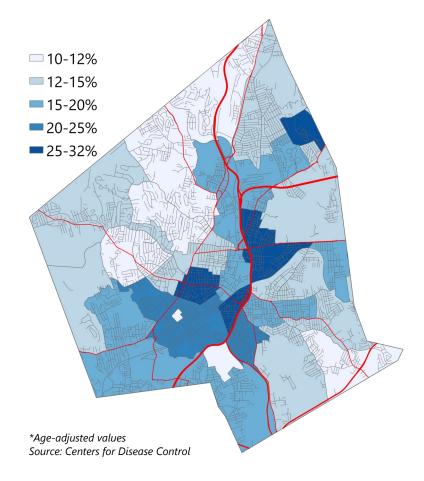
Source: Centers for Disease Control

Worcester: Health Risk Behaviors Amongst Adults (≥18)									
Year	No Leisure Time Physical Activity	Binge Drinking	Current Smoking	Sleeping Less than 7 Hours					
2014	24.9%	16.0%	21.4%	40.4%					
2015	32.4%	17.3%	22.1%						
2016	27.1%	17.6%	21.5%	38.6%					
2017	28.8%	18.6%	19.4%						
2018	30.2%	17.8%	20.8%	41.1%					
2019	32.1%	18.4%	18.3%						
2020	27.3%	15.9%	18.2%	35.4%					
2021	26.3%	15.5%	17.1%						

*Age-adjusted values

Source: Centers for Disease Control

WORCESTER: FAIR/POOR SELF-RATED HEALTH STATUS (≥18), 2021



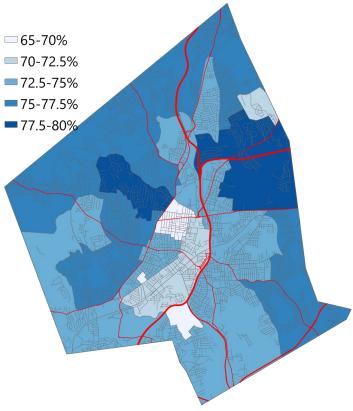
lealth Outcomes in Worcester 2013-2021										
Measure	Age Range	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
All teeth lost	≥65		19.7%		19.0%		16.7%		16.1%	
Arthritis	≥18		25.7%	25.3%	25.5%	25.7%	25.3%	24.5%	26.2%	24.8%
Cancer (excluding skin cancer)	≥18		6.5%	6.2%	6.1%	6.2%	6.3%	6.6%	6.0%	6.3%
Chronic kidney disease	≥18		3.1%	2.8%	2.9%	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%	3%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	≥18		7.5%	7.3%	7.0%	7.0%	6.5%	6.8%	6.4%	7.2%
Coronary heart disease	≥18		6.4%	6.2%	6.3%	5.8%	6.4%	6.1%	6.0%	5.6%
Current asthma	≥18		12.1%	10.6%	11.4%	11.5%	10.9%	11.5%	11.5%	12.6%
Depression	≥18							21.1%	19.6%	23.1%
Diagnosed diabetes	≥18		10.8%	10.1%	10.6%	10.4%	10.5%	10.0%	10.2%	10.6%
High blood pressure	≥18	30.3%		31.9%		30.6%		30.3%		29%
High cholesterol (screened in the past 5 years)	≥18	33.9%		32.6%		29.6%		28.1%		29.8%
Obesity	≥18		31.1%	30.9%	29.7%	31.4%	35.0%	34.6%	33.5%	34.8%
Stroke	≥18		2.9%	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	3%

*Age-adjusted values Source: Centers for Disease Control

Health Prevention Metrics in Worcester: 2013-2021										
Measure	Age Range	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cervical cancer screening among adult women	21-65						85.8%		82.7%	
Cholesterol screening	≥18	78.7%		76.4%		84.4%*		86.2%		84.5%
Current lack of health insurance	18-64		11.2%	11.8%	11%	11.4%	13.3%	13.7%	10.5%	8.3%
Fecal occult blood test, sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy	50-75		66.9%		66%		64.9%		79.9%	
Mammography use among women aged 50-74 Years	50-74		84.7%		76%		78.6%		78.9%	
Older Adult Men: Flu shot past year, PPV shot ever, Colorectal cancer screening	≥65		29.8%		31.3%		31.3%		52.3%	
Older Adult Women: Flu shot past year, PPV shot ever, Colorectal cancer screening, and Mammogram past 2 years	≥65		28.7%		29%		26%		45.4%	
Papanicolaou smear use among adult women	21-65		85.4%		79.8%					
Taking medicine for high blood pressure control among adults with high blood pressure	≥18	59.8%		61.2%		59.5%		58.9%		58.2%
Visits to dentist or dental clinic among adults	≥18		62.7%		61.2%		65.5%		64.9%	
Visits to doctor for routine checkup within the past year among adults	≥18		77.4%	76.6%	78%	76.4%	77.5%	78.8%	79.8%	74.9%

*Age-adjusted values Source: Centers for Disease Control

WORCESTER: VISITS TO DOCTOR FOR ROUTINE CHECK-UP IN PAST YEAR (≥18), 2021



Worcester County | Massachusetts

Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent

2.4%

192,326

2.8%

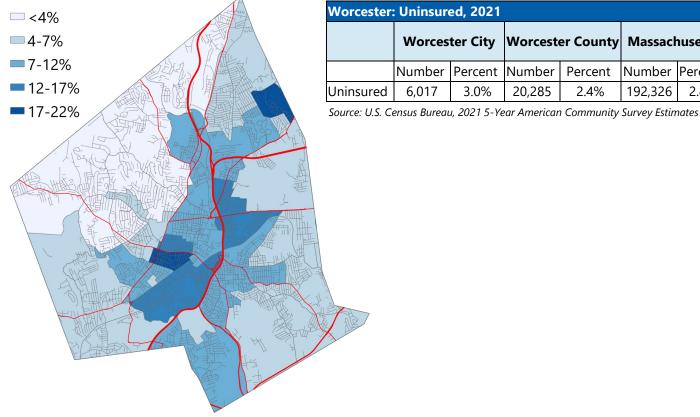
20,285

6,017

3.0%

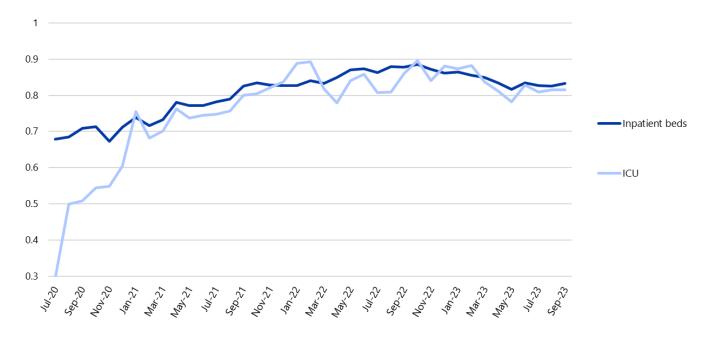
Source: Centers for Disease Control

WORCESTER: LACK OF HEALTH INSURANCE (18-64), 2021



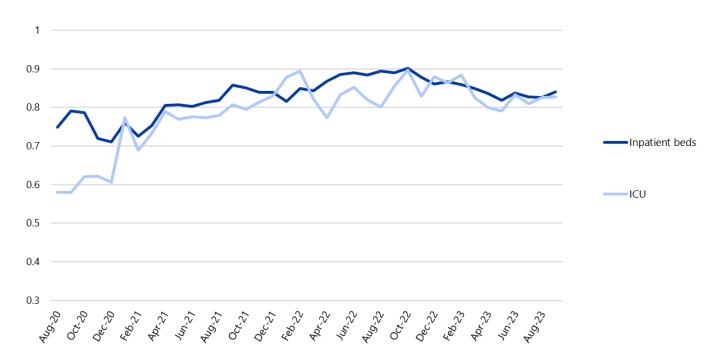
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WORCESTER COUNTY: INPATIENT AND ICU BEDS OCCUPANCY, 2020-2023



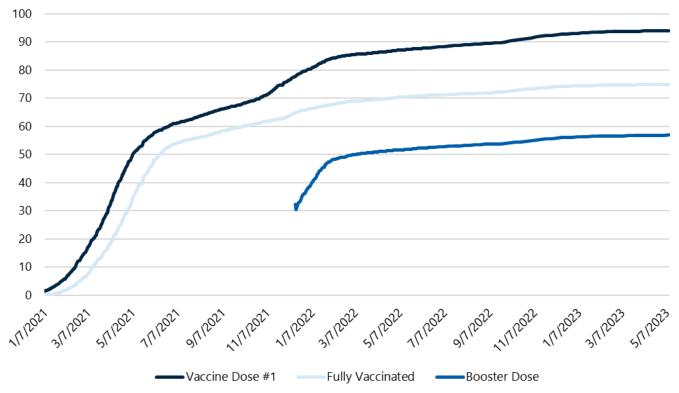
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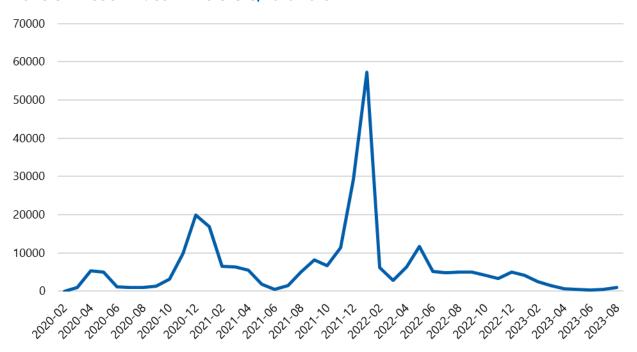
Source: Centers for Disease Control

WORCESTER COUNTY: PERCENT VACCINATED FOR COVID-19, 2021-2023



Source: Centers for Disease Control

WORCESTER COUNTY: COVID-19 CASES, 2020-2023



Source: Centers for Disease Control



Greater Worcester: C	Greater Worcester: Confirmed Opioid Related Overdose Deaths (by town of residence for deceased)								
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Auburn	4	2	4	6	4	3	4	8	
Boylston	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	
Grafton	2	1	0	3	6	2	3	3	
Holden	4	5	1	3	1	2	3	3	
Leicester	2	2	4	6	4	5	3	3	
Millbury	4	4	7	7	8	6	2	4	
Paxton	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	
Shrewsbury	2	7	8	7	6	4	3	6	
West Boylston	0	1	3	4	2	1	1	1	
Worcester	84	77	86	99	81	103	105	140	
Total	105	99	114	137	114	129	126	169	

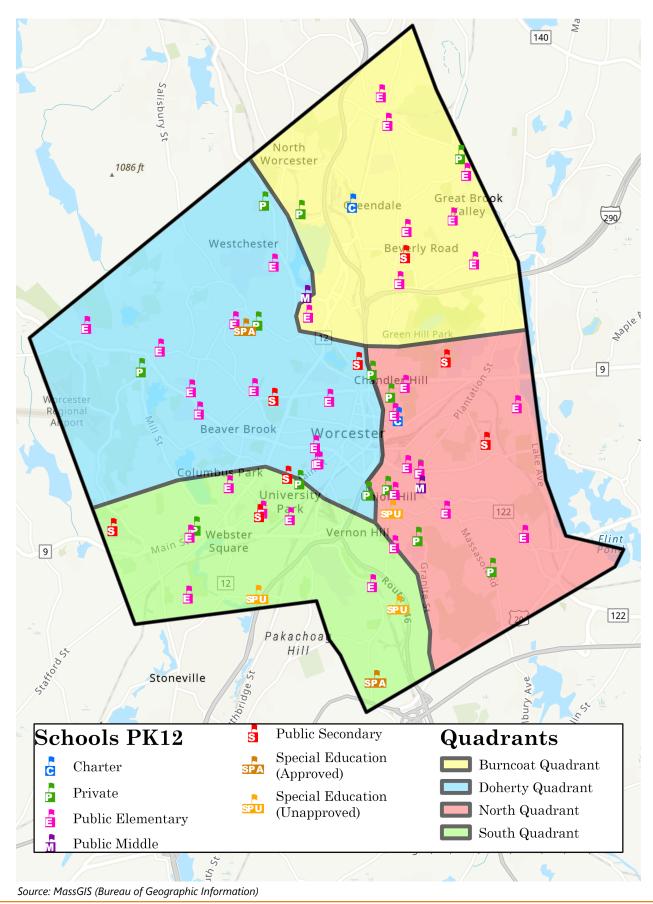
Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Greater Worcester: Confirmed Opioid Related Overdose Deaths (by location of death occurrence)								
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Auburn	1	0	1	1	0	2	3	6
Boylston	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Grafton	2	0	0	2	3	0	1	2
Holden	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	1
Leicester	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2
Millbury	1	3	2	3	4	3	2	0
Paxton	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
Shrewsbury	1	3	7	5	2	5	7	3
West Boylston	0	2	2	1	2	0	1	1
Worcester	122	112	123	135	144	132	123	168
Total	130	123	137	150	159	147	141	184

Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Worcester: National Institutes of Health Funding, FY2022								
CG Scientific, Inc.	1	\$740,395						
Clark University (Worcester, Ma)	1	\$450,900						
Enrich Therapeutics, Inc.	1	\$399,761						
Microbiotix, Inc	5	\$2,595,825						
Mustang Bio, Inc.	1	\$999,336						
University Of Massachusetts Medical School Worcester	349	\$179,947,334						
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	15	\$4,594,495						
Total	373 awards	\$189,728,046						

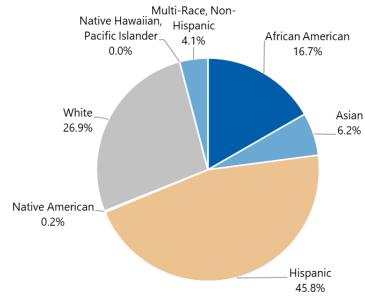
Source: National Institutes of Health





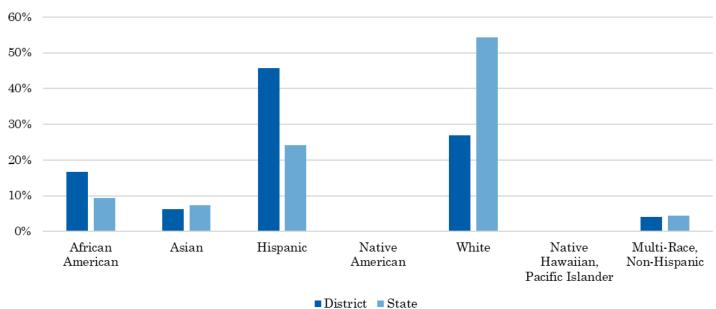
Worcester Public Schools: 2022-2023						
	Number of Schools	Number of Students				
Elementary Schools	34	12,988				
Middle Schools 6-8	1	827				
Middle Schools 7-8	3	2,349				
Grade 7-12 Schools	2	712				
High Schools	5	7,035				
Head Start Program	1	407				
Total	46	24,318				

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: ENROLLMENT BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2022-2023



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: ENROLLMENT BY RACE/ETHNICITY COMPARED TO STATE, 2022-2023

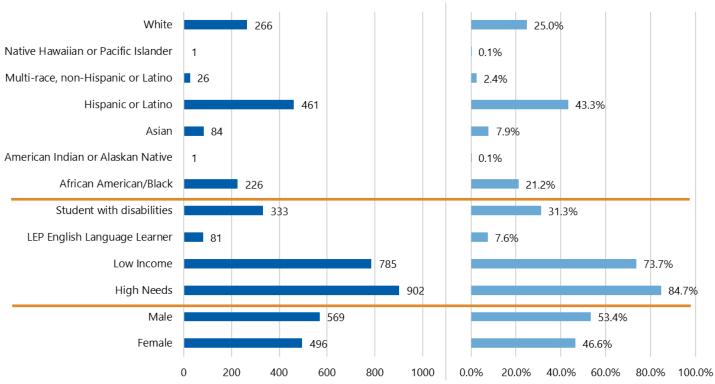




WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL, 2022-2023

	Number of Students		Number of Students
Head Start	407	Middle Schools	
		Burncoat Middle School	712
Elementary Schools		Forest Grove Middle	897
Belmont Street Community	585	Sullivan Middle	827
Burncoat Street	240	Worcester East Middle	740
Canterbury	294	Total Middle School Students	3,176
Chandler Elementary Community	426		
Chandler Magnet	402	Grades 7-12 Schools	
City View	430	Claremont Academy	488
Clark St Community	268	University Pk Campus School	224
Columbus Park	386	Total Middle School Students	712
Elm Park Community	415		
- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	359	High Schools	
Francis J McGrath Elementary	208	Burncoat Senior High	1,179
Gates Lane	544	Doherty Memorial High	1,344
Goddard School/Science Technical	380	North High	1,377
Grafton Street	427	South High Community	1,666
Heard Street	246	Worcester Technical High	1,469
acob Hiatt Magnet	372	Total High School Students	7,035
a Familia Dual Language School	172	Total Number of Students in WPS 24	
ake View	308	Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Sec	condary Education
incoln Street	242	Worcester: Private Schools, 2023	
May Street	295	Alhuda Academy (Pre-K - 8)	
Midland Street	206	Bancroft School (Pre-K - 12)	
Nelson Place	575	Happy Day Child Care Center (Pre-	-K - 3)
Norrback Avenue	507	Notre Dame Academy (7 - 12	<u>'</u> .)
Quinsigamond	713	Our Lady of the Angels School (Pre	e-K - 8)
Rice Square	458	Saint Paul Diocesan Junior/Senior High S	School (7-12)
Roosevelt	566	Saint Peter Central Catholic School (F	Pre-K - 8)
Fatnuck	385	The Nativity School of Worcester	(5 - 8)
Thorndyke Road	363	Venerini Academy Elementary School	(Pre-K - 8)
Jnion Hill School	390	Worcester Academy (6 - 12+)
/ernon Hill School	474	Worcester Seventh Day Adventist Sch	ool (1 - 8)
Nawecus Road School	133	Worcester: Charter Schools, 2023	
West Tatnuck	364	Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public Scho	ool (K - 12)
Woodland Academy	487	Learning First Charter Public Schoo	I (K - 8)
Worcester Arts Magnet School	368	Worcester Cultural Academy Charter Public	School (K - 4
Total Elementary School Students	12,988	Worcester: Independent Public Schools, 2	2023

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: PRE-K ENROLLMENT BY SELECTED CHARACTERISITICS, 2022-2023



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT BY SELECTED CHARACTERISITICS, 2022-2023

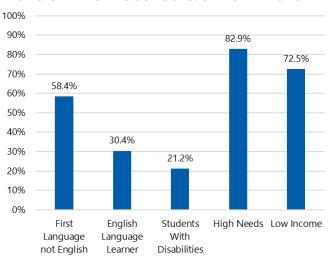




Worcester Public Schools: Indicators 2021 - 2022				
Grade 9-12 Drop Out Rate	2.1%			
Retention Rate	1.4%			
Attendance Rate	91.2%			
Average Number of Days Absent	14.9			
Percent of Students with Unexcused Absences Greater than 9 Days	46.4%			

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: SELECTED POPULATIONS, 2022-2023



The "First Language Not English" category includes individuals who learned English after learning another language and does not address the individual's proficiency with English itself. "English Language Learner" identifies individuals who struggle to complete normal classwork in English.

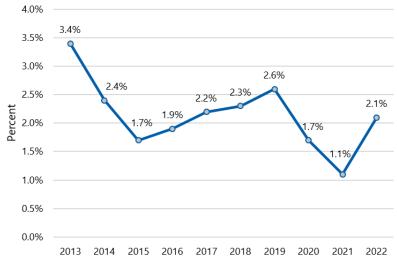
Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Worcester Public Schools: 4-Year Graduation Rate for 2022 Cohort								
Student Group	Percent Graduated	Percent Still in School	Percent Non-Grad Completers	Percent High School Equivalent	Percent Dropped Out			
Male	85.6	5.6	0.9	0.5	7.3			
Female	90.1	3.8	0.5	0.3	5.3			
EL	79.7	6.0	2.0	0.2	12.1			
Low income	86.5	5.2	0.8	0.5	6.9			
High needs	86.1	5.4	0.8	0.5	7.2			
Students w/ disabilities	72.3	15.4	2.1	1.0	9.2			
Afr. Amer./Black	89.5	5.4	1.0	0.3	3.7			
Asian	95.5	1.9	0.6	0.0	1.9			
Hispanic/Latino	84.2	5.2	1.1	0.4	9.2			
Amer. Ind. or Alaska Nat.	-	-	-	-	-			
White	90.6	4.5	0.0	0.4	4.5			
Nat. Haw. or Pacif. Isl.	-	-	-	-	-			
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	84.9	4.1	0.0	2.7	8.2			



Worcester Public Schools: Grades 9-12 Drop- Out Rates by selected characteristics, 2021-22						
All Student	2.1					
Female	1.8					
Male	2.5					
Low Income	2.5					
High Needs	2.5					
LEP English language learner	4.6					
Students with disabilities	3.5					
African American/Black	1.1					
American Indian or Alaskan Native	9.1					
Asian	1					
Hispanic or Latino	3					
Multi-race, non-Hispanic or Latino	2.9					
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A					
White	1.6					

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: GRADES 9-12 DROP-OUT RATES, 2013-2022



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

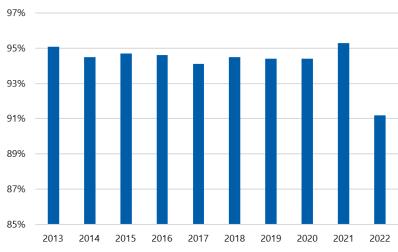
Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Worcester Public Schools: Chronically Absent (10% or more) by Selected Characteristics, 2021 - 2022

- 2022	
All Student	30.1
Female	30
Male	30.2
Low Income	34.3
High Needs	32.8
LEP English language learner	34.2
Students with disabilities	35.6
African American/Black	19.8
American Indian or Alaskan Native	35.3
Asian	16.9
Hispanic or Latino	38.1
Multi-race, non-Hispanic or Latino	29.3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	N/A
White	26.2

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: GRADES 9-12 ATTENDANCE RATES, 2013-2022

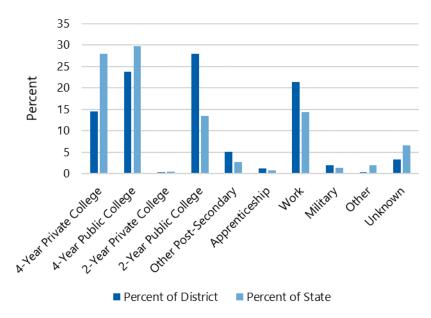


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Worcester Public Schools: Elementary Class Size, FY24Number of ClassroomsFewer than 23 students47023-26 Students12527-30 Students931 or more Students0Total604

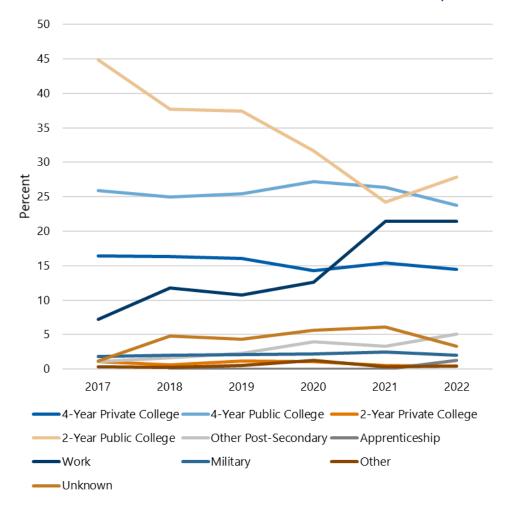


WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: PLANS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 2021-2022



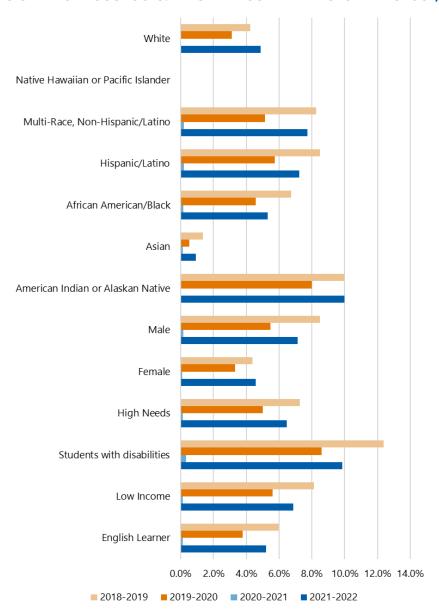
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WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: PLANS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 2017-2022





WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: PERCENT DISCIPLINE BY STUDENT GROUP, 2017-2022



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Worcester Public Schools Student Discipline Data Report (All Offenses), 2021-2022							
Student Group	Number of Students	Student Disciplined	Percent of Student Group				
English Learner	8,203	428	5.2%				
Low Income	19,936	1369	6.9%				
Students with disabilities	5,519	544	9.9%				
High Needs	22,168	1436	6.5%				
Female	12,496	571	4.6%				
Male	13,196	942	7.1%				
American Indian or Alaskan Native	50	5	10.0%				
Asian	1,625	15	0.9%				
African American/Black	4,364	232	5.3%				
Hispanic/Latino	11,600	838	7.2%				
Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic/Latino	1,075	83	7.7%				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	5		0.0%				
White	6,977	340	4.9%				



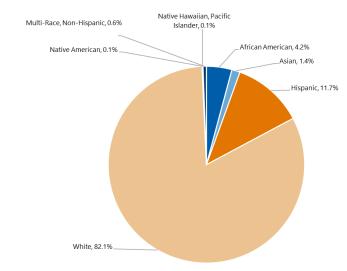
Worcester Public Schools: Staffing by Gender, 2022-23						
Worcester State						
	Number Percent		Number	Percent		
Males	760.1	20.2%	29,731.8	20.6%		
Females	3,005.1	79.8%	114,924.5	79.4%		

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Worcester Public Schools: Teacher Data, 2022-23						
	Worcester	State				
Total Number of Teachers - Full Time Equivalent	1715.9	76,977.6				
Student-Teacher Ratio	14.2	11.9				
% of Teachers Licensed	97.6	97.1				
Teacher by Program Area						
General Education	1,304.1	63,536.7				
Special Education	187.5	9,151.8				
Career Vocational Technical	51.6	2,068.8				
English Language Learner	172.7	2,220.3				

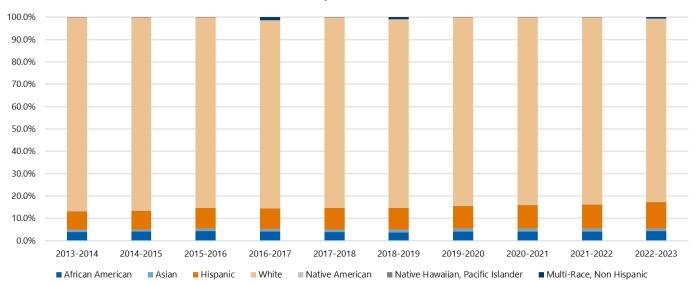
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WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: STAFFING BY RACE, 2021-2022



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: STAFFING BY RACE, 2013-2023





Worcester Public Schools: Next Generation MCAS Tests 2022								
Grade and Subject	Percent Exceeding Expectations		Percent Meeting Expectations		Percent Partially Meeting Expectations		Percent Not Meeting Expectations	
	WPS	State	WPS	State	WPS	State	WPS	State
Grade 03 - English Language Arts	3	6	23	38	48	41	27	15
Grade 03 - Mathematics	2	6	23	35	41	39	34	20
Grade 04 - English Language Arts	2	4	22	34	50	46	27	16
Grade 04 - Mathematics	1	6	24	37	45	40	30	17
Grade 05 - English Language Arts	3	5	25	36	50	46	22	13
Grade 05 - Mathematics	1	4	19	32	53	48	27	16
Grade 05 - Science and Tech/Eng	2	7	23	36	47	40	28	18
Grade 06 - English Language Arts	4	8	27	33	37	36	32	22
Grade 06 - Mathematics	2	5	26	37	49	43	23	15
Grade 07 - English Language Arts	2	5	24	36	38	40	35	19
Grade 07 - Mathematics	3	7	17	31	43	44	38	19
Grade 08 - English Language Arts	4	7	24	35	41	40	31	18
Grade 08 - Mathematics	2	7	15	29	49	47	33	17
Grade 08 - Science and Tech/Eng	2	6	18	36	46	41	33	18
Grade 10 - English Language Arts	4	9	35	49	44	34	17	8
Grade 10 - Mathematics	3	11	24	38	49	40	24	10
Grade 10 - Science and Tech/Eng	3	9	22	38	44	40	31	14

^{*}Grade 10 STE results are reported based on students' best performance on any STE test taken in grade 9 or grade 10; only students continuously enrolled in the state, district, or school from fall of grade 9 through spring of grade 10 are included in state, district, or school results. Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Worcester Public Schools: SAT Performance Report, 2021-2022			Worcester Public Schools	: Advar	ced Plac	ement	
	Number of Test Takers	Average Reading Score	Average Math Score	Performance, 2021-2022 Subject	Tests	Percent Score	Percent Score
All Students	1,375	453	443	Subject	Taken	1-2	3-5
English Learner	227	367	365	All Subjects	2,045	65.3%	34.7%
Low Income	917	430	420	Arts	41	56.1%	43.9%
Students w/ Disabilities	162	371	376	English Language Arts	297	60.9%	39.1%
High Needs	989	428	419	Foreign Languages	64	15.6%	84.4%
Female	711	462	442	History and Social Science	772	74.6%	25.4%
Male	664	444	443	Math & Computer Science	462	62.1%	37.9%
Asian	108	493	502	Science and Technology	385	66.2%	33.8%
Afr. Amer./Black	263	444	429	Capstone	24	12.5%	87.5%
Hispanic/Latino	559	418	411	Source: Massachusetts Departmen Education	t of Eleme	entary & Sec	ondary
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	45	508	485				

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Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

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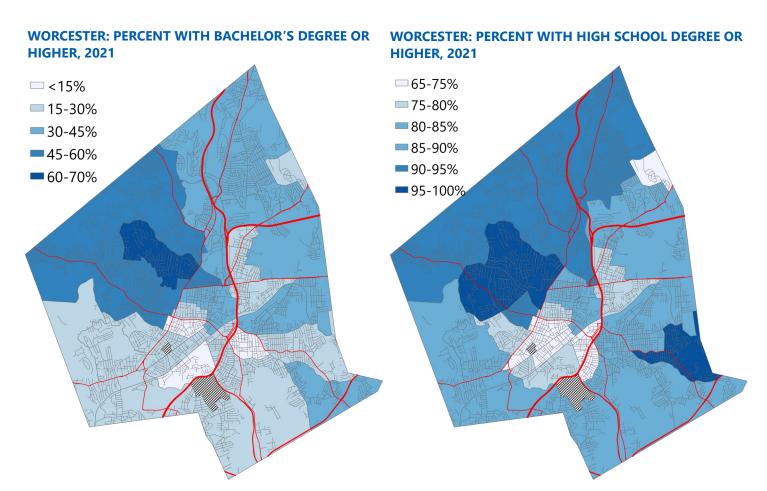
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Worcester: Educational Attainment, 2021							
	Number	Percent					
Population 25 Years and Over	133,070						
Less than 9th Grade	7,789	5.9%					
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	11,063	8.3%					
High School Graduate, Includes Equivalency	37,665	28.3%					
Some College, No Degree	22,777	17.1%					
Associate's Degree	10,862	8.2%					
Bachelor's Degree	25,519	19.2%					
Graduate or Professional Degree	17,395	13.1%					

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

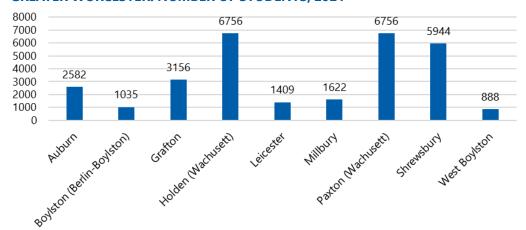


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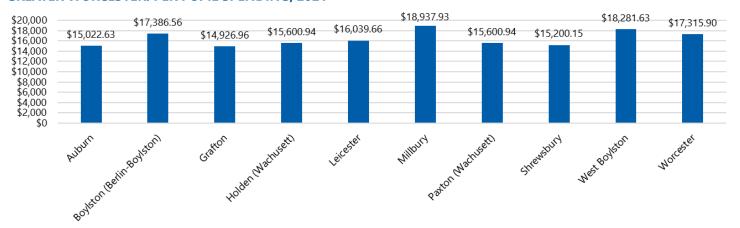
GREATER WORCESTER: NUMBER OF STUDENTS. 2021



The towns of Holden and **Paxton** are part of the Wachusett Regional School District, the largest regional district in the Commonwealth. The town of Boylston oversees a K-5 elementary school and is part of the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District for Grades 6-12.

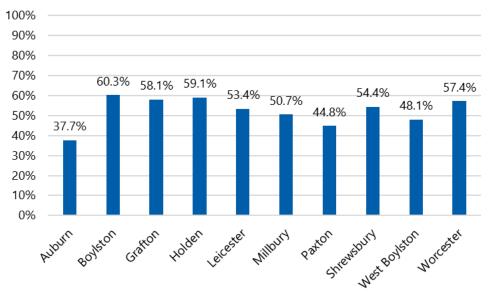
Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

GREATER WORCESTER: PER PUPIL SPENDING, 2021



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

GREATER WORCESTER: EDUCATION AS A PERCENT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET, 2021



^{*}Includes state aid Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education



Greater Worcester: Percent with Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 2020					
Auburn	42.1%				
Boylston	58.4%				
Grafton	53.8%				
Holden	57.3%				
Leicester	27.8%				
Millbury	31.9%				
Paxton	53.4%				
Shrewsbury	63.4%				
West Boylston	36.9%				
Worcester	32.2%				

Greater Worcester: Colleges & Universities, 2022
Anna Maria College (Paxton)
Assumption University (Worcester)
Clark University (Worcester)
College of the Holy Cross (Worcester)
MCPHS University (Worcester & Boston)
Nichols College (Dudley)
Quinsigamond Community College (Worcester)
Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine (Grafton)
University of Massachusetts Medical School (Worcester)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Worcester)
Worcester State University (Worcester)

For Population's age 25 or greater Source: Worcester Regional Research Bureau, Inc.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Greater Worcester Higher Education Institutions: Students, Alu	umni, & Faculty, 2022
Students	
Undergraduate Students	29,362
Graduate Students	10,627
Students from the City of Worcester	6,220
Students from Worcester County	15,220
Students from Massachusetts	28,761
Students from the United States	38,899
Students who are International	3,559
Alumni	
Alumni Residing in the City of Worcester	22,571
Alumni Residing in Worcester County	76,218
Alumni Residing in Massachusetts (at least part-year)	151,448
Faculty, Administration, & Staff	
Faculty, Administrators, & Staff Residing in the City of Worcester	3,351
Faculty, Administrators, & Staff Residing in Worcester County	9,066
Faculty, Administrators, & Staff Residing in Massachusetts	13,196

Source: Higher Education Consortium of Central Massachusetts

Greater Worcester Higher Education Institutions: Expenditures, 2022						
Purchasing Expenditures						
Total Paid to Suppliers/Vendors in the City of Worcester	\$65,452,218.12					
Total Paid to Suppliers/Vendors in Worcester County	\$105,882,701.95					
Total Paid to Suppliers/Vendors in Massachusetts	\$389,987,211.97					
Capital Expenditures						
Total Paid to Contractors/Vendors in the City of Worcester	\$33,282,023.00					
Total Paid to Contractors/Vendors in Worcester County	\$72,719,300.08					
Total Paid to Contractors/Vendors in Massachusetts	\$109,555,185.92					

Source: Higher Education Consortium of Central Massachusetts

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Greater Worcester Higher Education Institutions: Taxes, F	ees, Costs, Etc., 2022
Worcester	
Real Estate Taxes	\$2,317,636.02
Water/Sewer Fees	\$5,101,260.59
Other Fees (permits, licenses, inspections, etc.)	\$676,075.00
Other Financial Contributions	\$1,268,739.00
Police Department	\$740,912.09
Fire Department	\$16,985.00
Dudley, North Grafton, Paxton, or West Boylston	
Real Estate Taxes	\$23,008.79
Water/Sewer Fees	\$325,181.07
Other Fees (permits, licenses, inspections, etc.)	\$7,450.00
Other Financial Contributions	\$84,581.61
Police Department	\$733,596.62
Fire Department	\$25,000.00

Source: Higher Education Consortium of Central Massachusetts



Worcester Public Schools: Strategic Plan E	Benchmarks				
		2018	2019	2021	2023
	SCHOOL IMPROVEME	NT			
Reduce number of schools performing at or	Benchmark	10 Schools	9 Schools	7 Schools	5 Schools
below the 10th percentile statewide	Actual	10 Schools	10 Schools	Not Issued by DESE	Not Issued by DESE
Increase the number of schools demonstrating or maintaining an SGP in	Benchmark	50%	50.33%	50.67%	51%
ELA higher than state median 50%	Actual	50%	52.10%	6.5%*	N/A
Increase the number of schools	Benchmark	49%	49.33%	49.67%	50%
demonstrating or maintaining an SGP in Math to higher than state median 50%	Actual	54%	60.90%	2.2%*	N/A
100 % of top-performing schools maintain their performance levels on state- designated metrics	Benchmark	9 schools	9 schools (Minimum)	9 schools	9 schools
	Actual	9 schools	9 schools	Not Issued by DESE	Not Issued by DESE
100% of building leaders participate in	Benchmark	N/A	25%	45%	100%
Principal Academy	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ACADEMIC EXCELLEN	CE			
Reduce proficiency gap to 75% in English	Benchmark	50%	58%	67%	75%
Language Arts and Math	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
47% of 3 rd Grade students will meet or	Benchmark	31%	36%	41%	47%
exceed benchmarks on English Language Arts MCAS	Actual	31%	37%	31%**	24%
49% of 3 rd Grade students will meet or	Benchmark	29%	36%	42%	49%
exceed benchmarks on Math MCAS	Actual	29%	30%	15%**	26%
49 % of 8 th Grade students will meet or	Benchmark	33%	38%	44%	49%
exceed benchmarks on English Language Arts MCAS	Actual	33%	34%	22%**	28%
46 % of 8 th Grade students will meet or	Benchmark	25%	32%	39%	46%
exceed benchmarks on Math MCAS	Actual	23%	23%	13%**	19%
100% of 12 th graders enroll and pass a	Benchmark	N/A	80%	90%	100%
college or career success activity prior to graduation (e.g. AP, dual enrollment, internship)	Actual	TBD	N/A	N/A	N/A
100% of students can engage in a digital	Benchmark	30%	53%	76%	100%
learning experience (e.g., course or skill	Actual (edtech exp)***	N/A	N/A	98%	N/A
building activity in K-5)	Actual (course exp)****	13%	55%	53%	N/A

^{*}MCAS Spring 2020 was not administered and Spring 2021 was administered remotely or in-person

^{**}MCAS administration was both remote and in-person. MCAS was not administered in 2020.

^{***}Education technology experience reflects the percentage of students using Clever to access education technology applications and platforms for learning. Tracking of this metric began in SY20 in the Clever platform ("Analytics">"EdTech Analytics">percentage of students logging into Clever) and was at 92% ****Course Experience reflects K-12 students taking any course that contains keywords such as digital or technology Source: Worcester Public Schools



		2018	2019	2021	2023
Welcoming	Schools				
	Benchmark	16.9%	15.8%	14.6%	13.5%
Reduce chronic absenteeism to 13.5% for students	Actual	17.0%	15.0%	15.0%	26.5%
Reduce number of youth disciplined for non- drug, non-	Benchmark	71%	61%	51%	41%
violent, and non-criminal offenses by 30%	Actual	71%	57%	32%	N/A
Reduce percentage of students suspended for non- drug,	Benchmark	4.8%	4.48%	3.84%	3.2%
non-violent, and non-criminal offenses by one-third districtwide	Actual	4.8%	3.70%	0.00%	N/A
Reduce number of students suspended for non- drug, non- violent, and non-criminal offenses by one-third in each subgroup			Shown Below		
English Languago Logrnor	Benchmark	4.7%	4.4%	3.8%	3.1%
English Language Learner	Actual	4.7%	3.1%	0.1%	N/A
Economically disadvantaged	Benchmark	6.1%	5.7%	4.9%	4.1%
Economically disadvantaged	Actual	6.1%	4.5%	0.0%	N/A
Students w/ disabilitie.	Benchmark	10.4%	9.7%	8.3%	7.0%
Students wy disabilitie.	Actual	10.4%	7.5%	0.1%	N/A
High need.	Benchmark	5.5%	5.1%	4.4%	3.7%
nigh heed.	Actual	5.5%	4.0%	0.0%	N/A
American Indian or Alaska Native	Benchmark	11.4%	10.6%	9.1%	7.6%
American matan or Alaska Native	Actual	11.4%	not reported	not reported	N/A
Asia	Benchmark	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%
Asiai	['] Actual	0.7%	0.6%	not reported	N/A
African American/Black	Benchmark	4.8%	4.5%	3.8%	3.2%
African American black	Actual	4.8%	3.8%	not reported	N/A
Hispanic/Latino	Benchmark	6.7%	6.3%	5.4%	4.5%
rnspunc/Lutin	Actual	6.7%	4.7%	0.0%	N/A
Multi-race, Non-Hispanic/Latino	Benchmark	6.6%	6.2%	5.3%	4.4%
Platte-race, Non-Frispanic/Latin	Actual	6.6%	5.1%	not reported	N/A
White	Benchmark	3.1%	2.9%	2.5%	2.1%
vvnus	Actual	3.1%	2.5%	not reported	N/A
100% of student engage in social and emotional support	Benchmark	N/A	33%	75%	100%
initiatives by graduation	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Paduca dranaut rata to 1.99/	Benchmark	2.2%	2%	1.93%	1.8%
Reduce dropout rate to 1.8%	Actual	2.3%	2.6%	1.10%	N/A
By 2023 all schools have a parent liaison trained in parent	Benchmark	20%	46%	72%	100%
engagement best practices*	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Increase the number of schools with an active site council	Benchmark	0	10%	30%	50%
representative of the school community by 50%**	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
80% of families report using student information and	Benchmark	N/A	26%	52%	80%
communication vehicles	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

^{*}Model changed. WPS are increasing Wrap-around coordinators.

Source: Worcester Public Schools

^{**}All schools have school site councils.

Worcester Public Schools: Strategic Plan Bench	nmarks				
		2018	2019	2021	2023
	EDUCATORS				
100% of educators proficient or higher on	Benchmark	97.4%	97.6%	98.1%	98.5%
evaluation	Actual	96.9%	97.5%	97.8%	N/A
La cue di caratti af a cui birra bu 250/	Benchmark	N/A	8%	17%	25%
ncrease diversity of new hires by 25%	Actual	22.4%	28.1%	25.5%	N/A
80% of district- and school- level professional	Benchmark	N/A	27%	53%	80%
development opportunities align with strategic plan training areas	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
50% of educators earn continuing education credits in priority areas of strategic plan*	Benchmark	N/A	17%	33%	50%
	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
80% of educators report application of practices aligned with training area**	Benchmark	N/A	27%	53%	80%
	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
80% of all leadership and educators will report	Benchmark	N/A	26%	52%	80%
that they have proficiency in the ISTE standards***	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	OPERATIONS				
100% of School Committee meetings are guided	Benchmark	N/A	33%	75%	100%
by a consent agenda supported by mayor and superintendent****	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Increase participation of the community in	Benchmark	N/A	13%	26%	40%
existing governance meetings by 40%	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1 2004	Benchmark	N/A	4%	12%	20%
Increase per-pupil expenditure by 20%	Actual	N/A	4%	21%	N/A
Increase the revenue from in-kind or financial	Benchmark	N/A	6%	13%	20%
contributions within the community by 20%	Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

^{*100%} of educators earn professional development points
**100% of educators earn professional development points based on demonstration of application of learning

^{***}BrightBytes survey administered in SY22: Leadership & Educators were proficient on 6 of 7 ISTE standards

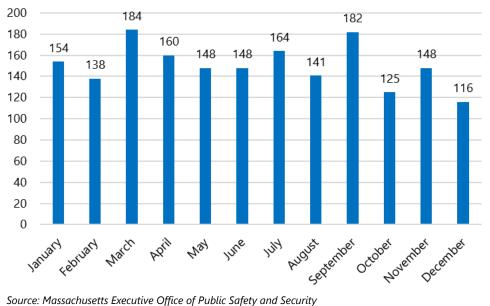
^{****}As of January 2022, 100% of the School Committee meetings are guided by a consent agenda supported by the vice chair and superintendent Source: Worcester Public Schools



Worcester: Arrest Offenses, 2022			
Simple Assault	503	Theft From Motor Vehicle	12
Aggravated Assault	288	Motor Vehicle Theft	12
Drug/Narcotic Violations	244	All Other Larceny	8
All Other Offenses	88	Theft From Building	7
Shoplifting	81	Counterfeiting/Forgery	6
Disorderly Conduct	80	Fondling	6
Trespass of Real Property	79	Rape	5
Prostitution	59	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	5
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	54	Embezzlement	3
Weapon Law Violations	52	Arson	3
Liquor Law Violations	44	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	3
Stolen Property Offenses	41	Credit Card/Automatic Teller Fraud	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	34	Pornography/Obscene Material	1
Robbery	26	Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	1
Kidnapping/Abduction	22	Animal Cruelty	1
Driving Under the Influence	20	Statutory Rape	1
Intimidation	18		
	Tota		1,808

Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

WORCESTER: ARRESTEES PER MONTH, 2022



Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security



Worceste	er: Offense	and Clearan	ce, 2010-20	22
Year	Offense Total	Number Cleared	Clearance Rate	Massachusetts Clearance Rate
2010	14,557	4,268	29.32%	26.41%
2011	14,533	3,987	27.43%	27.07%
2012	14,737	3,953	26.82%	27.45%
2013	14,522	4,011	27.62%	28.41%
2014	14,125	3,934	27.85%	29.09%
2015	12,951	3,350	25.87%	28.97%
2016	13,291	3,618	27.22%	30.25%
2017	11,557	3,531	30.55%	30.69%
2018	11,196	3,153	28.16%	31.50%
2019	10,896	3,003	27.56%	30.31%
2020	10,959	2,297	20.96%	22.29%
2021	10,794	2,087	19.33%	25.27%
2022	10,198	1,986	19.47%	25.84%

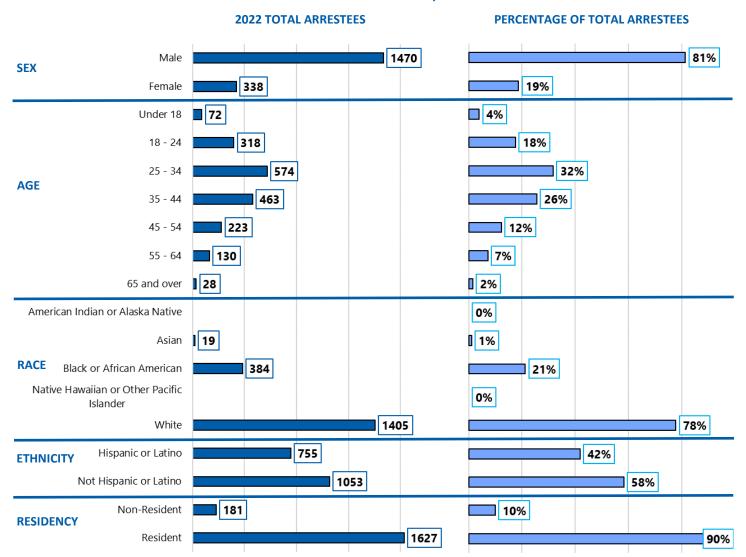
Source: National Incident-Based Reporting System

Worcester: Crime Statistics, 2012-2021										
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Aggravated Assault	1298	1236	1347	1186	1177	974	928	883	915	961
Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter	8	9	6	8	8	5	4	13	10	6
Rape	33	22	7	26	63	42	49	40	38	41
Robbery	419	483	402	407	394	324	290	229	210	191
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	2040	1916	1414	1214	1366	866	849	786	690	745
Larceny-Theft	3927	3924	3824	3765	3473	2784	2790	2637	2679	2508
Motor Vehicle Theft	465	399	366	396	519	397	340	369	440	383
Arson	6	7	2	3	5	7	9	6	10	12

Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program, NIBRS



WORCESTER: ARRESTS BY THE WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT, 2022



Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

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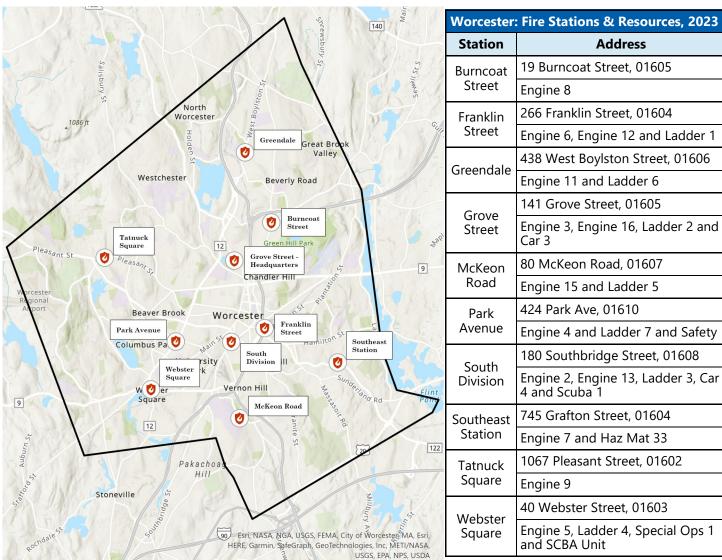
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Worcester: Staffing for Police & Fire, FY23					
Fire	Fire				
Fire Chief	1	Chief of Police	1		
Assistant Fire Chief	2	Deputy Police Chief	4		
Deputy Fire Chief	4	Police Captain	8		
District Fire Chief	12	Police Lieutenant	24		
Captain	28	Police Sergeant	59		
Lieutenant	70	Police Officers	361		
Firefighter	327	Other	59		
Other	14				
TOTAL	458	TOTAL	516		

Source: City of Worcester, FY23 Budget



WORCESTER: FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS, 2022



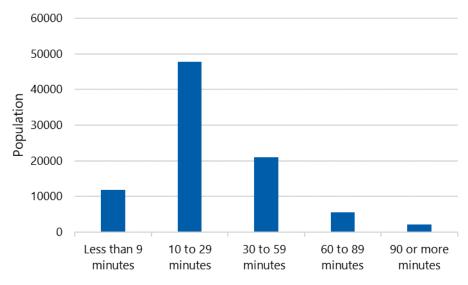
WORCESTER: WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY, 2022

NFIRS Incident Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1 - Fire	1,502	1,425	1,266	1,381	1,307	911	1,156	1,181
2 - Overpressure / rupture	47	30	29	36	75	15	23	22
3 - EMS / rescue	22,521	24,080	23,727	22,339	21,489	11,572	20,270	22,913
4 - Hazardous conditions	986	926	1,041	1,061	1,004	759	966	913
5 - Service calls	1,333	1,419	1,439	2,338	1,947	1,299	1,805	1,985
6 - Good intent	2,149	1,951	2,168	2,340	2,147	1,157	1,779	1,877
7 - False alarm	3,206	3,281	3,138	3,618	3,489	2,122	3,395	3,782
8 - Weather / natural disaster	3	3	1	6	1	2		5
Total	31,747	33,115	32,809	33,119	31,459	17,837	29,394	32,678

Source: City of Worcester, Informing Worcester





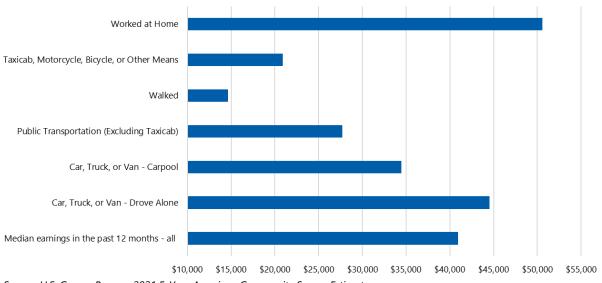


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester Work Commute Patterns (Workers 16 Years & Older), 2021						
	Number Worcester Residents	Percent Worcester Residents	Number MA Residents	Percent MA Residents		
Car, Truck, or Van - Drove Alone	65,870	68.3%	2,370,510	66.0%		
Car, Truck, or Van - Carpooled	10,959	11.4%	252,227	7.0%		
Public Transportation (Excluding Taxicab)	2,662	2.8%	300,001	8.4%		
Walked	5,970	6.2%	163,881	4.6%		
Other Means (Taxicab, Motorcycle, Bicycle, or Other Means)	3,018	3.1%	77,776	2.2%		
Worked at Home	7,970	8.3%	427,203	11.9%		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: MEDIAN EARNINGS BY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK, 2021



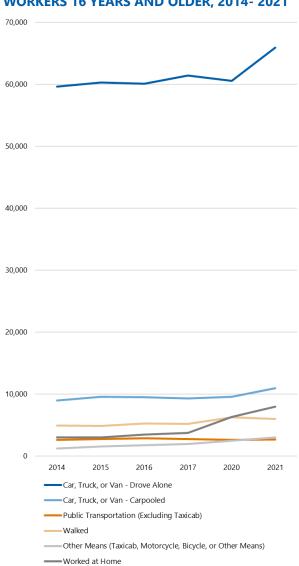
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates



Worcester: 2022 Traffic Counts for Each Location					
Location	Average Annual Daily Traffic Count				
I-290 above Washington Square	129,346				
I-290 above College Square	88,217				
I-190 at I290 Southbound	26,885				
Belmont Street at Lake Avenue	31,843				
Belmont Street at Officer Manny Familia Way	17,084				
I-290 Exit 13 (Kelley Square) (All Ramps)	30,694				
I-90 & Rt. 146 Interchange (All Directions)	24,973				
Park Avenue at Chandler Street	21,906				
Pleasant Street West of Flagg Street	15,523				
Grafton Street at Sunderland Road	17,152				
Plantation Street South of Boylston Street	13,525				
Salisbury Street East of Park Avenue	11,907				
West Boylston Street at West Mountain Street	11,396				
Mill Street North of Park Avenue	11,417				
Green Street at Winter Street	8,587				
Airport Drive at Mill Street	5,558				
Pleasant Street West of Park Ave	7,293				
Pleasant Street East of Park Ave	10,374				
Pleasant St. & Highland Ave. at Newton Square	29,772				
Madison St between Washington and Harding	25,702				

Source: Massachusetts Department of Transportation

WORCESTER: WORK COMMUTE PATTERNS, WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OLDER, 2014-2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Survey

Greater Wo	rcester: Re	gistere	ed Motor V	ehic	les, 2023							
	Passenger	Truck	Motorycle	Bus	Ambulance	Camper	Auto- Home	Equipment	Low Speed	Fire Truck	Anonymized	Total
Auburn	14,734	880	294	11	2	27	35	38		2	4	16,027
Boylston	4,778	281	125		1	17	23	10		1	3	5,239
Grafton	15,547	227	318	50		33	43	10		4	10	16,242
Holden	16,048	265	326		2	25	28	13		3	9	16,719
Leicester	9,247	153	276	18	4	25	22			5	5	9,755
Millbury	11,812	337	340	36		24	29	4		5	5	12,592
Paxton	3,963	64	99		1	8	8	2			5	4,150
Shrewsbury	29,771	741	448	195		27	47	18		3	6	31,256
West Boylston	6,351	245	148		2	11	14	12		1	3	6,787
Worcester	111,681	2,073	1,260	572	78	74	66	57	22	18	3	115,904

Source: Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Vehicle Census



Worcester Street Infrastructure, 2023					
Streets (Miles)					
Public Streets	438				
Private Streets	80				
Sidewalks (Miles)					
Asphalt	306				
Concrete	182				
Street Lights	13,579				
Parking Meters - Smart Kiosks	Approximately 190				
Electric Car Charging Ports					
Publicly Owned	30				
w/in 10 miles of Worcester (ChargeHub)	257				

Source: Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks, Worcester City Clerk, & ChargeHub

Worcester: Rideshare Data, 2019-2022						
	2019	2020	2021	2022		
Rides Started in Worcester	1,606,509	808,773	786,978	1,235,568		
Rides Within Worcester	1,327,546	652,002	595,910	960,146		
Rides Ended in Worcester	1,564,526	776,240	740,970	1,181,749		
Rides Started per person	8.87	4.47	3.81	5.98		
Rides Ended Per Person	8.64	4.29	3.59	5.72		
Average Miles Per Hour	21	26	27.78	27.1		
Average Ride Distance (Miles)	2.8	5.3	6.3	5.85		
Average Ride Time (Minutes)	7.9	12.11	13.62	12.96		

Source: Massachusetts Transportation Network Company, Division of Department of Public Utilities

Worcester: Taxi and Livery Service, as of August 2023				
Taxi Medallions	110			
Taxi Drivers	145			
Registered Livery Vehicles	35			
Livery Drivers	84			

Source: Worcester Police Department

Worcester Regional Airport, ORH, 2022	
Aircraft Operations - Number of Flights	
Transient General Aviation	9,561
Local General Aviation	6,222
Air Taxi	2,693
Commercial	3,245
Military	1038
Number of Commercial Passengers	160,656
Aircraft Based at Field	
Single Engine Planes	50
Multi-Engine Planes	5

Source: Worcester Regional Airport, Federal Aviation Administration

Worcester Trash and Recycling, 2022					
Trash Disposal Tonnage	25,927				
Single Stream Recyclables Tonnage	10,278				
Yard Waste (Cubic Yards)	65,000				

Source: City of Worcester

king Garages Capacity, 2022
819
511
983
500
500
240
100

Source: City of Worcester, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, 2022

Worcester Water and Sewer Infrastructure, 202					
Miles of Water Main Pipe	634				
Reservoirs	10				
Fire Hydrants					
Public	5,365				
Private	495				
Total Miles of Sewer Pipes	834				
Sanitary Sewers	400				
Surface Sewers	374				
Combined Sewers	61				
Number of Manholes	28,293				
Number of Catch Basins	16,138				

Source: City of Worcester, City Council Manual 2022-2023

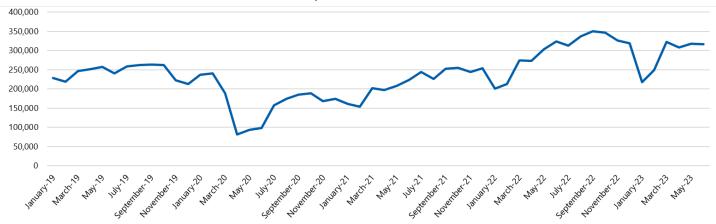


Worcester Regional Transit Authority, FY2023	
Service Area	
Number of Towns Serviced across All Service Types	37
of which Fixed-Route	16
Population Served across All Service Types	578,732
Key Data for Fixed-Route Service	
Annual Passenger Miles	15,575,560
Annual Unlinked Passenger Trips	3,935,482
Average Weekday Unlinked Passenger Trips	13,670
Average Saturday Unlinked Passenger Trips	6,351
Average Sunday Unlinked Passenger Trips	2,792
Annual Vehicle Revenue Miles	2,054,466
Annual Vehicle Revenue Hours	168,084
Vehicles Operated Across All Service Types	
Vehicles Operated	102
Vehicles Available	125
Number of Electrics	0
Number of Clean Diesel Buses	39
Number of Hybrid Diesel-Electric Buses	15

Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) was established in September 1974 to contract for the operation of mass transportation facilities and services in the Worcester region. It is the second largest regional transit authority in Massachusetts, serving 37 communities. While the WRTA owns the facilities and rolling stock, the organization contracts with Central Mass Transit Management, Paratransit Brokerage Inc., and Services, Transit Management Inc. for the provision of services.

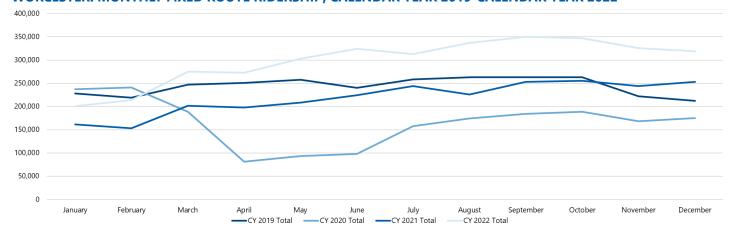
Source: Worcester Regional Transit Authority

WORCESTER: MONTHLY FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP, JANUARY 2019-JUNE 2023



Source: Worcester Regional Transit Authority

WORCESTER: MONTHLY FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP, CALENDAR YEAR 2019-CALENDAR YEAR 2022



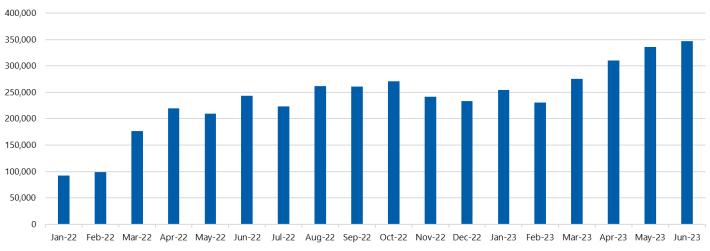
Source: Worcester Regional Transit Authority



Worcester Commuter Rail: Spring/Summer 2023	
Inbound Trains (Weekday)	17
Outbound Trains (Weekday)	17
Inbound Trains (Weekend & Holiday)	10
Outbound Trains (Weekend & Holiday)	10

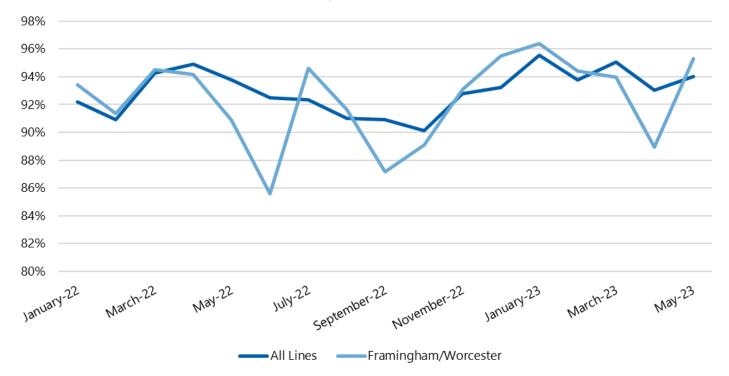
Source: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

FRAMINGHAM/WORCESTER COMMUTER RAIL: ESTIMATED BOARDINGS BY MONTH, JANUARY 2022-JUNE 2023



Source: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

MBTA COMMUTER RAIL: ON-TIME PERFORMANCE, JANUARY 22-MAY 23



Source: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority



ester Cultural Coalition Members, by sector 2023	
ervice Organizations	Performing Arts
American for the Arts	4th Wall Stage Company
Art in the Park, Worcester	All Saints Music Series
ArtReach	American Guild of Organizts, Worcester Chapter
ArtsWorcester	Apple Tree Arts
Calliope Productions, Inc	Arts on the Green
Casita Cultura Latina	Arts Transcending Borders at The College of the Holy Cross
Centro Inc.	Assabet Valley Mastersingers
Creative Hub Worcester Inc.	Assumption College - Human Arts
Crocodile River Music	Calliope Productions, Inc.
Friends of the Stone Church, Inc	Casita Cultura Latina
Guardians of Traditions	Central Massachusetts Jewish Theatre Company
Hellenic Arts Society	Clark Arts
Main IDEA	Crocodile River Music
Mass Cultural Council	Flamenco Worcester
MASSCreative	Friends of the Stone Church, Inc.
Master Singers of Worcester	Greater Worcester Opera, Inc.
Monano Art	Guardians of Traditions
New England Foundation for the Arts	Hellenic Arts Society
New England Jazz Enrichment Foundation	·
3	Joy of Music
No Evil Project	Massachusetts Symphony Orchestra
OurStory Entertainment	Master Singers of Worcester
Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester	Mechanics Hall
qFLIX USA, Inc.	Monano Art
Ritmos Dance Studio Inc.	Music Worcester, Inc.
Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts	Musicians of the Old Post Road
stART on the Street	New England Jazz Enrichment Foundation
Technocopia	New England Symphony Orchestra
The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts	Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester
The Shakespeare Concerts	Raices Cultural Arts
The Village Worcester	Ritmos Dance Studio Inc.
ValleyCAST	Salisbury Singers, Inc.
Worcester Arts Council	Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts
Worcester Caribbean American Carnival Association	Studio Theatre Worcester
Worcester Center for Crafts	The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Peforming Arts
Worcester Hip Hop Congress	The Shakespeare Concerts
Worcester Youth Orchestras, Inc	ValleyCAST
ture & Poetry	VOX New England
The Shakespeare Concerts	WCCA TV "The People's Channel"
American Antiquarian Society	WCLOC Theater Company
Hellenic Arts Society	Worcester Chamber Music Society
Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts	Worcester Children's Chorus
Technocopia	Worcester Music Academy
Worcester County Poetry Association	Worcester State University Visual and Performing Art
· ·	Worcester Youth Orchestras, Inc

Source: Worcester Cultural Coalition



REPORT 23-10: Worcester Almanac: ARTS, CULTURE,	& SPORTS
rcester Cultural Coalition Members, by sector 2023	
ation & Libraries	Museums & Galleries
African Community Education	Casita Cultura Latina
American Antiquarian Society	ArtsWorcester
Assumption College - Human Arts	Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery, College of the Holy Cross
Casita Cultura Latina	Museum of Russian Icons
Creative Hub Worcester Inc.	Old Sturbridge Village
Crocodile River Music	Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts
Guardians of Traditions	Sprinkler Factory
Higgins School of Humanities at Clark University	ValleyCAST
Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester	Worcester Art Museum
Preservation Worcester	Worcester Historical Museum
Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts	Worcester State University Visual and Performing A
Technocopia	Science & Nature
The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts	ArtReach
Worcester Music Academy	EcoTarium
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Mass Audobon Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center & Wildlife Sanctuary
Worcester Public Library	Mass Audobon Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctu
Worcester State University Visual and Performing Arts	New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill
ia	Regional Environmental Council (REC)
90.5 WICN	Technocopia
AVATAR Computing, Inc.	ValleyCAST
MassDiGl at Becker College	Source: Worcester Cultural Coalition
qFLIX USA, Inc.	Source. Workester Cultural Coulition
Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation Inc.	1
Technocopia	1
WCCA TV "The People's Channel"	Worcester Cultural Coalition — The Worcest
WCUW	Cultural Coalition is a public-private partnersh
ory & Heritage	established in 1999 between the City of Worcester a
African Community Education	12 cultural organizations. Its mission is to draw of
American Antiquarian Society	Worcester's rich and diverse cultural assets to fost
Friends of the Sonte Church, Inc.	economic revitalization, support active, creati
Guardians of Traditions	engagement for all and promote a strong culture
Hellenic Arts Society	identity for Creater Warranter

Hellenic Arts Society Mechanics Hall Old Sturbridge Village OurStory Edutainment Preservation Worcester Ritmos Dance Studio Inc. Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral identity for Greater Worcester.

Worcester Women's History Project



In 2018, the City of Worcester, Worcester Cultural Coalition, and the Greater Worcester Community Foundation partnered to craft a 10-year cultural plan for the City of Worcester. Published in 2019, Becoming Worcester: The Evolution of a Creative City, outlines 20 priorities for the next decade. In FY22, the Cultural Plan is undergoing a strategic restructuring to reflect current circumstances.

- cohesive image and brand that reflects and highlights the City's many strengths
- 2. Install branding and wayfinding that welcomes people to Worcester at key entrances to the City 12. Incorporate universal and to distinctive neighborhoods
- 3. Promote neighborhoods based on their unique 13. Advocate for affordable housing across the City, history, college assets—like cultural spaces, campuses, events, parks, architecture, restaurants, and shopping
- Identify existing neighborhood nodes that are gathering places for our wide range of geographically and ethnically based communities
- 5. Work with City agencies and civic groups to 15. Actively promote the value and importance of enhance connections and communications with our colleges & universities, the airport, hotels, and the cultural sector
- policy, and continue streetscape updating throughout the City, prioritizing areas adjacent to schools and public gathering places
- 7. Work collaboratively to deliver improvements to the City's public transportation system to help people efficiently get to all areas of the City
- activate empty storefronts as creative spaces and provide opportunities for collaboration between artists, residents, businesses, and community organizations
- 9. Engage "9-to-5ers" downtown by encouraging business as well as civic and cultural groups to offer incentives to participate in activities organizations after work
- 10. Expand municipal Public Art program to include a "Percent for Art" requirement for state and municipal capital construction projects

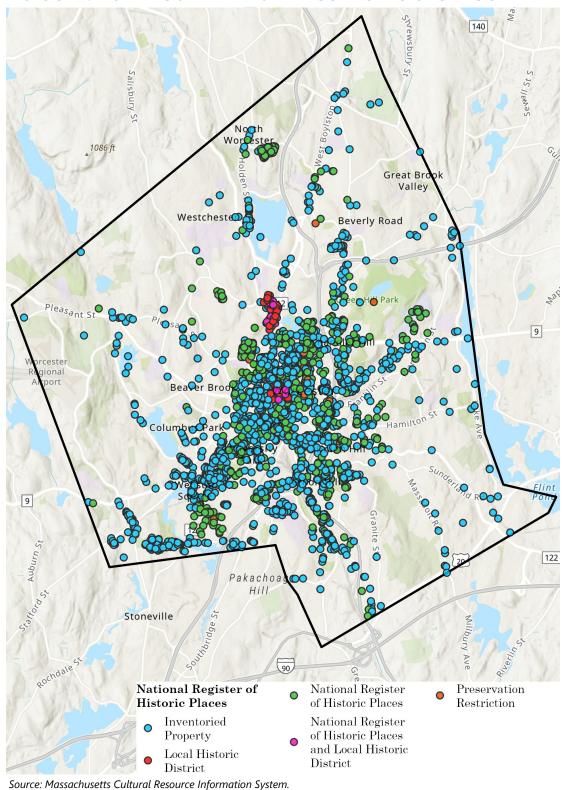
Source: Worcester Cultural Coalition

- 1. Shape and tell the "Worcester Story" through a 11. Improve City regulations to make public spaces more user-friendly for organized events, and encourage an expanded mix and range of public space programming
 - design standards exhibition, performance, and event planning
 - and support development of a "creative village" with artist live-work spaces
 - 14. Actively promote the value and importance of diversity that is fully representative of the City on community-wide and committees, and other decision-making bodies
 - diversity that is fully representative of the community on local non-profit boards, community coalitions, and other communal organizations
- 6. Expand implementation of the complete streets 16. Partner with the college and university admissions offices to promote Worcester as a desirable destination for prospective students
 - 17. Strengthen partnerships to establish guidelines and create more pathways for artists and cultural organizations to enrich the lives of students and their families both during an after school
 - Engage with business and property owners to 18. Provide development services and investment funds for new creative enterprises
 - 19. Design and launch an artist-in-residence program in such environments as municipal government, business, and neighborhoods to incorporate creative design on the front-end of projects
 - 20. Advocate for an allocation in the City budget to support public art, artist residencies and special events which support creative placemaking



The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 established the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places, a list of the nation's historic sites to facilitate public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect historic and archeological buildings and properties. According to the National Park Service, listing on the National Register of Historic Places imposes no restrictions on what a non-federal owner may do with the property up to and including destruction, unless the property is involved in a project that receives federal assistance through funding or licensing/permitting.

WORCESTER: PROPERTIES ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES





Greater Worcester: High School Sports Highlights, 2022-2023

North High Boys' Basketball: D-1 State Championship

Nashoba Regional High School Boys' Ice Hockey: D-3 State Championship

Shrewsbury Girls' Ice Hockey: D-1 State Championship

Uxbridge Field Hockey: D-4

West Boylston Football: D-7 State Championship

Sutton Girls' Soccer: D-5

Westborough Girls' Volleyball: D-2 State Championship

Source: Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

Greater Worcester: College League Athletic Achievements, 2022-2023

Worcester State Men's Soccer: MASCAC Tournament Championship

Worcester State Field Hockey: MASCAC Regular Season Championship

Worcester State Men's Basketball: MASCAC Regular & Tournament Championship

Holy Cross Football: Patriot League Championship

WPI Men's Basketball: NEWMAC League Championship

Assumption Football: NE10 Championship

Assumption Men's Golf: NE10 Championship

Source: NCAA Conference Websites

Worcester: Bravehearts Baseball, 2022				
Record			Atten	dance
Wins	Losses	Percentage	Total	Average
26	36	0.419	48,070	1,602

Source: Baseball Point Streak

Worcester Red Sox, 2022					
Record		Attendance			
Wins	Losses	Percentage	Total	Average Per Game	
75	73	0.507	546,955 7,638		
Notes					
The Woo	The WooSox finished Sixth in the International League East Division				

Source: Standings via MILB; Attendance via MassLive

Worce	Worcester: Railers Hockey, 2022-23				
	Record				
Wins	Losses	Overtime Losses	Shootout Losses	Percentage	
34	34	4	0	0.5	
	Attendance				

The Railers ranked 15th in the ECHL in attendance averaging 3,934 attendees per game.

Source: East Coast Hockey League; Attendance via Hockey Database

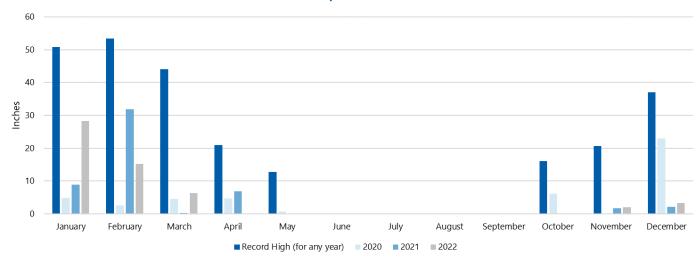
Worcester: Massachusetts Pirates Arena Football, 2023				
Record				
Wins Losses Percentage				
9	7	0.5625		
Notes				

The Pirates had the 4th highest Average Points per Game in the IFL

Source: Indoor Football League (IFL)

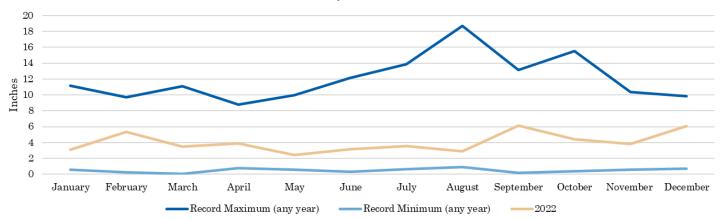


WORCESTER: SNOWFALL & RECORD HIGH BY MONTH, 2020-2022



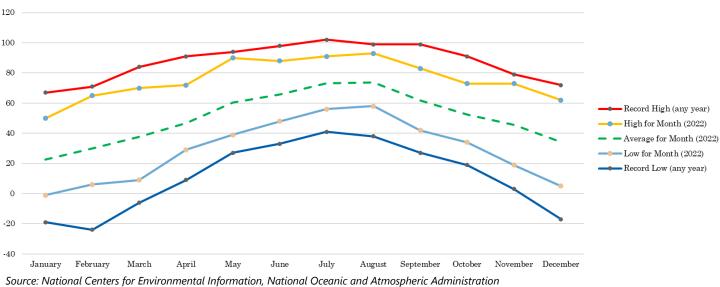
Source: National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WORCESTER: PRECIPITATION & RECORD BY MONTH, 2022



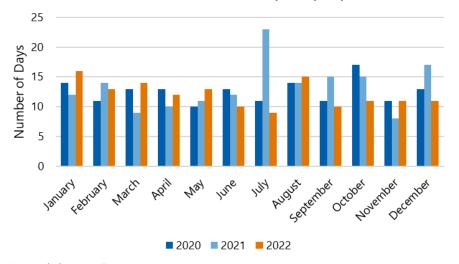
Source: National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WORCESTER: AVERAGE HIGH & LOW TEMPERATURES COMPARED TO RECORD, 2022





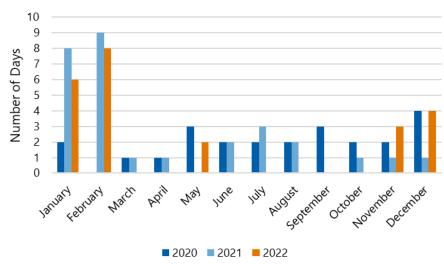
WORCESTER: NUMBER OF DAYS WITH FOG, MIST, ICE, OR FREEZING FOG, 2019-2022



*May Include Heavy Fog

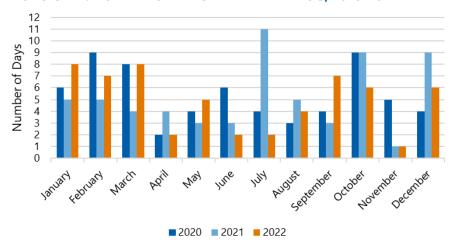
Source: National Centers for Environmental Information, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WORCESTER: NUMBER OF DAYS WITH SMOKE OR HAZE, 2019-2022



Source: National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

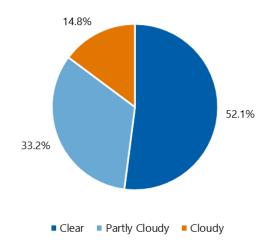
WORCESTER: NUMBER OF DAYS WITH HEAVY FOG, 2019-2022



*Heavy fog is fog with visibility less than 1/4 mile Source: National Centers for Environmental Information, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

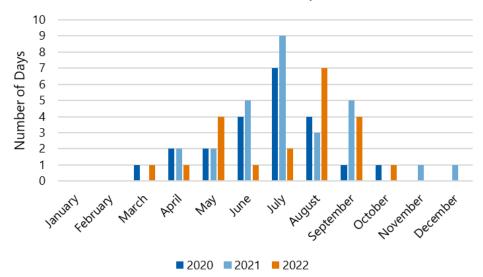


WORCESTER: CLEAR DAYS, 2022



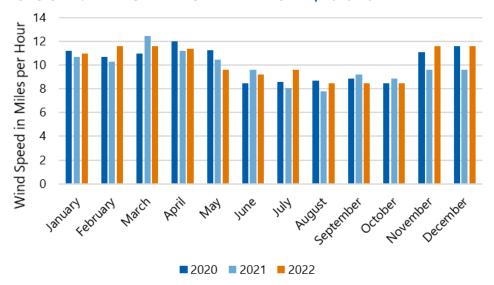
Source: National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WORCESTER: NUMBER OF DAYS WITH THUNDER, 2020-2022



Source: National Centers for Environmental Information, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

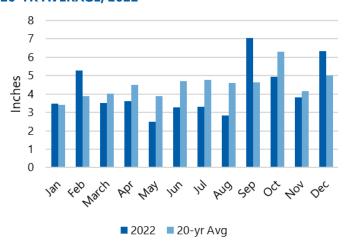
WORCESTER: AVERAGE WIND SPEED PER MONTH, 2020-2022



Source: National Centers for Environmental Information, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

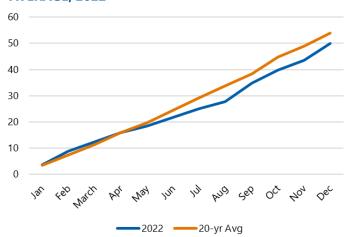


WORCESTER: MONTHLY AVERAGE RAINFALL VERSUS 20-YR AVERAGE, 2022



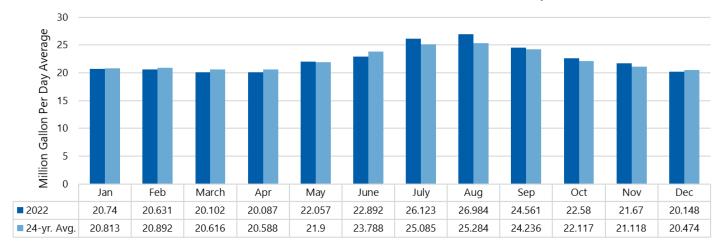
Source: City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks

WORCESTER: CUMULATIVE RAINFALL VERSUS 20-YR AVERAGE, 2022



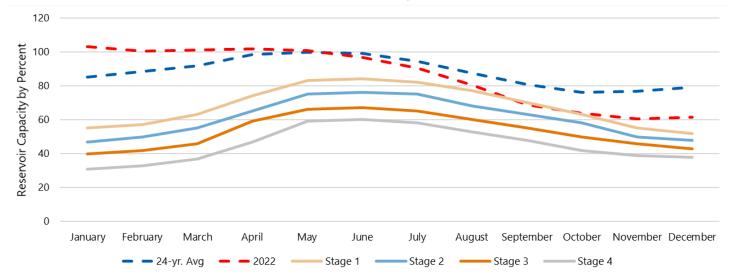
Source: City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks

WORCESTER: MONTHLY AVERAGE WATER CONSUMPTION VERSUS 24-YEAR AVERAGE, 2022



Source: City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks

WORCESTER: RESERVOIR CAPACITY VERSUS DROUGHT STAGES, 2022



Source: City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks



Worcester: Reservoirs - Surface Water & Capacity				
High Service				
	Surface Water (acres)	Capacity (gallons)		
Lynde Brook	131.8	717,422,000		
Kettle Brook, No. 1	11.5	19,307,000		
Kettle Brook, No. 2	30.8	127,310,000		
Kettle Brook, No. 3	37.4	152,306,000		
Kettle Brook, No. 4	118.6	513,746,000		
Low Service				
Holden, No. 1	129.8	720,319,000		
Holden, No. 2	52.6	257,398,000		
Kendall	175	792,163,000		
Pine Hill	345.3	2,970,966,000		
Quinapoxet	280	1,100,000,000		

Source: City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks

Worcester: Lakes, Rivers, Pond	s, Brooks, and Waterfalls
Lakes	Rivers
Indian Lake	Blackstone River
Lake Quinsigamond	Middle River
Ponds	Quinsigamond River
Bell Pond	Streams and Brooks
Burncoat Park Pond	Beaver Brook
Cider Mill Pond	Broad Meadow Brook
Coes Pond	Coal Mine Brook
Cook Pond (Thayer's Reservoir)	Kettle Brook
Curtis Pond	Mill Brook
Flint Pond	Poor Farm Brook
Green Hill Pond	Tatnuck Brook
Jamesville Pond	Weasel Brook
Leesville Pond	Waterfalls
Meres Ponds at Elm Park	The Cascade
Patch Pond	
Salisbury Pond	
Smith Pond	

Source: City of Worcester Open Space and Recreation Plan, 2020

Worcester's Hills
Airport Hill
Bancroft Hill (Bell Hill)
Grafton Hill
Green Hill
Pakachoag Hill
Vernon Hill
Indian Hill
Newton Hill
Poet's Hill
Wigwam Hill
Union Hill
Prospect Hill

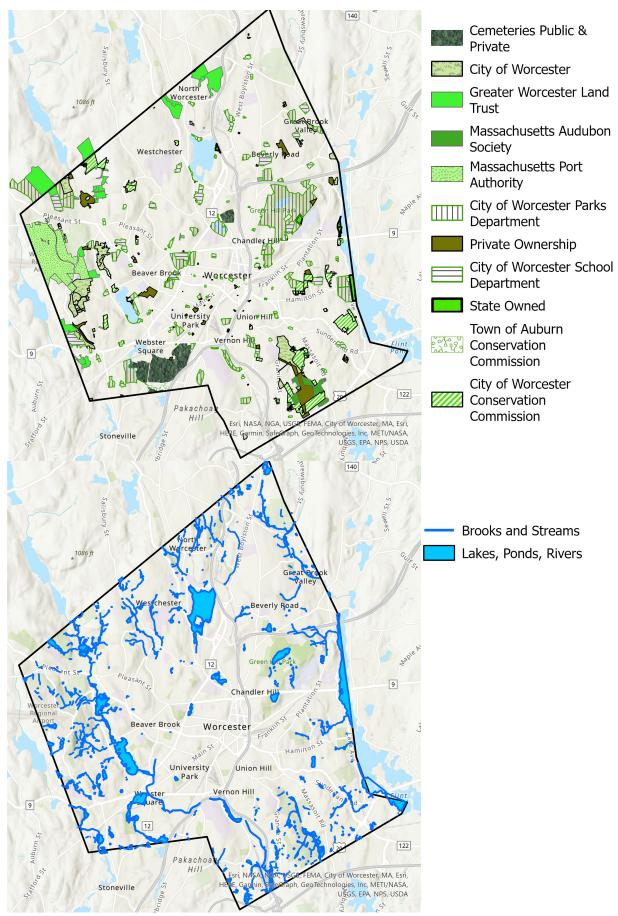
Source: City of Worcester Open Space and Recreation Plan, 2013

Worcester is located at the headwaters of the Blackstone River and is part of the Blackstone River Watershed. The watershed includes a 640 square mile basin, receiving water from 29 towns in Central Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Worcester is famous for its hills, and by popular myth, the city is said to have seven hills like Ancient Rome. In reality, Worcester has 12 named hills.

The City of Worcester released its Open Space and Recreation Plan 2021-2028. It is available here: http://www.worcesterma.gov/parks/document-center.

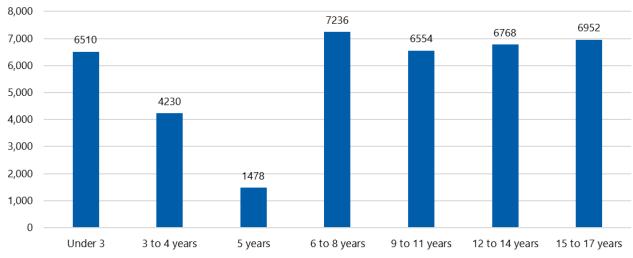




Source: GIS Data—City of Worcester, MA

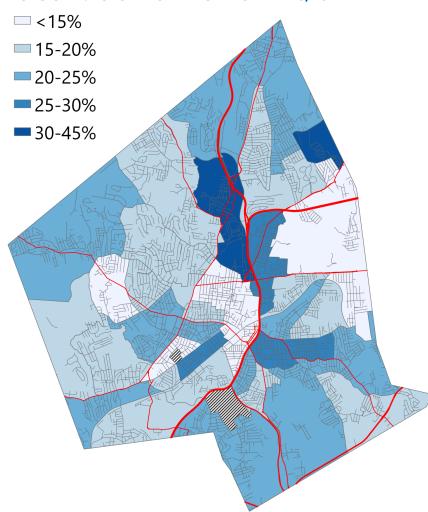






Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Service Estimates

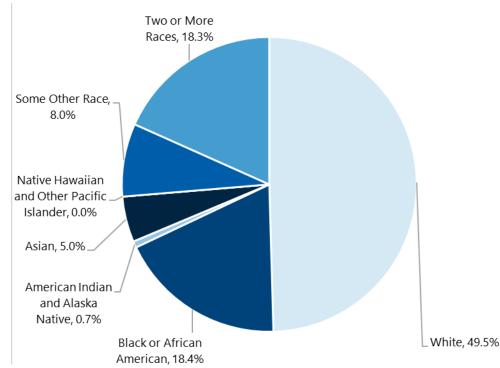
WORCESTER: POPULATION PERCENT UNDER 18, 2021



Worcester: Children Characterist	ics, 2021
Under-18 Population in House- holds	39,706
In Married-couple Family House- hold	48.50%
In male householder, no spouse present, family household	9.5%
In female householder, no spouse present, family household	41.8%
In Owner-Occupied Units	40.3%
In Renter-Occupied Units	59.7%
Native Born	91.6%
Foreign Born	8.4%
On Public Assistance	45.0%
Below the Poverty Level	24.8%
With a Disability	4.7%
Enrolled in school	88.3%
In Public School	79.5%
In Private School	8.7%
Not enrolled in school	11.7%



WORCESTER: CHILDREN UNDER 18 BY RACE, 2021



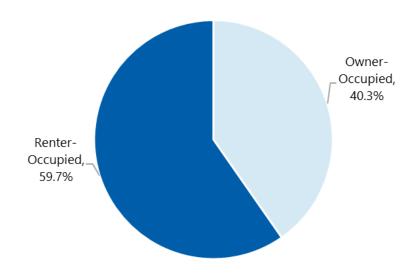
Worcester: Children Under 18 By Ethnicity, 2021		
Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	38.8%	
Not of Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race)	61.2%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Service Estimates

The U.S. Census Bureau tallies five categories of race. Hispanic origin is described as ethnicity, rather than race, and persons defined as Hispanic or Latino can be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Service Estimates

WORCESTER: CHILDREN UNDER 18 BY HOUSING TYPE, 2021



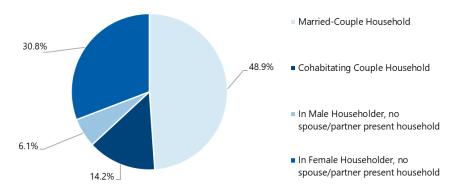
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Service Estimates

Annual Worcester County Homeless Point-In-Time Count							
	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total		
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional	Safe Haven				
Homeless under age 18	506	44	0	0	550		
Annual City of Worcester Point-In-Time Count							
Households With Children	717	75	0	0	792		

Source: Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance

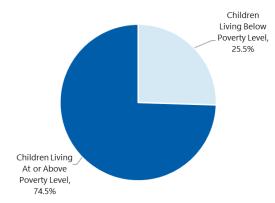


WORCESTER: CHILDREN UNDER 18 FAMILY SITUATION, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Service Estimates

WORCESTER: POVERTY STATUS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Service Estimates

Mobility refers to students transferring in or out of public schools during the school year for reasons other than grade promotion. A large number of students moving in and out of a school can be very disruptive to the fulfillment of academic goals for the individual student and for all students as teachers work to make sure everyone is in the same place in the curriculum. To measure mobility, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary Secondary Education uses these three measurements:

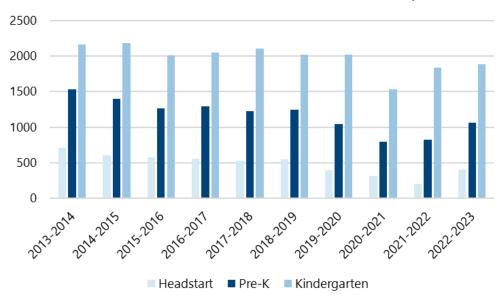
- Intake (Transfer-in) Rate: Number of students who enroll in district after start of school year
- Churn Rate: Number of students transferring in or out during school year
- Stability Rate: Number of students who stay in the district throughout the school year.

Worcester: Mobility Rates, 2022									
	Churn/Intake Enroll	Percent Churn	Percent Intake	Stability Enroll	Percent Stability				
All Students	26,030	18.2	10.6	24,196	89.7				
High Needs	22,469	20.0	11.8	20,700	88.8				
LEP English Language Learner	8,333	26.7	18.2	7,283	86.5				
Low Income	20,207	20.1	11.8	18,636	88.7				
Students with Disabilities	5,564	20.1	10.2	5,210	88.2				
Mobility by Race									
African American/Black	4,417	17.9	9.7	4,119	89.9				
American Indian or Alaskan Native	50	8.0	6.0	48	95.8				
Asian	1,656	19.9	13.6	1,459	91.6				
Hispanic or Latino	11,764	20.9	12.5	10,811	88.4				
Multi-race, non-Hispanic or Latino	1,096	16.4	6.8	1,046	89.5				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	-	-	-	-	-				
White	7,042	14.0	7.8	6,708	91.4				

^{*}Data for populations less 6 than not reported.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.





Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Worcester: Children's School Level, 2021						
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	60,253					
Nursery school, preschool	2,018					
Kindergarten	1,929					
Elementary: grade 1 to grade 4	8,491					
Elementary: grade 5 to grade 8	9,061					
High school: grade 9 to grade 12	10,118					

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 5-Year American Community Service Estimates

Worcester: Student Discipli	ine Report,	2021-2022				
	Students	Students Disciplined	Percent In- School Suspension	Percent Out -of-School Suspension	Percent Alternate Setting	Percent Emergency Removal
Student Group				<u> </u>		
All Students	25,696	1,513	1.6	4.4	0.1	0.7
English Learner	8,203	428	1.3	4	0.1	0.5
Economically disadvantaged	19,936	1,369	1.8	5.1	0.2	0.9
Students w/disabilities	5,519	544	2.6	7.4	0.6	1.3
High needs	22,168	1,436	1.7	4.8	0.2	0.8
Sex						
Female	12,496	571	1.1	3.5	0.1	0.5
Male	13,196	942	2	5.2	0.2	0.9
Ethnicity						
Amer. Ind. or Alaska Nat.	50	5				
Asian	1,625	15	0.2	0.6		0.2
Afr. Amer./Black	4,364	232	1.6	3.7	0.1	0.7
Hispanic/Latino	11,600	838	1.8	5.5	0.1	0.8
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	1,075	83	2.2	5.4	0.4	0.8
Nat. Haw. or Pacif. Isl.	5					
White	6,977	340	1.3	3.5	0.1	0.7

Expulsion, school-based arrests, and law enforcement referrals % were 0.0% for the period 2021-2022 Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



Worcester Public Schools: Pathways Programs Enroll	ment							
		Gender	•	Grade				
	Male	Female	Non- Binary	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
Chapter 74 Programs								
Advanced Manufacturing Technology	9	7	0	0	5	9	2	16
Animal Science	4	45	0	0	16	12	21	49
Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing	17	18	0	0	14	7	14	35
Automotive Technology		26	0	0	20	12	28	60
Biotechnology		36	0	0	15	21	14	50
Business Technology	44	40	0	19	18	20	27	84
Carpentry	34	19	0	0	24	13	16	53
Cosmetology	1	40	0	0	14	14	13	41
Culinary Arts	39	93	0	30	44	36	22	132
Diesel Technology	62	10	0	30	16	13	13	72
Drafting	12	17	0	0	16	2	11	29
Early Education and Care	4	118	1	21	41	32	29	123
Electricity	37	17	0	0	22	13	19	54
Engineering Technology	195	119	0	99	86	75	54	314
Environmental Science & Technology	1	22	0	0	6	10	7	23
Exploratory		185	0	371	0	0	0	371
Graphic Communications	17	27	0	0	12	19	13	44
Health Assisting	18	136	0	19	49	47	39	154
Heating - Ventilation - Air Conditioning - Refrigeration	13	3	0	0	7	4	5	16
Hospitality Management	5	49	0	0	18	13	23	54
Information Support Services & Networking	36	6	0	0	20	19	3	42
Marketing	20	35	0	0	17	20	18	55
Metal Fabrication & Joining Technologies	28	8	0	0	14	11	11	36
Painting & Design Technologies	5	42	0	0	17	14	16	47
Plumbing	34	7	0	0	17	11	13	41
Robotics and Automation Technology	50	13	0	0	15	23	25	63
Chapter 74 Programs	919	1,138	1	589	543	470	456	2,058
Early College								
Early College	205	495	1	1	130	209	361	701
Innovation Pathway								
Business and Finance		26	0	0	15	13	9	37
Environmental and Life Science		12	0	0	12	3	0	15
Health Care and Social Assistance		64	0	0	30	21	23	74
Information		6	0	0	30	22	10	62
Manufacturing	17	4	0	2	8	9	2	21
Innovation Pathway	97	112	0	2	95	68	44	209
Non-Chapter 74 Programs	400							045
Automotive Technology		28	0	35	62	58	63	218
Business Technology		28	0	0	33	21	29	83
Criminal Justice		52	1	0	3	45	38	86
Early Education and Care		50	0	0	10	26	25	61
Engineering Technology		4	0	1	13	17	10	41
Exploratory		18	0	0	0	0	32	32
Health Assisting	31	77	0	0	18	39	51	108
Marketing/Finance		5	1	0	0	9	3	12
Non-Chapter 74 Programs	377	262	2	36	139	215	251	641
All (Pathways/Programs)	4 4 4 4 4	4 = 4 ^		60-	004	000	010	 2.466
All (Pathways/Programs)	1,444	1,718	4	627	801	828	910	3,166

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



Worcester Public Schools: Pathways Programs Enroll	ment									
		Race/Ethnicity								
,	Asian	African American	Hispanic	Multi-Race, Non- Hispanic	Native American	Native Ha- waiian, Pacific Is- lander	White	Total		
Chapter 74 Programs										
Advanced Manufacturing Technology	1	0	5	0	0	1	9	16		
Animal Science	1	6	23	1	0	0	18	49		
Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing	1	9	19	1	0	0	5	35		
Automotive Technology	7	9	28	1	0	0	15	60		
Biotechnology	10	17	11	0	0	0	12	50		
Business Technology	9	17	25	8	0	0	25	84		
Carpentry	2	6	21	2	0	0	22	53		
Cosmetology	2	8	20	1	0	0	10	41		
Culinary Arts	14	27	54	7	0	0	30	132		
Diesel Technology	2	10	35	2	0	0	23	72		
Drafting	3	5	12	3	0	0	6	29		
Early Education and Care	4	23	49	3	0	0	44	123		
Electricity	5	8	19	2	0	0	20	54		
Engineering Technology	22	56	72	8	0	0	156	314		
Environmental Science & Technology	0	3	8	3	0	0	9	23		
Exploratory	18	55	160	17	1	0	120	371		
Graphic Communications	1	8	26	2	0	0	7	44		
Health Assisting	13	50	65	3	0	0	23	154		
Heating - Ventilation - Air Conditioning - Refrigeration	1	2	7	0	0	0	6	16		
Hospitality Management	3	17	21	1	0	0	12	54		
Information Support Services & Networking	3	11	16	1	0	0	11	42		
Marketing	2	17	22	0	0	0	14	55		
Metal Fabrication & Joining Technologies		4	14	1	1	0	15	36		
	1		23				13	47		
Painting & Design Technologies	4	2		5	0	0	-			
Plumbing Paketics and Automatica Tacknalogy	3	4	18	2	0	0	14	41		
Robotics and Automation Technology	6	14	14	4	1	0	24	63		
Chapter 74 Programs Early College	138	388	787	78	3	1	663	2,058		
	71	174	259	23	2	0	172	701		
Innovation Pathway								Î		
Business and Finance	2	12	16	1	0	0	6	37		
Environmental and Life Science	5	5	2	0	0	0	3	15		
Health Care and Social Assistance	9	23	27	1	0	0	14	74		
Information	6	15	25	2	0	0	14	62		
Manufacturing	1	3	8	1	0	0	8	21		
Innovation Pathway	23	58	78	5	0	0	45	209		
Non-Chapter 74 Programs										
Automotive Technology	11	29	118	7	0	0	53	218		
Business Technology	3	22	42	3	0	0	13	83		
Criminal Justice	4	17	47	3	0	0	15	86		
Early Education and Care	2	8	41	2	0	0	8	61		
Engineering Technology	1	7	19	2	0	0	12	41		
Exploratory	4	4	4	1	0	0	19	32		
Health Assisting	8	38	40	4	0	0	18	108		
Marketing/Finance	0	3	40	1	0	0	4	12		
		128	315	23				641		
Non-Chapter 74 Programs	33	120	313	25	0	0	142	041		
All (Pathways/Programs) All (Pathways/Programs)	233	622	1 200	117	A	1	909	3,166		
All (rathways/Programs)	433	022	1,280	117	4	1	309	3,100		



Worcester Public Schools: Pathways Programs Enroll	ment								
	Selected Populations								
	First Language not English	English Language Learner	Students With Disabilities	High Needs	Low- income	Total			
Chapter 74 Programs									
Advanced Manufacturing Technology		1	4	12	8	16			
Animal Science		1	9	35	33	49			
Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing	18	2	7	23	21	35			
Automotive Technology	40	5	10	39	37	60			
Biotechnology	32	1	1	33	32	50			
Business Technology		4	6	59	53	84			
Carpentry		1	5	36	33	53			
Cosmetology		2	3	28	26	41			
Culinary Arts		18	21	102	92	132			
Diesel Technology		12	24	58	49	72			
Drafting		3	6	24	20	29			
Early Education and Care		8	15	83	80	123			
Electricity		1	4	34	29	54			
Engineering Technology		22	18	139	121	314			
Environmental Science & Technology		1	2	10	9	23			
Exploratory		57	72	305	268	371			
Graphic Communications		1	8	32	30	44			
Health Assisting		11	5	127	119	154			
Heating - Ventilation - Air Conditioning - Refrigeration		1	6	13	9	16			
Hospitality Management		5	9	39	36	54			
Information Support Services & Networking		5	9	36	34	42			
Marketing		1	2	37	35	55			
Metal Fabrication & Joining Technologies		2	3	22	21	36			
Painting & Design Technologies		0	1	35	33	47			
Plumbing		1	6	23	20	41			
Robotics and Automation Technology Chapter 74 Programs		1 167	2 258	31	26	63			
Early College	1,093	107	256	1,415	1,274	2,058			
Early College	430	70	45	445	402	701			
Innovation Pathway	430	70	43	443	402	701			
Business and Finance	23	4	1	28	28	37			
Environmental and Life Science		3	2	13	11	15			
Health Care and Social Assistance		14	7	61	51	74			
Information		13	8	49	42	62			
Manufacturing		6	6	14	11	21			
Innovation Pathway		40	24	165	143	209			
Non-Chapter 74 Programs									
Automotive Technology	118	46	36	181	173	218			
Business Technology		18	13	68	60	83			
Criminal Justice		14	19	75	69	86			
Early Education and Care		17	9	58	56	61			
Engineering Technology		9	11	30	23	41			
Exploratory		1	1	12	11	32			
Health Assisting		25	11	93	82	108			
Marketing/Finance		3	1	10	9	12			
Non-Chapter 74 Programs		133	101	527	483	641			
All (Pathways/Programs)									
All (Pathways/Programs)	1,741	367	394	2,259	2,045	3,166			

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