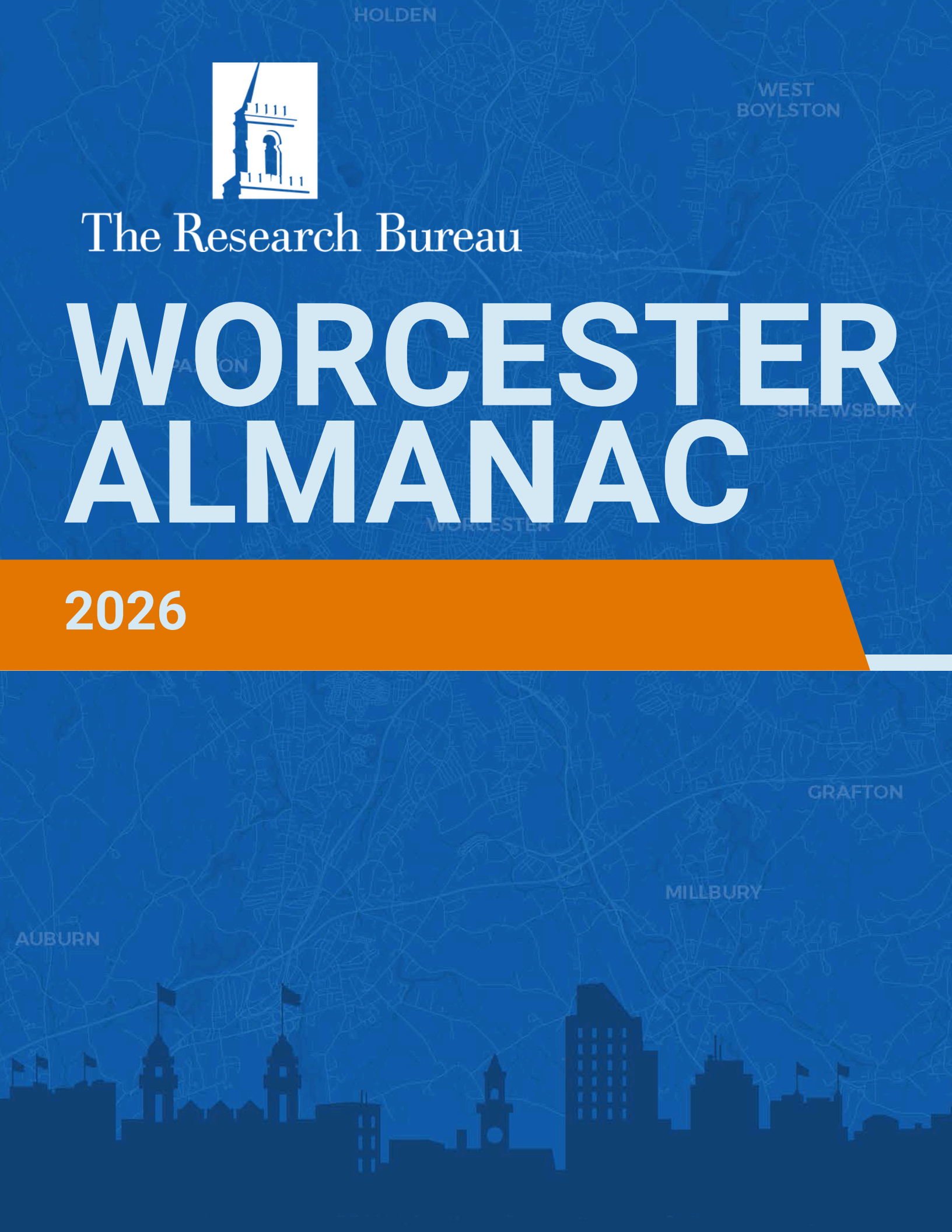
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WORCESTER ALMANAC

2026



A NOTE FROM THE RESEARCH BUREAU

THE WORCESTER REGIONAL RESEARCH BUREAU IS PLEASED TO PRESENT THE TWELFTH ANNUAL WORCESTER ALMANAC, our compendium of information of all things Greater Worcester. A local, not-for-profit organization, The Research Bureau's mission is to serve the public interest of Greater Worcester by conducting independent, non-partisan research and analysis of public policy issues to promote informed public debate and decision-making. We undertake the Worcester Almanac each year to provide government officials, residents, businesses, and institutions an easy-to-use source for current and trend data on a range of civic concerns.

This year, for the first time, we've created a series of interactive dashboards that reflect the data found in the Almanac. You can find these on our public Tableau page.

We thank all those who contribute data for this project. To suggest future additions, contact us at wrrb@wrrb.org. Learn more about our work or read our reports at www.wrrb.org, and connect with us on X and Instagram (@WRRBureau), Facebook (The Research Bureau), BlueSky (wrrbureau.bsky.social) and LinkedIn (Worcester Regional Research Bureau). If you value informed local governance and wish to sponsor our efforts, please consider a contribution.

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Congratulations to the Worcester Regional Research Bureau on the release of the 2026 *Worcester Almanac*.

As a locally headquartered community bank, UniBank takes its responsibility to the region seriously. We are honored to serve the individuals, families, and businesses of Central Massachusetts, and our investments reflect a longstanding commitment to the economic vitality and quality of life in the communities we call home. Our roots have always been, and will continue to be, firmly planted in Worcester County.

The UniBank difference is simple: we are a local institution, governed and led by people who live, work, and raise their families in the communities we serve. We believe that when an organization's leadership and headquarters are local, its commitment to community remains local. That is why UniBank is proud to support the businesses, nonprofits, and civic organizations that help make our region thrive.

We are especially grateful to the thousands of individuals, families, and local businesses that have chosen UniBank as their trusted financial partner. Their confidence in us allows us to continue investing in initiatives and organizations that strengthen our communities and create opportunities for future generations.

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THE CITY OF WORCESTER OPERATES UNDER A COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT with a popularly elected Mayor, popularly known as "modified Plan E." 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 at-large 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. 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 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. The School Committee consists 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: 213,862

2nd Largest City in New England

113th Largest City in the United States of America

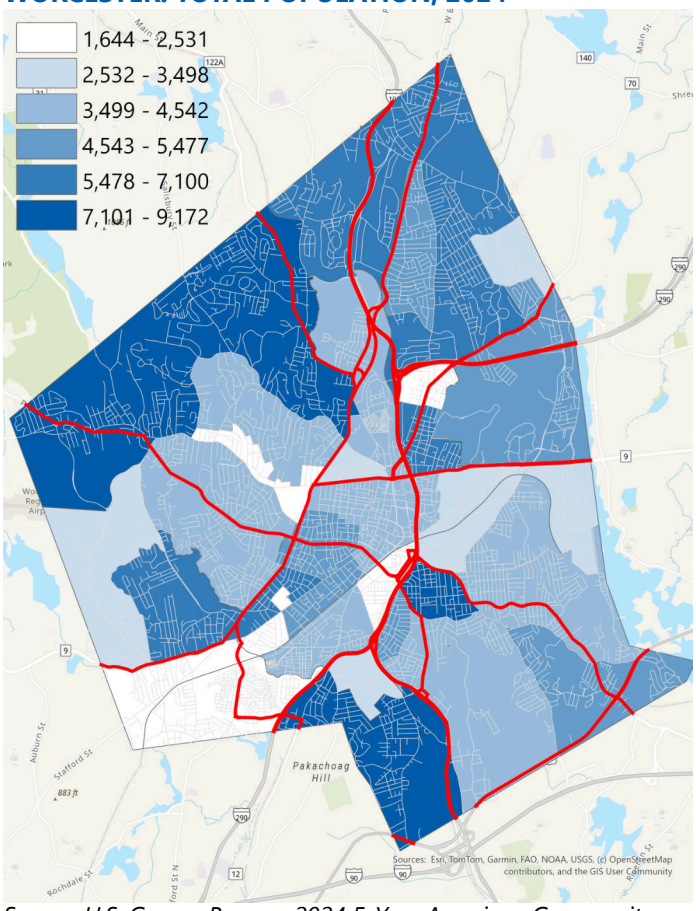
Area: 37.37 square miles (96.79 square kilometers)

Population Density: 5,723 people per square mile

Incorporation Date: 1722 as a Town | 1848 as a City

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2025 Population Estimates

WORCESTER: TOTAL POPULATION, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS, AS OF AUGUST 2026

Mayor

Joseph M. Petty

City Council

Tony Economou, District 1
Robert A. Bilotta, District 2
John P. Fresolo, District 3
Luis A. Ojeda, District 4
Jose A. Rivera, District 5
Khrystian A. King, At-Large
Satya B. Mitra, At-Large
Gary Rosen, 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
Nicholas J. Antanavica, Commissioner of Inspectional Services
Robert C. Antonelli, Jr., Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery
William Bagley, Jr., Chief Human Resources Officer
James Bedard, Chief of Public Facilities
Seema Dixit, Health and Human Services Commissioner
Peter Dunn, Chief Development Officer
Martin W. Dyer, Fire Chief
Charles R. Goodwin, Commissioner of Emergency Communications/ Emergency Management
Michael P. Hamel, Chief Information Officer
Jason L. Homer, Worcester Public Library Executive Director
Alexandra Kalkounis, City Solicitor
Kevin Lovaincy, Chief Equity Officer
Timothy J. McGourthy, Chief Financial Officer
John W. Odell, Chief Sustainability Officer
Stephen S. Rolle, P.E., Transportation & Mobility Commissioner
Paul B. Saucier, Police Chief
John K. Westerling, Public Works & Parks Commissioner

School Committee

Maureen Binienda, At-Large
Susan Coghlin Mailman, At-Large
Molly McCullough, District A
Vanessa Alvarez, District B
Dianna Biancheria, District C
Alex Guardiola, District D
Kathleen Roy, District E
Jermaine Johnson, District F

Clerk of the School Committee

Kristi Turgeon
Kaycee Caracciolo

Superintendent of Schools

Brian E. Allen

United States Senators

Elizabeth Warren
Edward J. Markey

United States 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
Peter Durant - Worcester and Hampshire

State Representatives

Kimberly Ferguson - 1st Worcester
Donald Berthiaume - 5th Worcester
Paul Frost - 7th Worcester
David Muradian, Jr. - 9th Worcester
Hannah Kane - 11th Worcester
Meghan Kilcoyne - 12th Worcester
John J. Mahoney - 13th 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

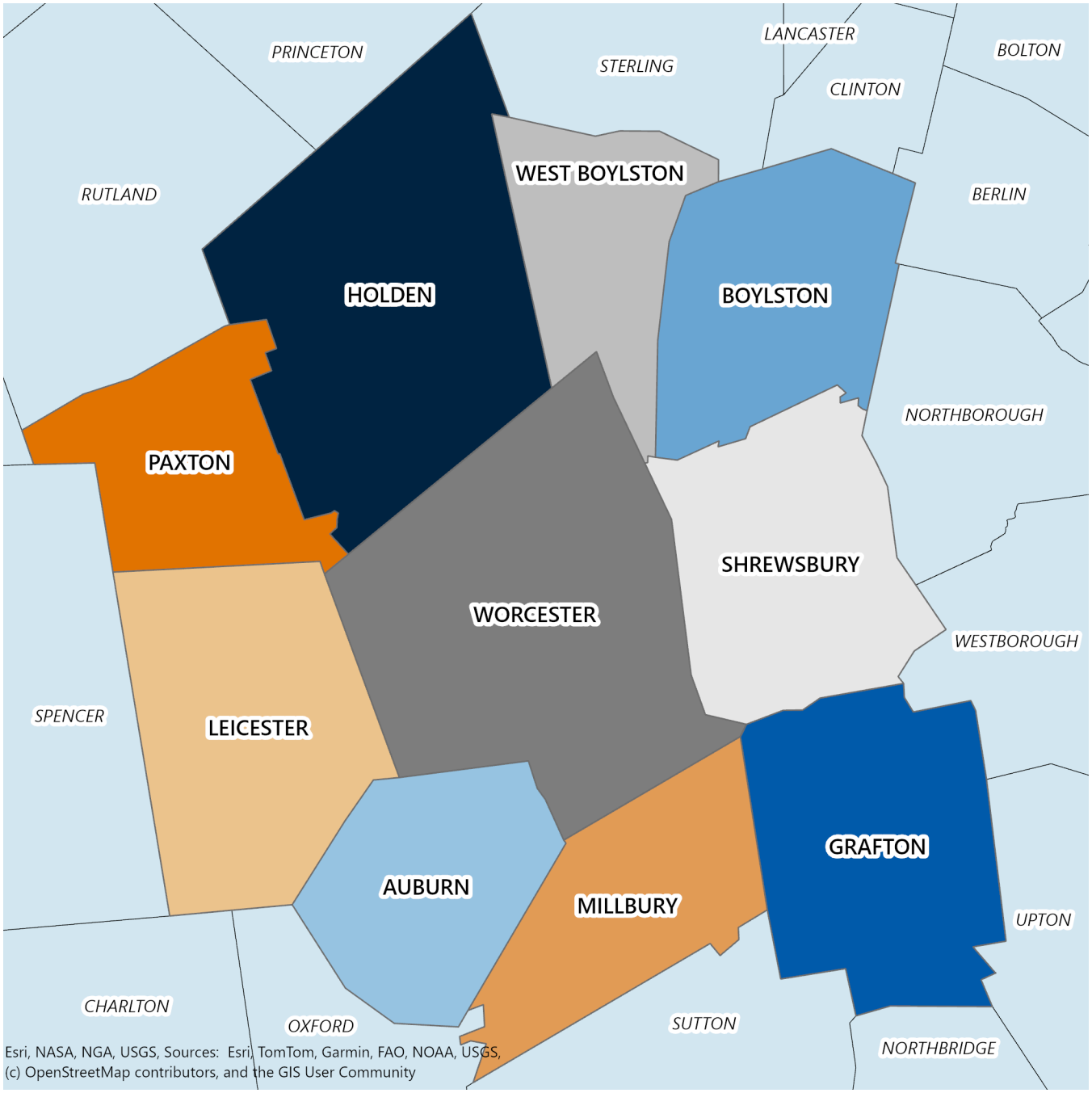
Register of Probate

Stephanie K. Fattman

County Sheriff

Lewis G. Evangelidis

GREATER WORCESTER EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP			
Town	**Name**	**Position**	**Town Incorporation**
Auburn	Dori Vecchio	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	Nicole Valentine	Acting Town Manager	1813
Paxton	Robert Birkbeck	Town Administrator	1765
Shrewsbury	Kevin J. Mizikar	Town Manager	1727
West Boylston	Michael Ward	Town Administrator	1808



WORCESTER COUNTY: THE BASICS, 2026

Worcester County Population: 888,502

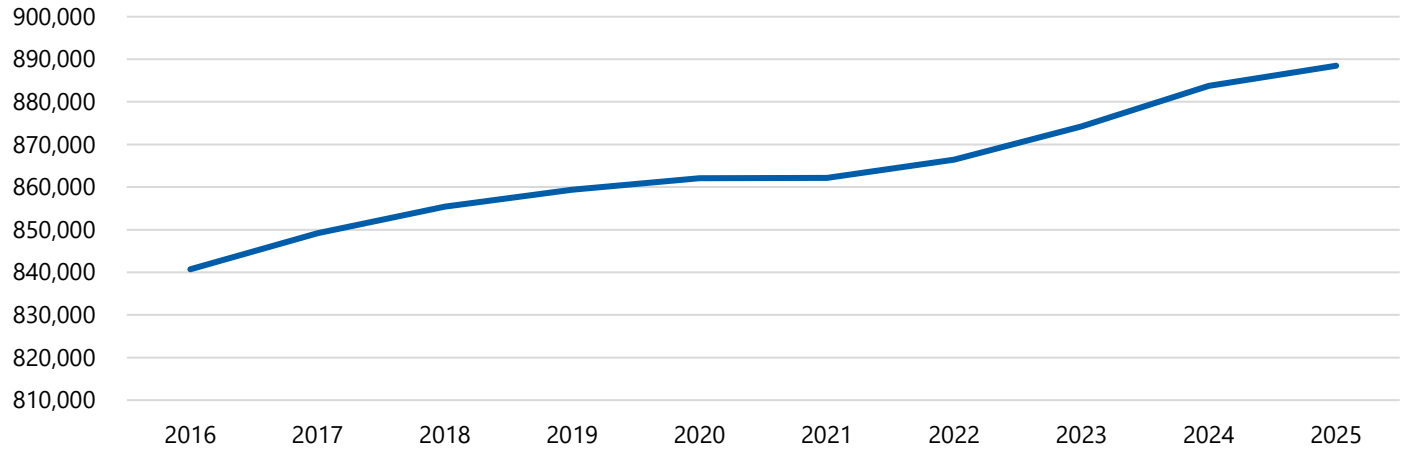
Area: 1,510 sq. miles

Population Density: 588 persons per square mile

60 cities and towns (including Worcester)

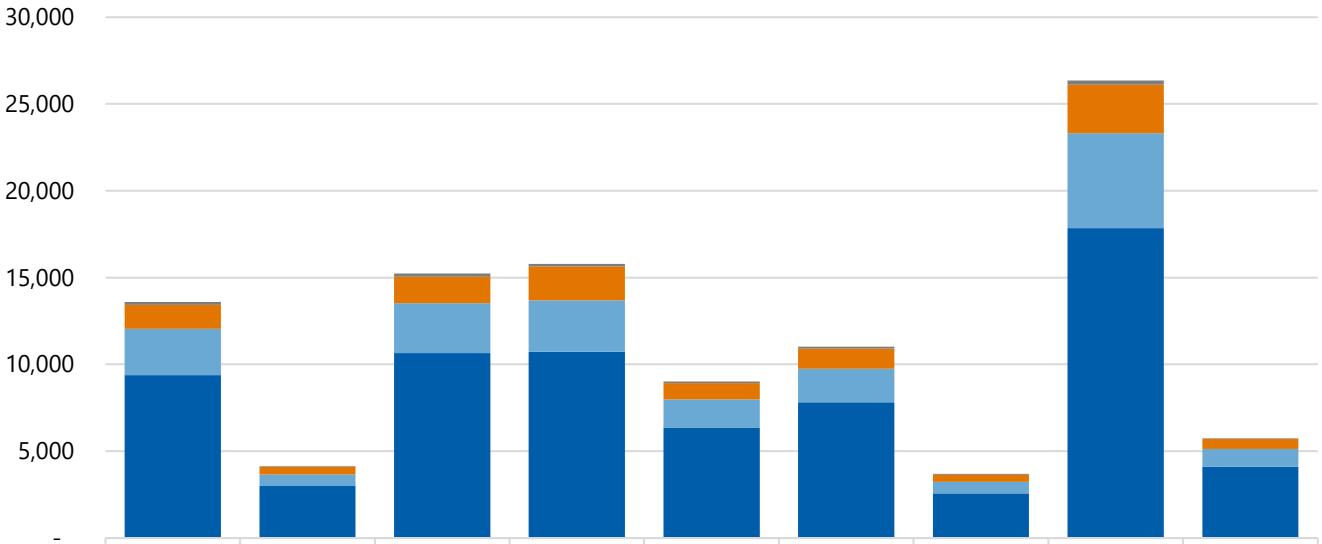
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2025 Population Estimates

WORCESTER COUNTY: POPULATION 2016-2025



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2020 County Population Estimates; 2020 U.S. Census; 2020-2025 County Population Estimates

GREATER WORCESTER: PARTY AFFILIATION & REGISTRATION, 2025



	Auburn	Boylston	Grafton	Holden	Leicester	Millbury	Paxton	Shrewsbury	West Boylston
Other	175	36	172	153	86	109	43	237	54
Republican	1,371	453	1,539	1,946	949	1,158	405	2,795	555
Democrat	2,684	665	2,855	2,954	1,603	1,939	677	5,471	1,031
Unenrolled	9,373	2,988	10,658	10,731	6,370	7,810	2,561	17,848	4,104

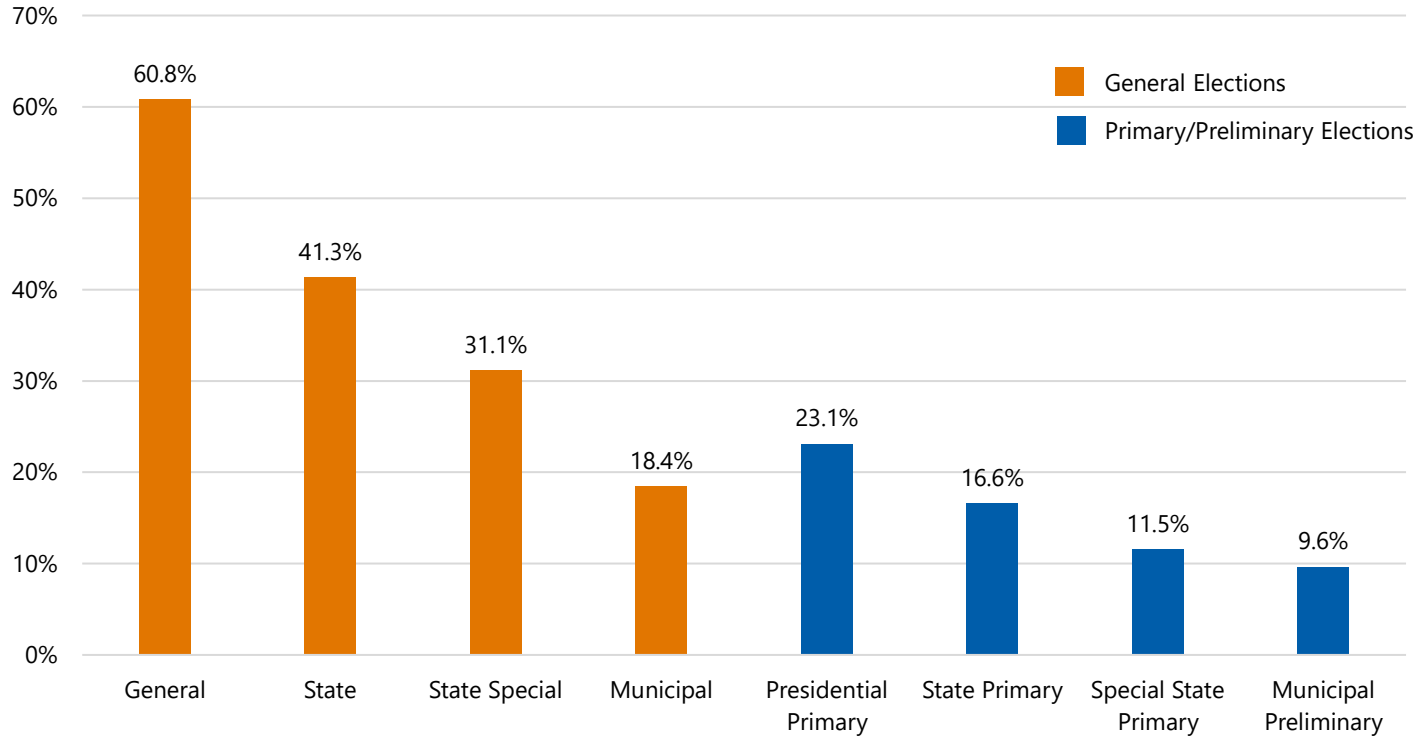
Source: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, data as of February 2025

Worcester: Party Affiliation and Registration, as of 6/26/2026			
Party Affiliation	**Registered Voters**	**Party Affiliation**	**Registered Voters**
Unenrolled	81,499	Green Party USA	26
Democrat	29,428	Pirate	19
Republican	6,948	We The People	18
Libertarian	360	America First Party	14
United Independent	291	Workers Party	12
Conservative	86	Constitution Party	5
Green Rainbow	70	Rainbow Coalition	4
Socialist	62	Twelve Visions Party	3
American Independent	54	Reform	3
Inter 3rd Party	53	The People's Party	3
MA Independent Party	50	American Term Limits	2
Working Families	33	Socialism and Liberation	1
Pizza Party	28	Prohibition	1
Latino-Vote Party	27	World Citizens Party	1

Source: Worcester City Clerk, Worcester Elections Commission

As of June 2026, Worcester had 119,101 registered voters: 68.4% unenrolled, 24.7% Democrats, and 5.8% Republicans. Since 2010, the share of unenrolled voters has risen by nearly 24 percentage points, while Democratic and and Republican shares have fallen by 21 and 3 points, respectively. Massachusetts' 2018 Automatic Voter Registration law, which registers eligible residents through the Registry of Motor Vehicles and state health agencies unless they opt out.

WORCESTER VOTERS: AVERAGE TURNOUT BY ELECTION TYPE, 2010-2025



Source: Worcester City Clerk, Worcester Elections Commission

Note: There are not an equal number of elections in each category. General and state include four elections; state special, two; municipal, eight; presidential primary, two; state primary, nine; special state primary, one; municipal preliminary, five. Municipal preliminaries from 2017 and 2021 are excluded, as they were held only in Districts 1 and 5.

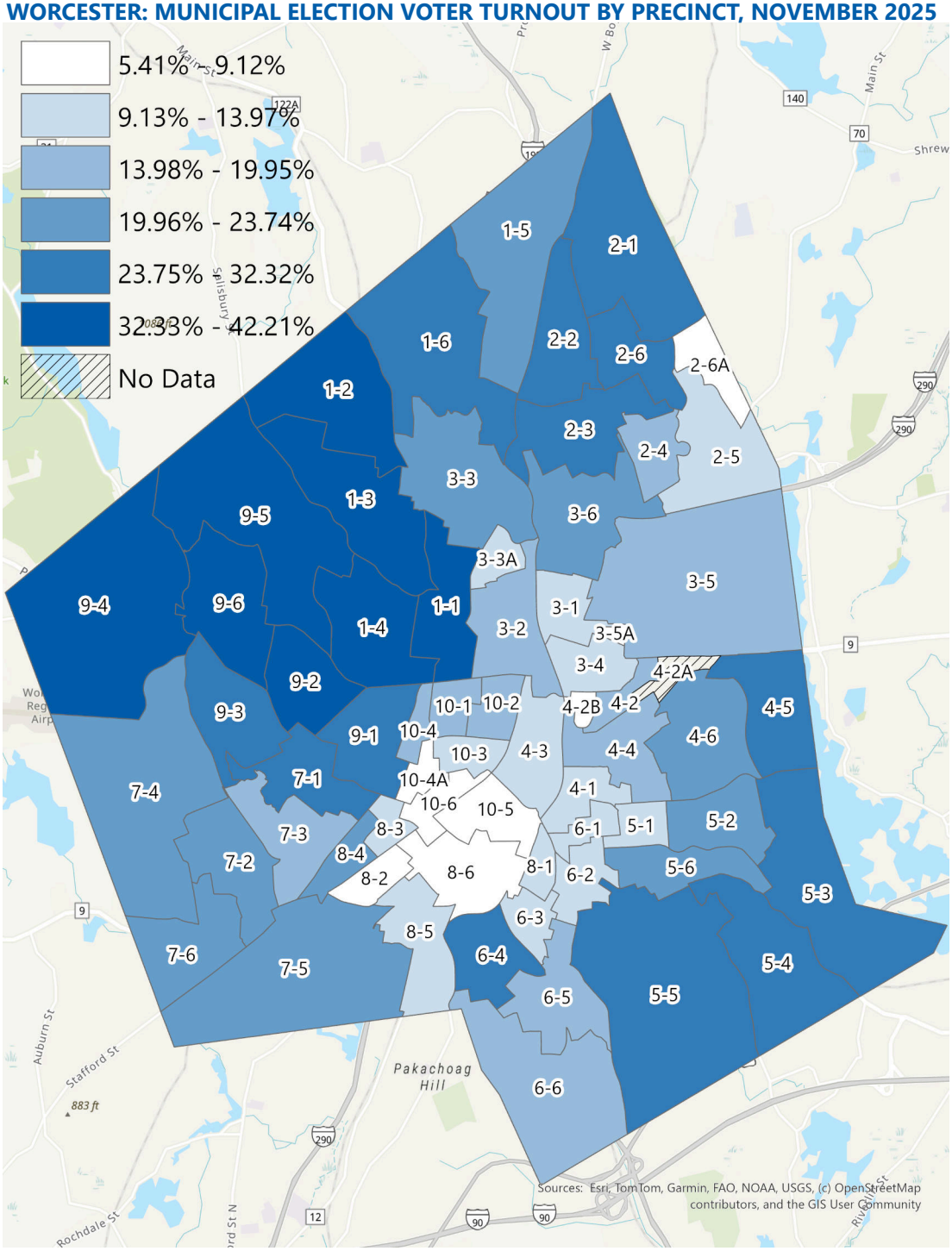
Worcester's Registered Voters & Ballots Cast, 2010-2025				
Election Type	**Date**	**Registered Voters**	**Voters**	**Turnout Rate**
General	11/6/2012	103,788	61,708	59.46%
General	11/8/2016	104,451	66,303	63.48%
General	11/3/2020	111,318	71,932	64.62%
General	11/5/2024	118,914	66,186	55.66%
Municipal	11/8/2011	96,642	19,244	19.91%
Municipal	11/5/2013	105,792	15,272	14.44%
Municipal	11/3/2015	93,460	19,954	21.35%
Municipal	11/7/2017	106,939	16,323	15.26%
Municipal	11/5/2019	101,680	17,567	17.28%
Municipal	11/2/2021	104,595	17,326	16.56%
Municipal	11/7/2023	112,326	21,951	19.54%
Municipal	11/4/2025	116,455	26,149	22.45%
Municipal Preliminary	9/20/2011	95,251	8,318	8.73%
Municipal Preliminary	9/8/2015	92,214	10,305	11.18%
Municipal Preliminary	9/12/2017	46,968	4,866	10.36%
Municipal Preliminary	9/10/2019	100,404	8,736	8.70%
Municipal Preliminary	9/14/2021	47,950	4,977	10.38%
Municipal Preliminary	9/5/2023	96,047	8,742	9.10%
Municipal Preliminary	9/2/2025	114,837	11,518	10.03%
Presidential Primary	3/3/2020	104,294	29,899	28.67%
Presidential Primary	3/5/2024	114,124	19,898	17.44%
Special State Primary	4/30/2013	104,068	11,913	11.45%
State	11/2/2010	94,073	43,324	46.05%
State	11/4/2014	108,593	38,979	35.89%
State	11/6/2018	111,210	49,715	44.70%
State	11/8/2022	110,357	42,453	38.47%
State Primary	9/14/2010	92,601	16,242	17.54%
State Primary	9/26/2012	99,568	7,798	7.83%
State Primary	9/9/2014	107,685	15,514	14.41%
State Primary	3/1/2016	96,424	33,249	34.48%
State Primary	9/8/2017	100,511	5,446	5.42%
State Primary	9/4/2018	109,435	14,344	13.11%
State Primary	9/1/2020	107,421	30,926	28.79%
State Primary	9/6/2022	109,137	18,133	16.61%
State Primary	9/3/2024	116,727	13,462	11.53%
State Special	1/19/2010	91,571	38,422	41.96%
State Special	6/25/2013	104,594	21,160	20.23%

Source: Worcester City Clerk, Worcester Elections Commission

VOTER TURNOUT IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER BY PRECINCT

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 22.5% of registered voters turned out in November 2025 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. In November 2024, 55.7% of Worcester's electorate voted in the Presidential election and 38.5% of registered voters turned out for the 2022 state election.

WORCESTER: MUNICIPAL ELECTION VOTER TURNOUT BY PRECINCT, NOVEMBER 2025



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. A single tax rate is represented by a factor of 1. The maximum "CIP Shift Allowed," means that CIP properties cannot pay more than 175% of their full and fair cash value of the tax levy if both residential and CIP were taxed the same.

Worcester Property Tax Rates (Per $1,000, FY26)	
Residential	$13.28
Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP)	$29.06

Worcester Tax Shift, FY26			
Lowest Residential Factor Allowed	Residential Factor Selected	Maximum CIP Shift Allowed	CIP Shift
0.798778	0.799100	1.75	1.74880

Source: Massachusetts Department of Revenue

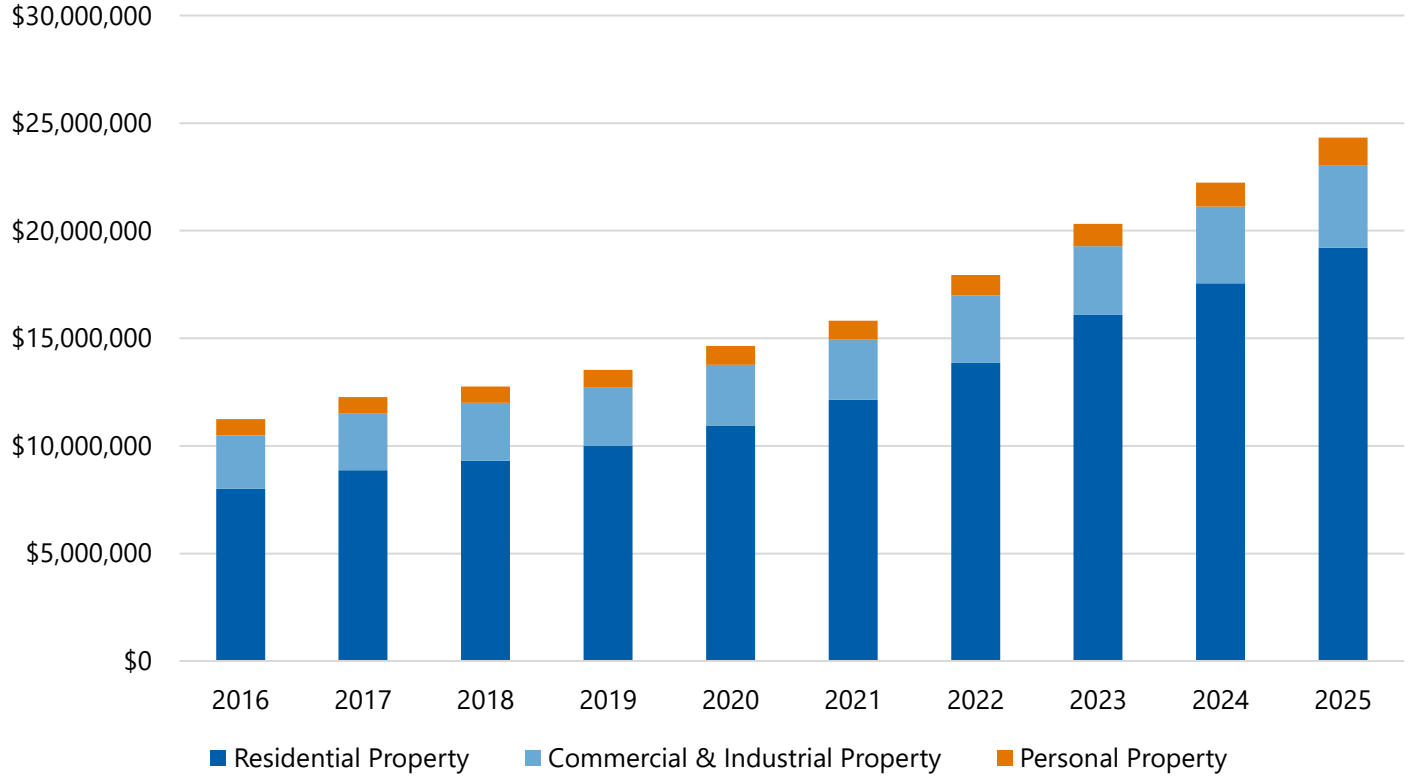
Worcester: Tax Value of Property, FY25 ($ in thousands)		
Tax Status	**Estimated Value**	**Percent of Total**
Total Taxable and Tax-Exempt Property Value	$31,552,451	
Taxable Property Values	$24,328,753	77%
Tax-Exempt Property Values	$7,223,698	23%
Class		
Residential	$19,207,534	60.8%
Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property	$5,121,219	16.2%

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2025

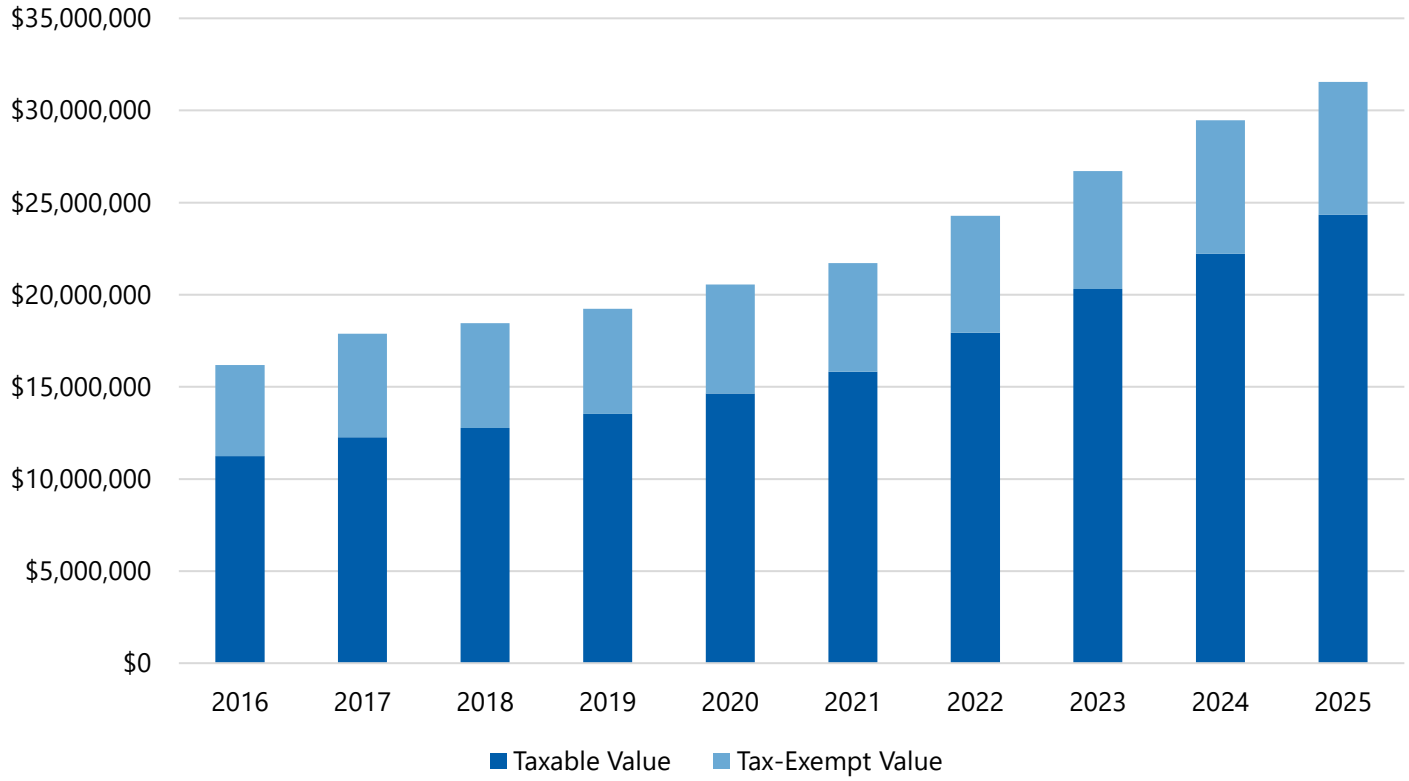
Worcester: Principal Taxpayers ($ in thousands), FY25				
Taxpayer	**Type of Business**	**Assessed Valuation**	**FY25 Tax Bill**	**% Tax Levy**
National Grid	Electric Utility	$582,672	$16,670	4.2%
NSTAR Gas Co.	Gas Utility	$358,936	$10,268	2.6%
VHS Acquisition Subsidiary (St Vincent Hospital)	Medical Care	$144,536	$4,135	1.1%
Worcester TC LLC (Abbvie)	Biotechnology Park	$82,800	$2,369	0.6%
New England Power Company	Electric Utility	$77,591	$2,203	0.5%
Agree LP (Lincoln Plaza)	Shopping Plaza	$67,957	$1,944	0.5%
Verizon New England	Communications	$67,035	$1,916	0.5%
Hanover Insurance Group	Insurance	$63,411	$1,814	0.5%
Front Street Associates LLC	Real Estate	$56,856	$1,627	0.4%
MC Roseland Worcester LLC	Real Estate	$88,330	$1,301	0.3%

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2025

WORCESTER: ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY BY CLASSIFICATION, 2016-2025 (in thousands)

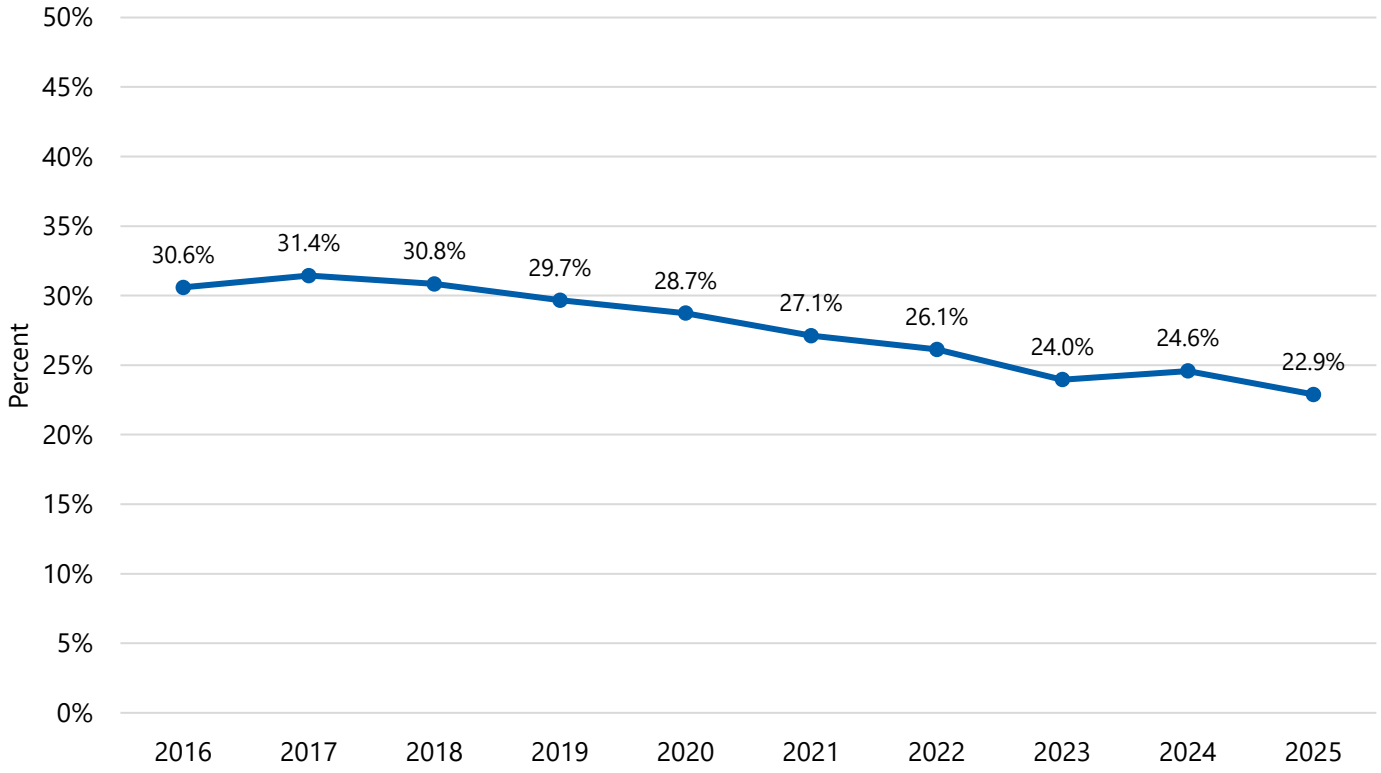


WORCESTER: ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE TAXABLE & TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTY, 2016-2025 (in thousands)



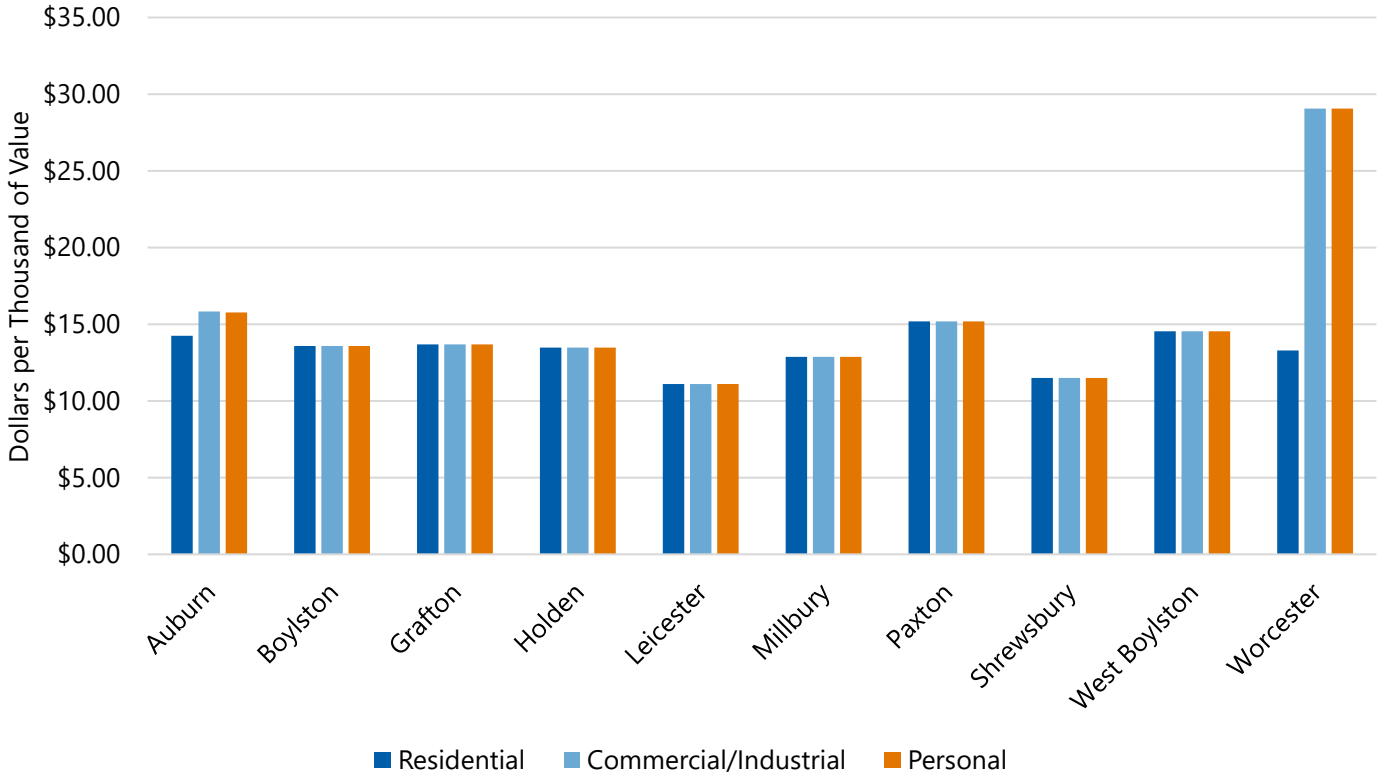
Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2025

WORCESTER: TAX-EXEMPT VALUE AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL PROPERTY VALUES, 2016-2025



Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2025

GREATER WORCESTER: PROPERTY TAX RATES, FY26



Source: Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, FY26

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 Financial Integrity Plan, Worcester contributes 30% of "free cash" - the surplus remaining after the end of the fiscal year - to be deposited into the OPEB trust. Without a consistent fund deposit, Worcester's outstanding liability will increase.

Worcester: Pension Liability, FY25	
Total Pension Liability	$1,812,291,211
Net Position (Restricted for Pensions)	$1,427,310,538
Funded Pension Obligation	78.76%

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2025

Worcester: Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability, FY25	
Total OPEB Liability	$1,147,192,201
Funded Portion of OPEB Liability	$61,335,147
Funded OPEB Obligation	5.35%

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2025

Worcester: Fund Balance, FY25	
Fund Balance	$90,382,840
Change in Fund Balance - FY24-25	($7,952,084)
Fund Balance as a % of FY25 Budget	9.53%

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2025

Note: The City's fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities in the general fund.

Worcester: Public Debt, FY25	
Total Outstanding Long-Term Debt	$1,049,948,000
Bond Anticipation Notes as of 6/30/2025	0
Bonded Debt per Capita	$4,703
Bonded Debt as a % of Assessed Valuation	4.26%

Source: City of Worcester Comprehensive Financial Report, 2025

Note: 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.

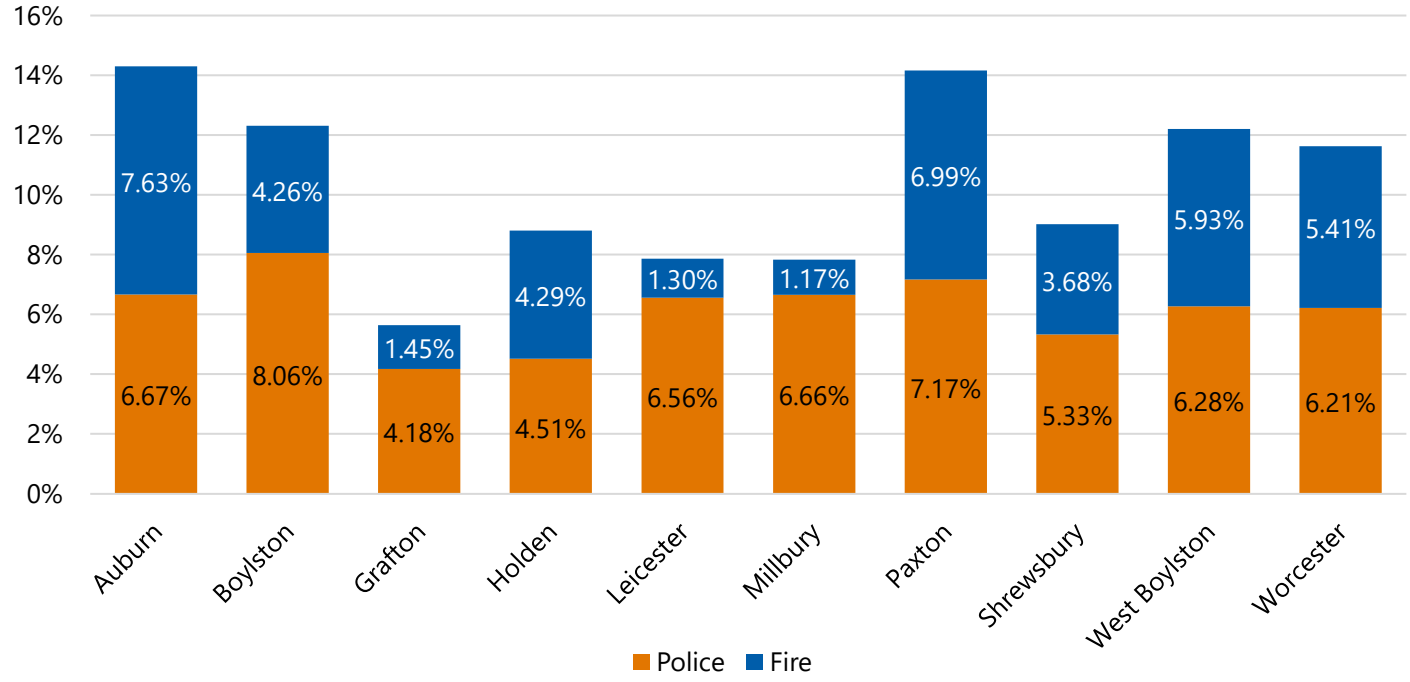
BOND RATING

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's bond ratings were last updated in Fiscal Year 2016, when Fitch Ratings upgraded from AA- to AA.

Worcester: Bond Ratings, FY25	
Rating Agency	**Rating**
Fitch Ratings	AA
Moody's Investor Service	Aa3
Standard & Poor's Rating Service	AA-

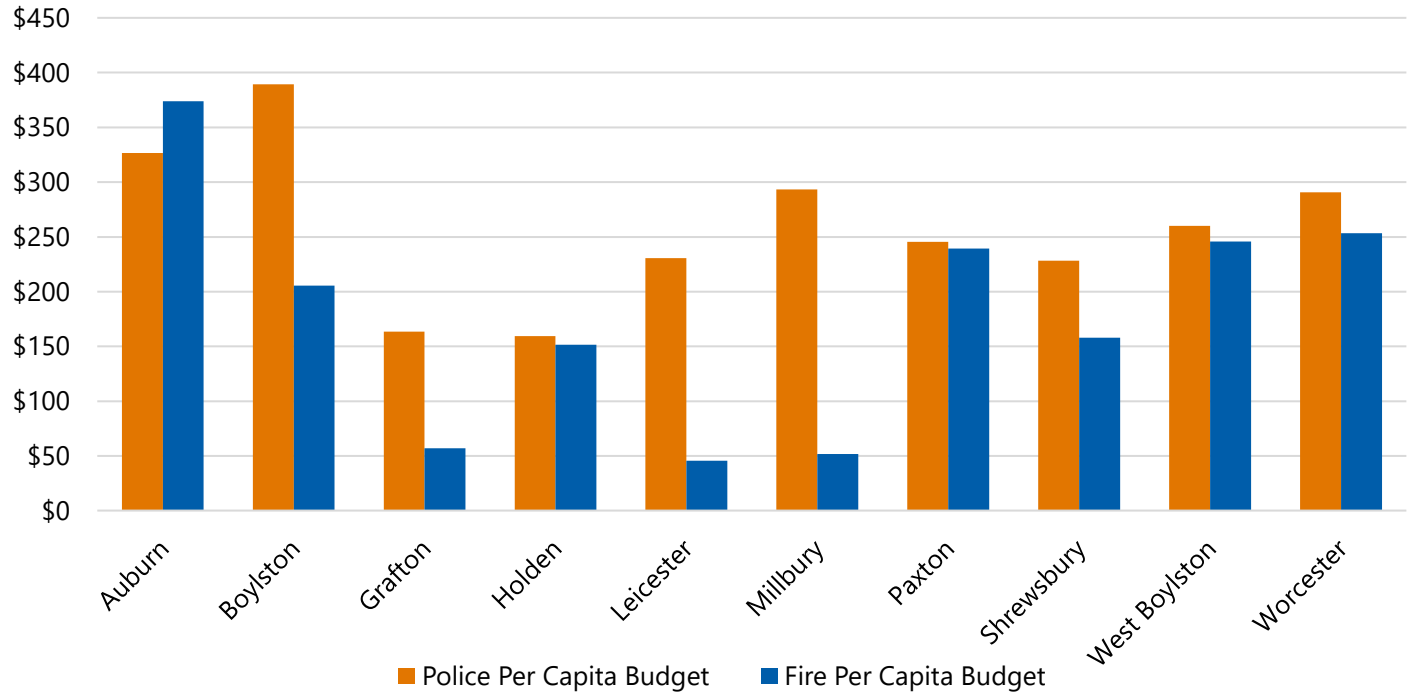
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GREATER WORCESTER: POLICE & FIRE BUDGETS AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET, FY27



Source: FY27 Municipal Budgets

GREATER WORCESTER: POLICE & FIRE BUDGETS PER CAPITA, FY27



Source: FY27 Municipal Budgets

Greater Worcester: FY27 Budgets						
Municipality	**Total City Budget (including schools)**	**Education Budget**	**Education % of Total Budget**	**Police Budget**	**Fire Budget**	**Police & Fire % of Total Budget**
Auburn	$86,035,685	$36,201,325	42.08%	$5,737,832	$6,565,126	14.30%
Boylston	$24,661,855	$14,157,597	57.41%	$1,986,705	$1,049,648	12.31%
Grafton	$82,264,860	$49,454,150	60.12%	$3,439,175	$1,196,931	5.64%
Holden	$72,492,164	$44,287,584	61.09%	$3,271,795	$3,111,387	8.81%
Leicester	$40,150,921	$21,650,839	53.92%	$2,635,494	$521,404	7.86%
Millbury	$62,863,448	$29,420,034	46.80%	$4,187,274	$738,523	7.84%
Paxton	$17,281,150	$9,266,033	53.62%	$1,239,224	$1,207,245	14.16%
Shrewsbury	$169,810,336	$94,405,000	55.59%	$9,050,308	$6,256,197	9.01%
West Boylston	$32,824,569	$15,049,914	45.85%	$2,060,000	$1,947,500	12.21%
Worcester	$1,001,107,417	$612,374,295	61.17%	$62,192,427	$54,207,453	11.63%

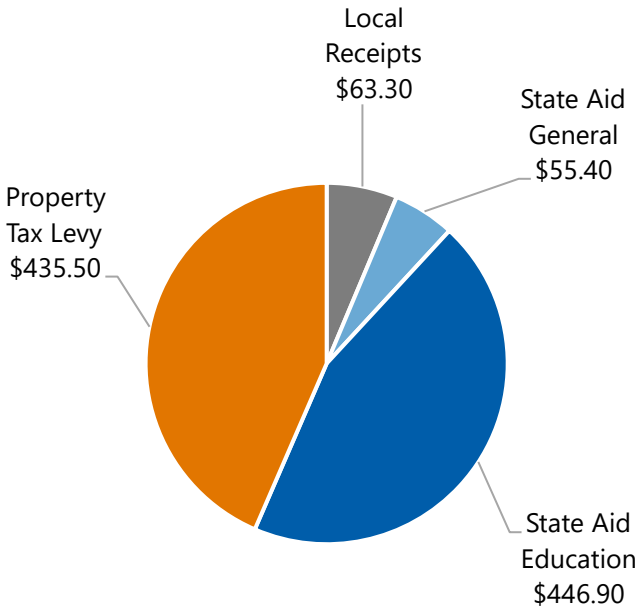
Source: FY27 Municipal Budgets

Note: Education Budget includes state aid.

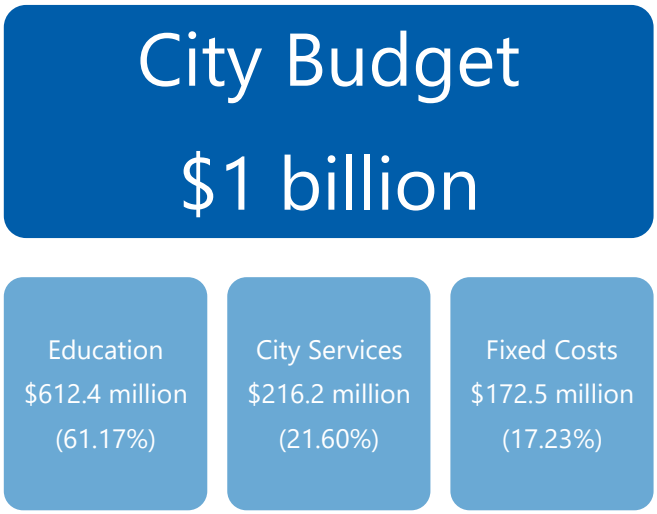
CITY OF WORCESTER'S FY27 BUDGET

The City's final FY27 budget was $1 billion. 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 no different from other Massachusetts' municipalities in being heavily dependent on local property tax revenues. State aid for education is passed on to the Worcester Public Schools.

WORCESTER: BUDGETED REVENUES ($ IN MILLIONS), FY27



WORCESTER: BUDGETED EXPENDITURES, FY27



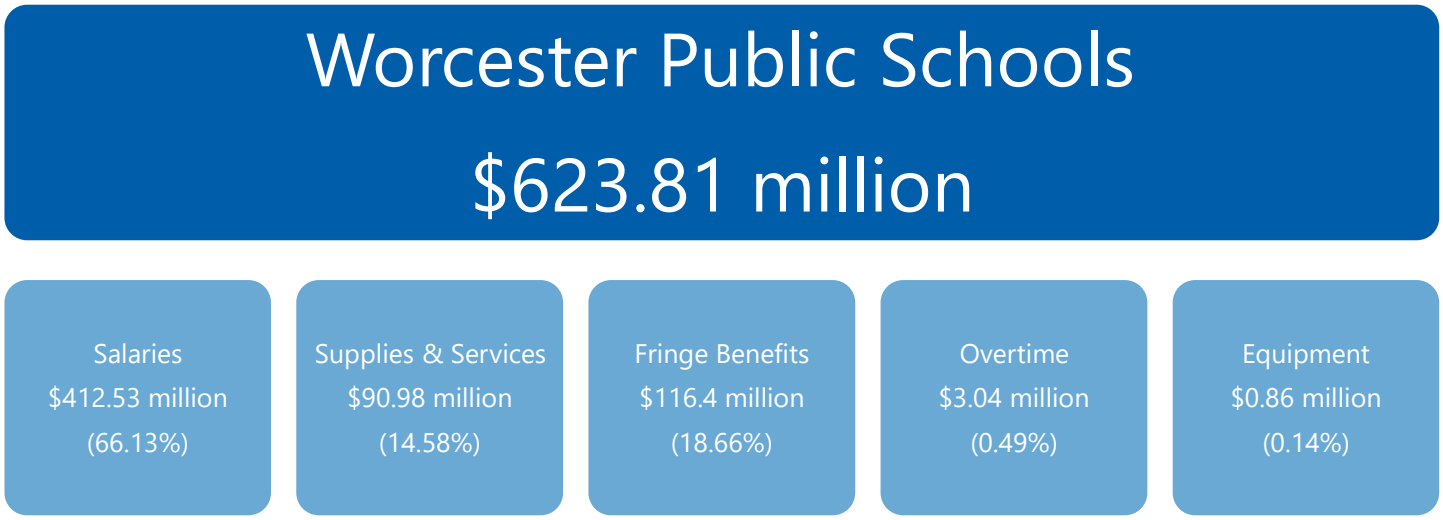
Source: City of Worcester FY27 Budget

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET

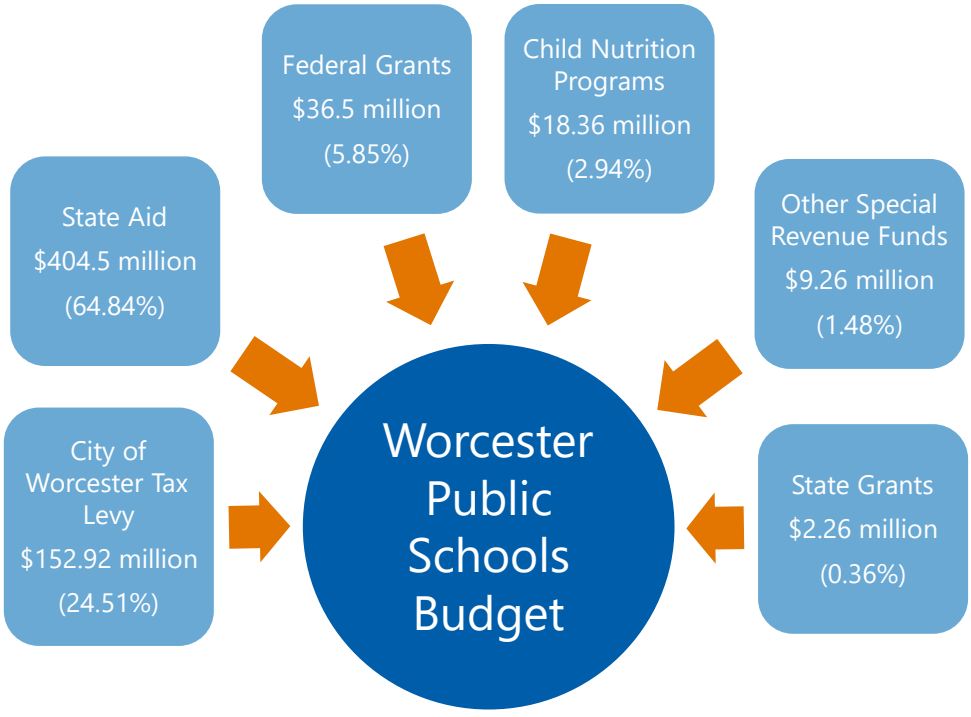
State education funding is established by the Commonwealth's Chapter 70 formula, which provides education subsidies to cities and towns using standardized criteria including the characteristics of local school-age populations and municipal finances. In 2015, the Commonwealth's Foundation Budget Review 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, FY27



WORCESTER: BUDGETED REVENUES, FY27



Source: Worcester Public Schools, FY27 Budget

Worcester: Budgeted Employee Counts, FY27	
Positions	***# Budgeted Employees***
Legislative Offices	
City Council	14
Mayor's Office	2
City Clerk	12
Election Commission	9
Auditing	9
City Manager's Office	
City Manager's Office	15
Elder Affairs	12
Public Library	98
Cable Services	4
Dept. of Economic Development	
Economic Development	48
MassHire Central Region Workforce Board	10
MassHire Central Career Center	35
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	9
Sustainability and Resilience	10
Public Facilities	35
Health and Human Services	28
Public Health	24
Human Resources	28
Law Department	20
Police Department	533
Fire Department	459
Emergency Communications	72
Dept. of Inspectional Services	73
Worcester Public Schools	5,078
Public Works and Parks	
Golf	3
Public Works	177
Parks, Recreation, and Hope Cemetery	66
Enterprise: Sewer Division	67
Enterprise: Water Division	124
Transportation and Mobility	27
Administration & Finance	11
Treasury	24
Purchasing	6
Assessing	10
Innovation and Technology	34
TOTAL: CITY ONLY	2,108
TOTAL: CITY & WPS	7,186

Source: City of Worcester, FY27 Budget; Worcester Public Schools, FY27 Budget

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 7,186 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, FY27	
Positions	***# of Budgeted Employees***
District Administrators	49
School Administrators	106
Teachers	2,601
Paraeducators	720
Teacher Substitutes	35
Crossing Guards	110
Educational Support	93
Custodial Services	163
Maintenance Services	31
Full Year Clerical	62
School Year Clerical	68
School Nurses	114
District Support	99
Student Transportation	408
Child Nutrition	306
Head Start	113
TOTAL: WPS ONLY	**5,078**

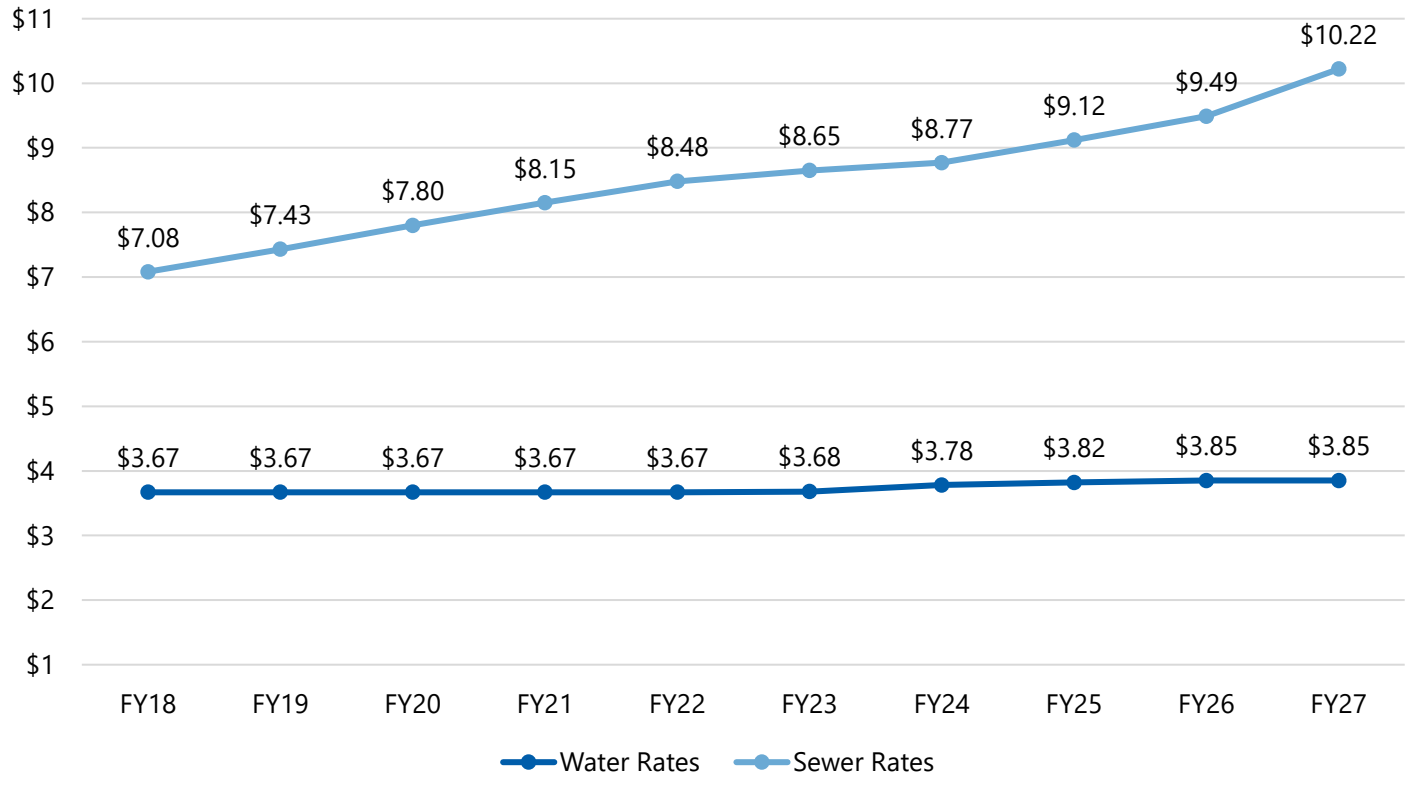
Worcester: Parks and Recreation, 2025	
Parks	61
Dog Parks	3
Playgrounds	37
Fields for Sports	67
Swimming Beach, Pool, Spray Parks	7
Total Park Acreage	1,391.21
% of Total Acreage in City	5.82%
State Parks	2
State Pools and Beaches	4

Source: City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks

Worcester: Public Library System, 2025	
# of Independent Branches	3
# of School-Based Branches	4
# of Mobile Libraries	2
Print Holdings (including periodicals)	504,084
Total Circulation	620,951
Total eCirculation	305,358
Total Number of Visits During Public Hours	433,952
Total Number of Students at School based branches during class time	41,816

Source: Worcester Public Library

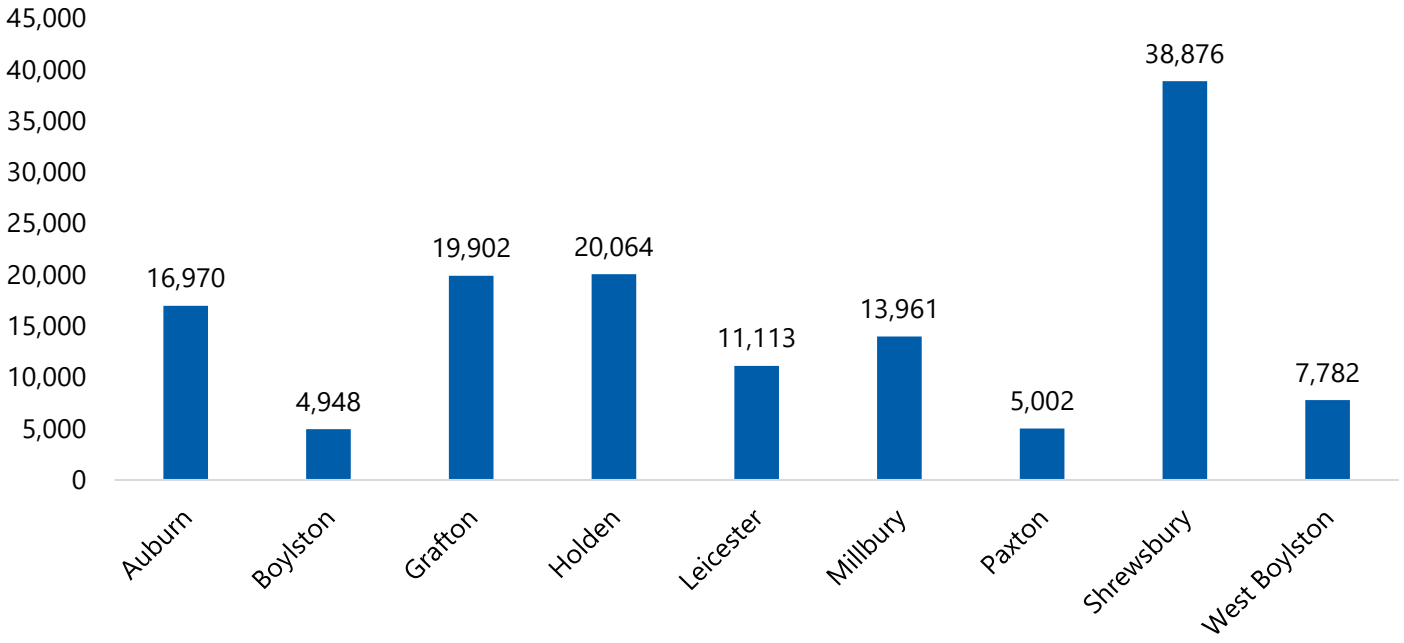
WORCESTER: WATER AND SEWER RATES, FY18-FY27



Source: City of Worcester Water and Sewer Operations

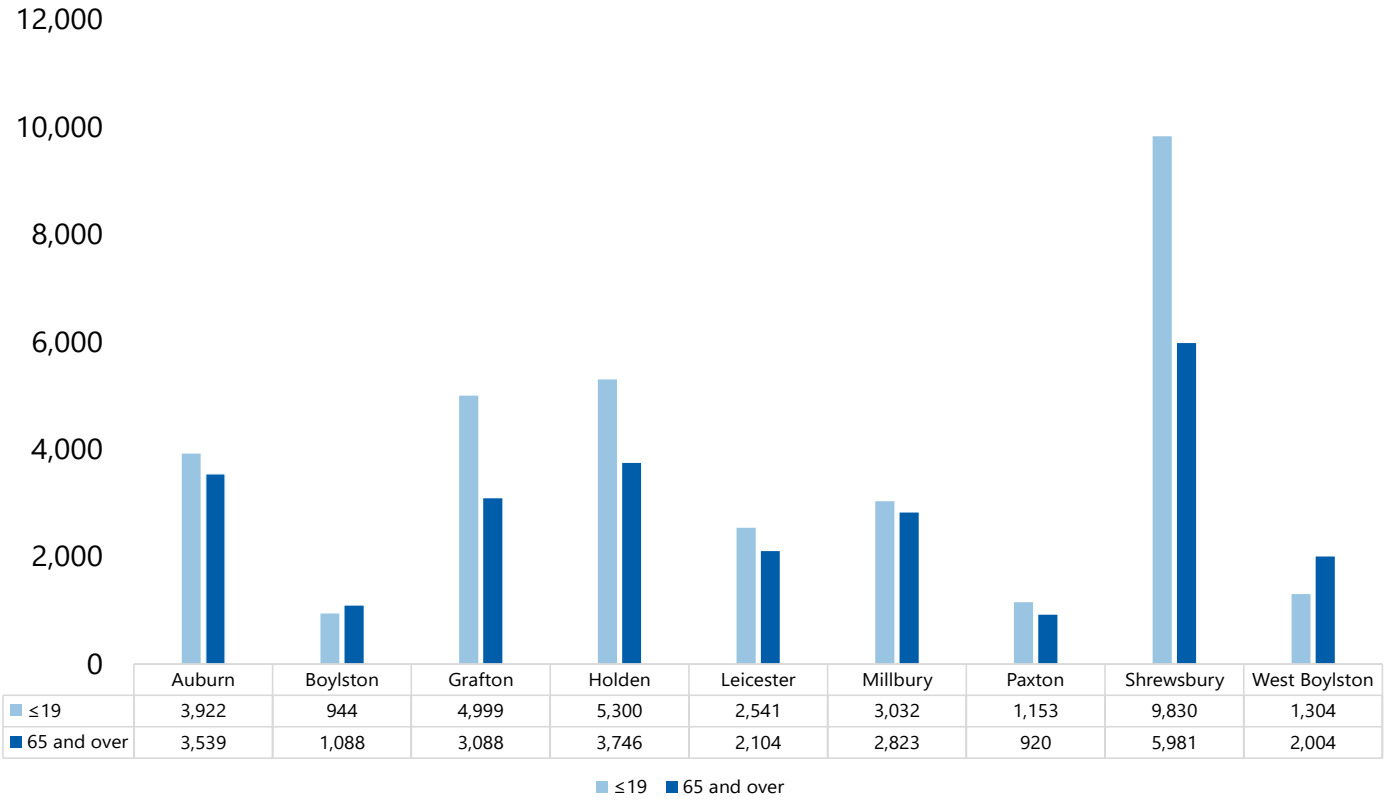
Note: Rates are per 100 cubic feet of usage. Sewerage use is based on 80% of water usage.

GREATER WORCESTER: POPULATION, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

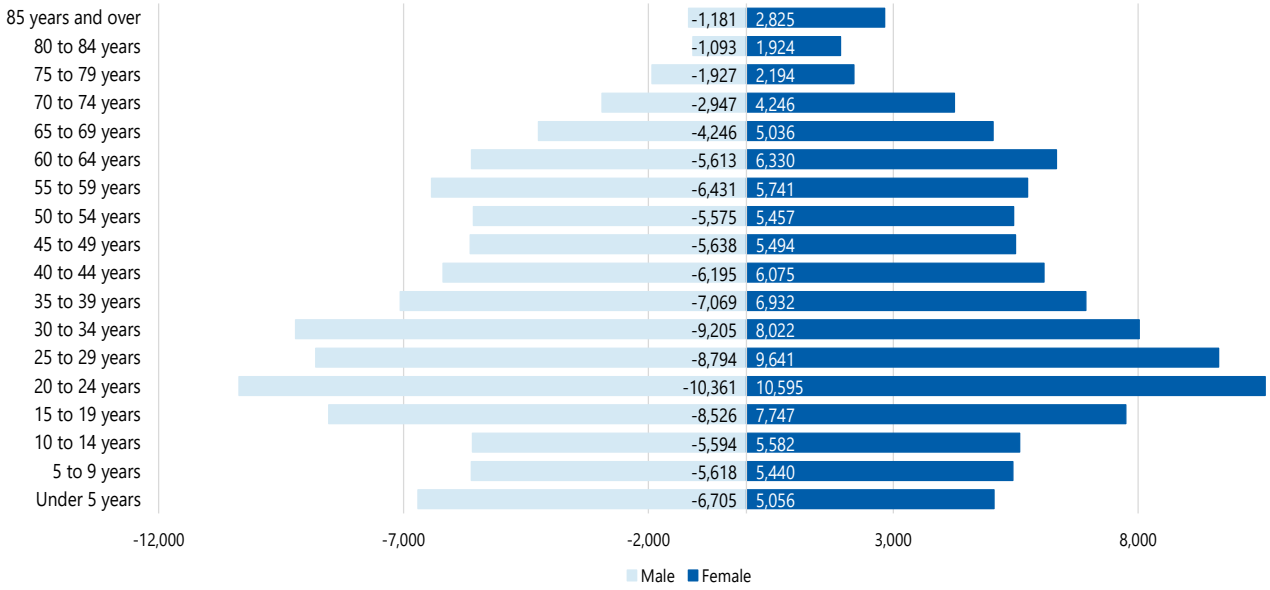
GREATER WORCESTER: POPULATION 19 YEARS OR UNDER & POPULATION 65 YEARS OR OVER, 2024



	Auburn	Boylston	Grafton	Holden	Leicester	Millbury	Paxton	Shrewsbury	West Boylston
≤19	3,922	944	4,999	5,300	2,541	3,032	1,153	9,830	1,304
65 and over	3,539	1,088	3,088	3,746	2,104	2,823	920	5,981	2,004

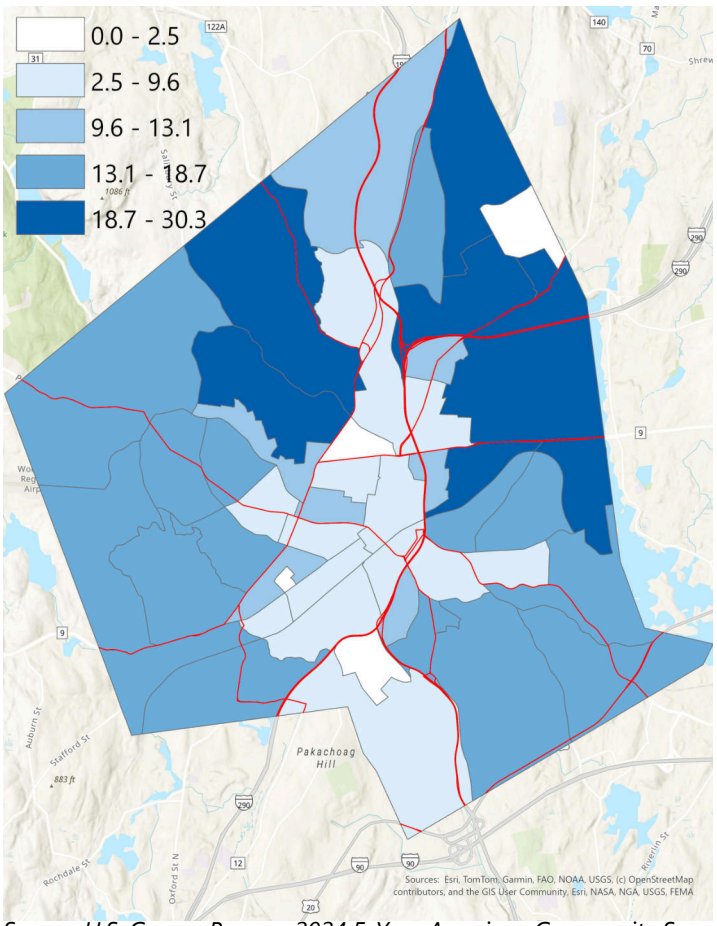
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WORCESTER: POPULATION BY AGE & SEX, 2024



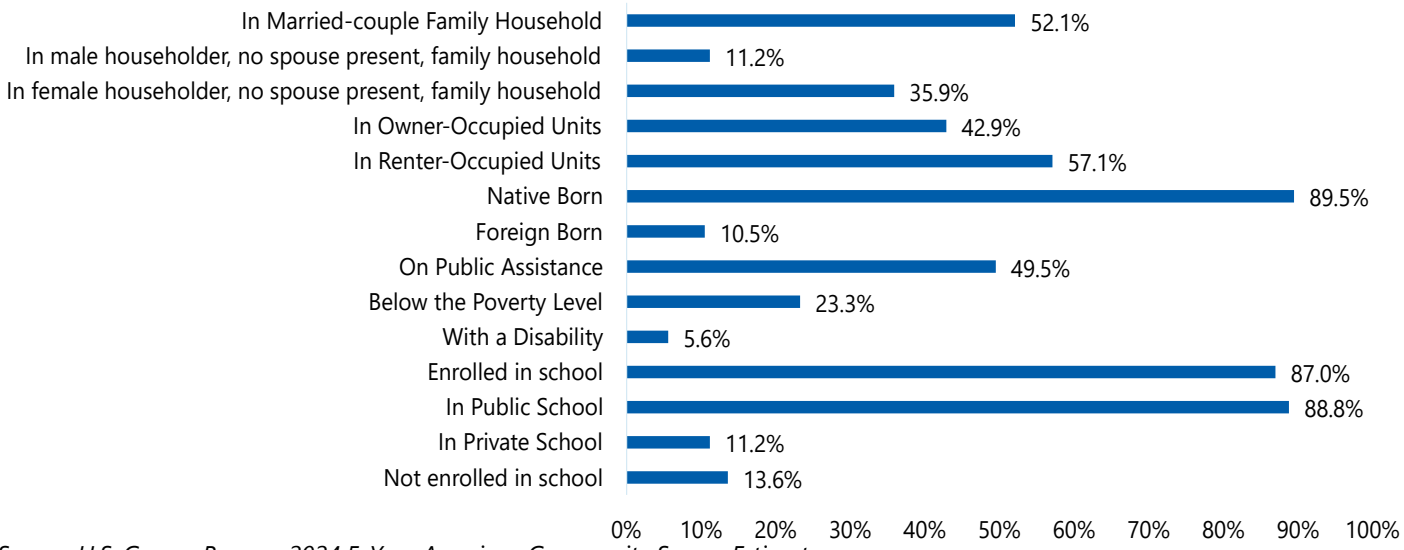
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WORCESTER: POPULATION PERCENT 65 OR OLDER, 2024



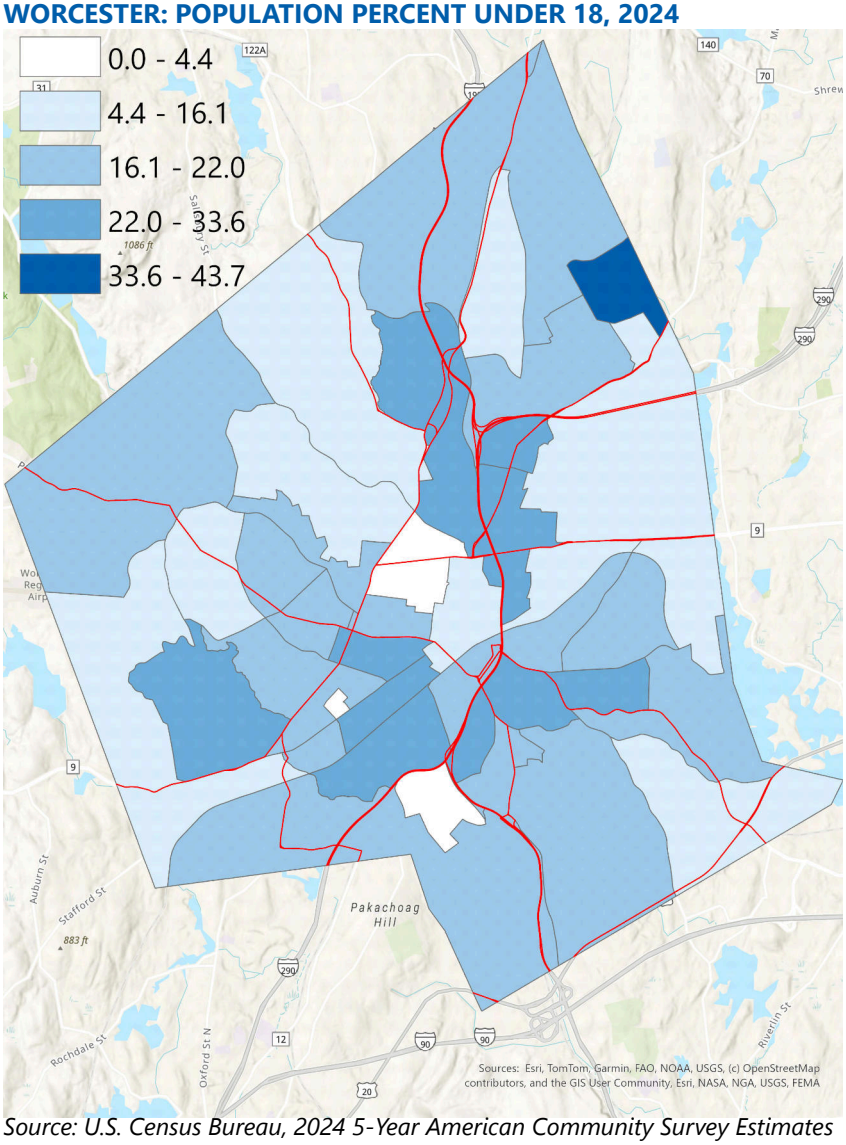
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNDER-18 POPULATION BY PERCENT, 2024



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WORCESTER: POPULATION PERCENT UNDER 18, 2024



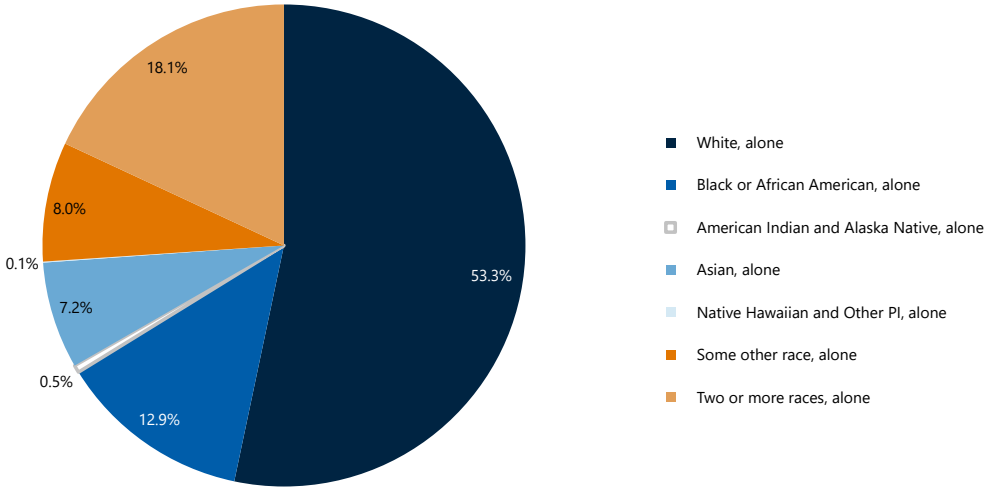
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RACE AND ETHNICITY

Race and ethnicity are socially constructed categories, shaped by historical, political, and cultural contexts rather than biological or genetic differences. They influence how individuals self-identify, how communities are perceived, and how institutions collect and interpret demographic data. The Hispanic or Latine population, in particular, highlights the complexity of these constructs: many individuals identify as both Hispanic and as belonging to one or more racial groups, while others reject traditional racial labels altogether. As a result, race and ethnicity data should be understood as social indicators that reflect lived experience and systems of classification—not fixed or objective measures of identity.

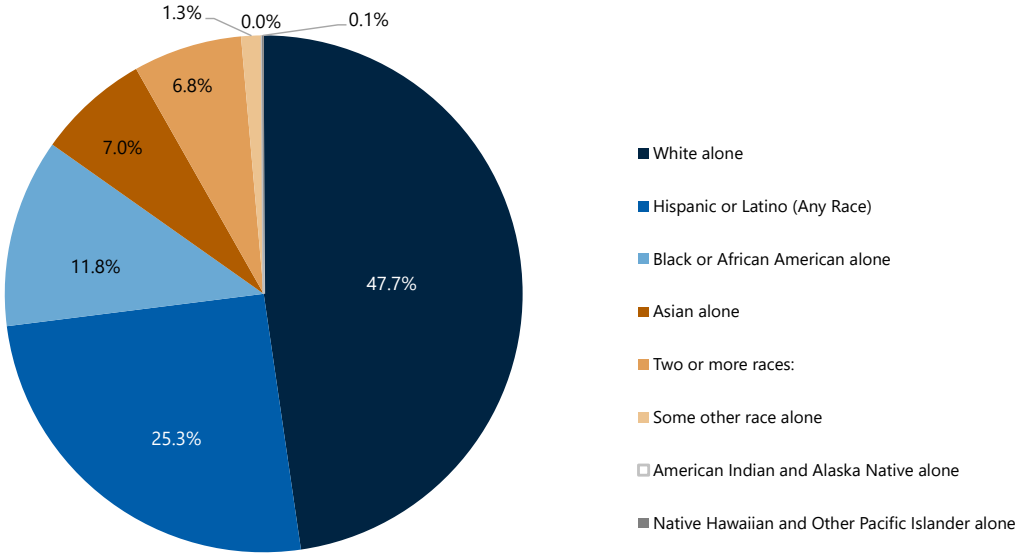
The U.S. Census Bureau classifies respondents into five categories of race: "American Indian or Alaska Native," "Asian," "Black or African American," "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander," and "White." Hispanic or Latino origin is defined separately as an ethnicity, meaning individuals who identify as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

WORCESTER: POPULATION BY RACE, 2024



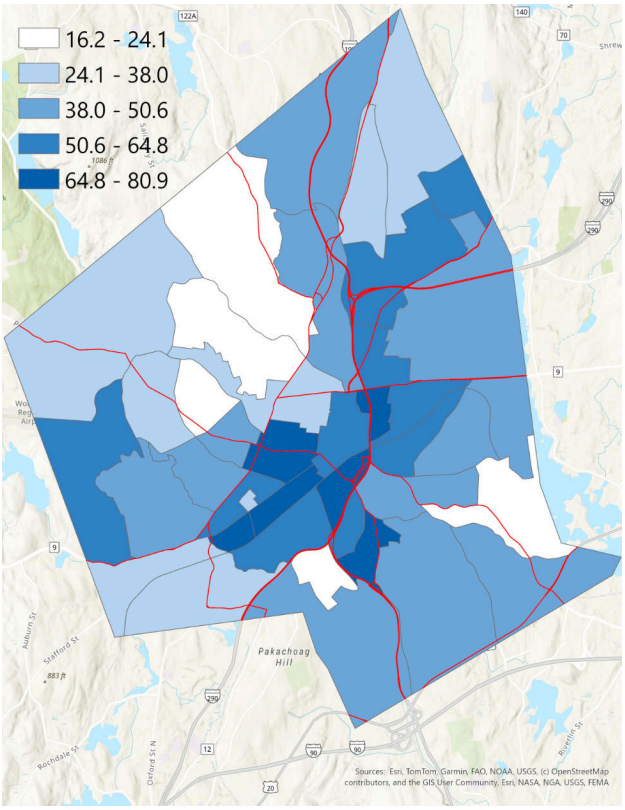
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WORCESTER: POPULATION BY RACE (NON-HISPANIC) AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OF ALL RACES, 2024



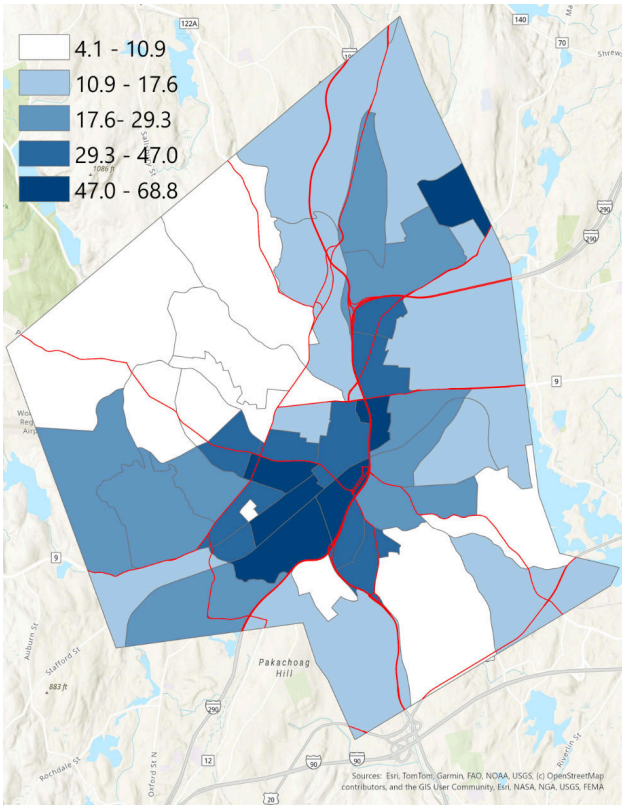
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WORCESTER: POPULATION PERCENT NON-WHITE, 2024



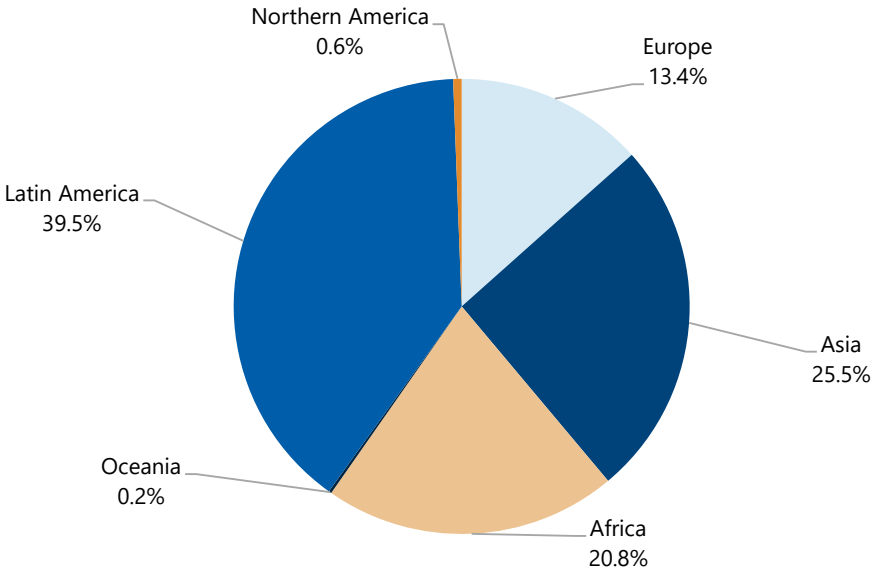
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WORCESTER: POPULATION PERCENT HISPANIC OR LATINO OF ANY RACE, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: REGION OF ORIGIN OF FOREIGN BORN RESIDENTS, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

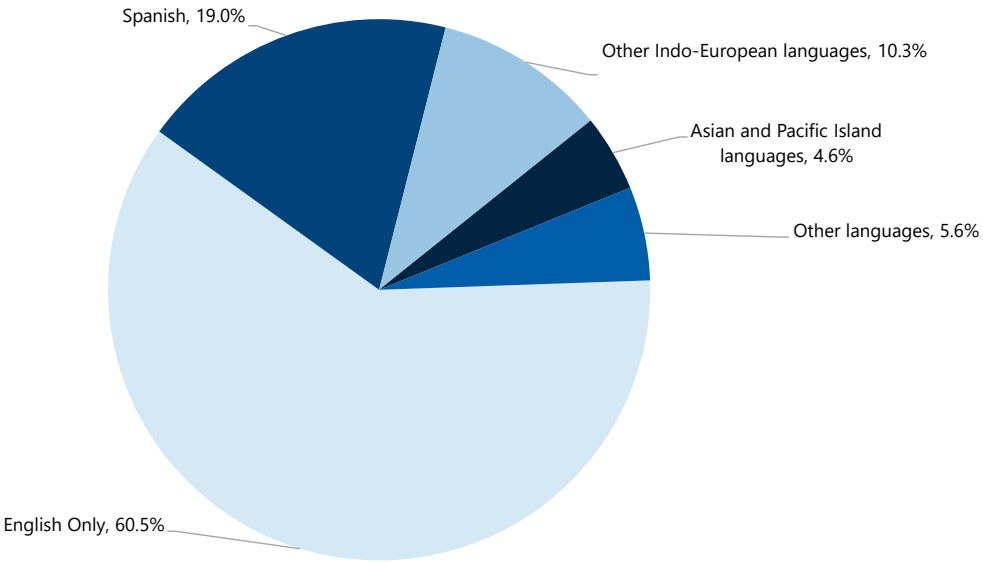
Worcester: Foreign Born Residents, 2024		
Total Foreign Born	**Foreign Born Naturalized Citizen**	**Foreign Born Not US Citizen**
51,916	26,668	25,248
	51.0%	49.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester: Place of Birth for the Foreign-Born Population 2024		
Total foreign-born population	**51,916**	**100%**
Brazil	5,856	11.3%
Ghana	5,554	10.7%
Dominican Republic	5,095	9.8%
Vietnam	4,092	7.9%
Albania	3,258	6.3%
El Salvador	2,777	5.3%
India	1,799	3.5%
China, excluding Hong Kong and Taiwan	1,706	3.3%
Kenya	1,513	2.9%
Iraq	1,245	2.4%

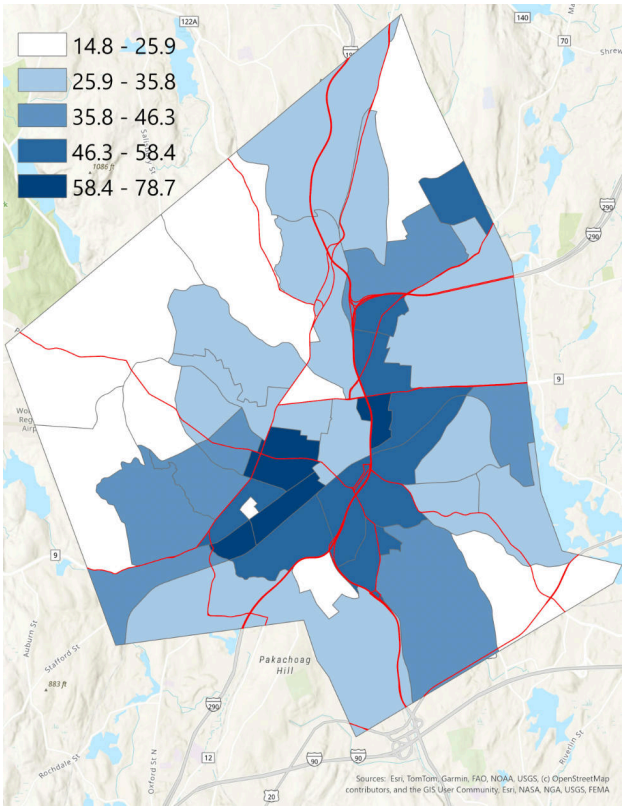
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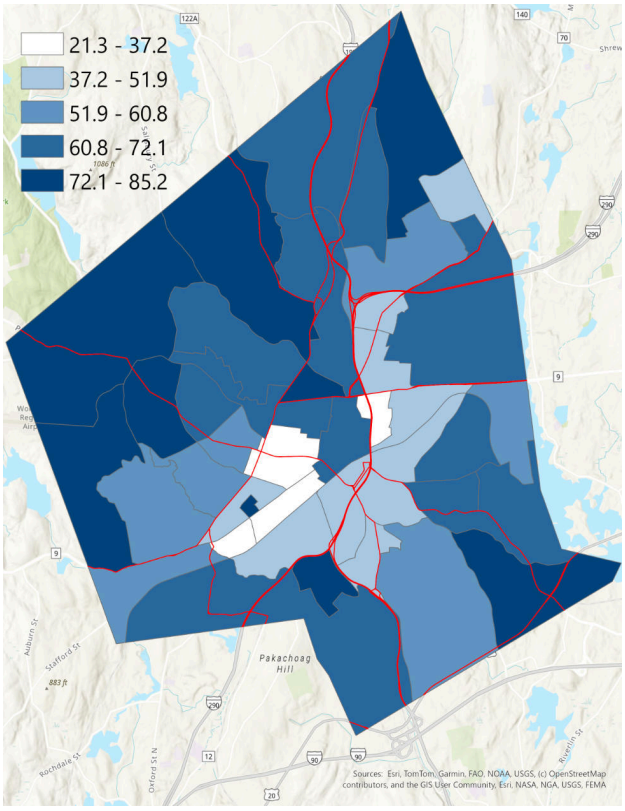


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: PERCENT OF POPULATIONS THAT SPEAKS ANOTHER LANGUAGE, 2024



WORCESTER: PERCENT OF POPULATIONS THAT SPEAKS ONLY ENGLISH, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester: Households, 2024	
Total # of Households	79,501
Total # of Families	45,202
Households with Children under 18	20,639
Average Household Size	2.42
Average Family Size	3.06
Owner-Occupied	42.8%
Renter-Occupied	57.2%
Median Household Income	$70,102

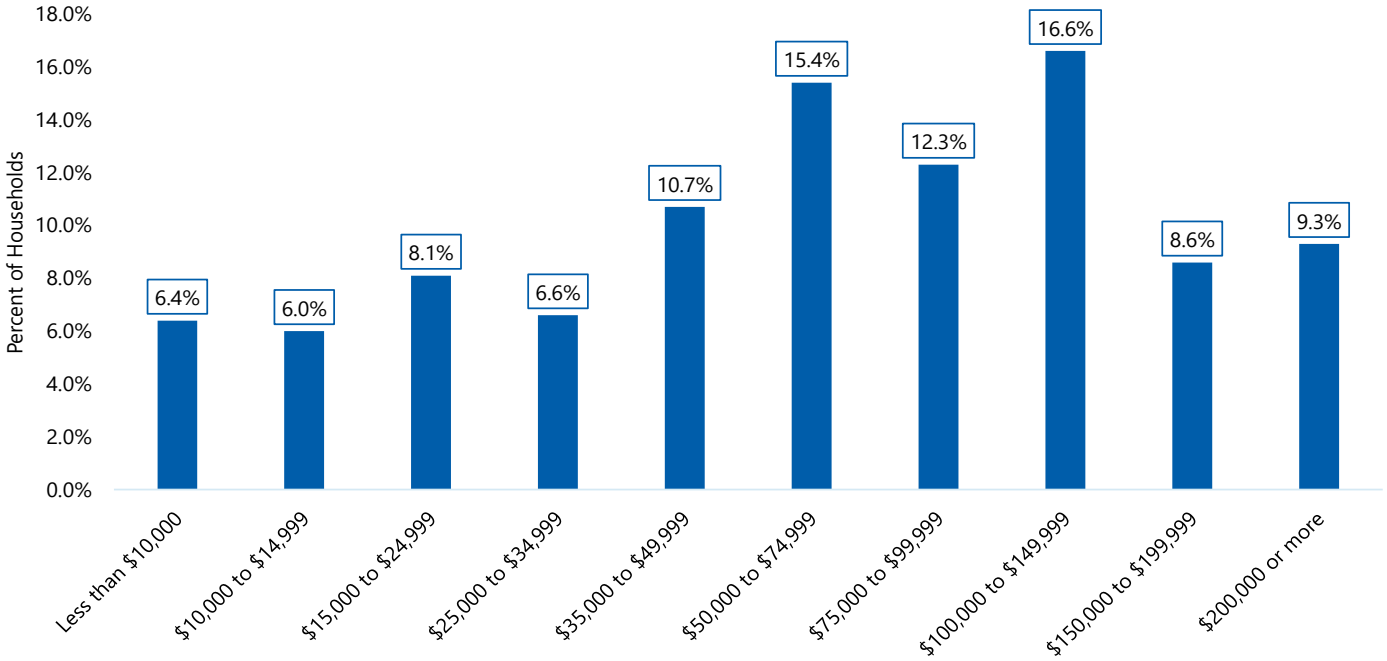
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Median household income of the middle point of all household incomes. Half of households earn more than this amount and half earn less. It gives a better sense of what a typical household earns because it is not pulled up or down by extremely high or low incomes.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2024 estimates, the median household income is $70,102 in Worcester, $103,960 in Massachusetts, and $80,734 in the United States.

Mean household income is the average income. It is calculated by adding all household incomes together and dividing by the total number of households. Because very high incomes can increase the average, the mean is often higher than the median.

WORCESTER: PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME GROUP, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

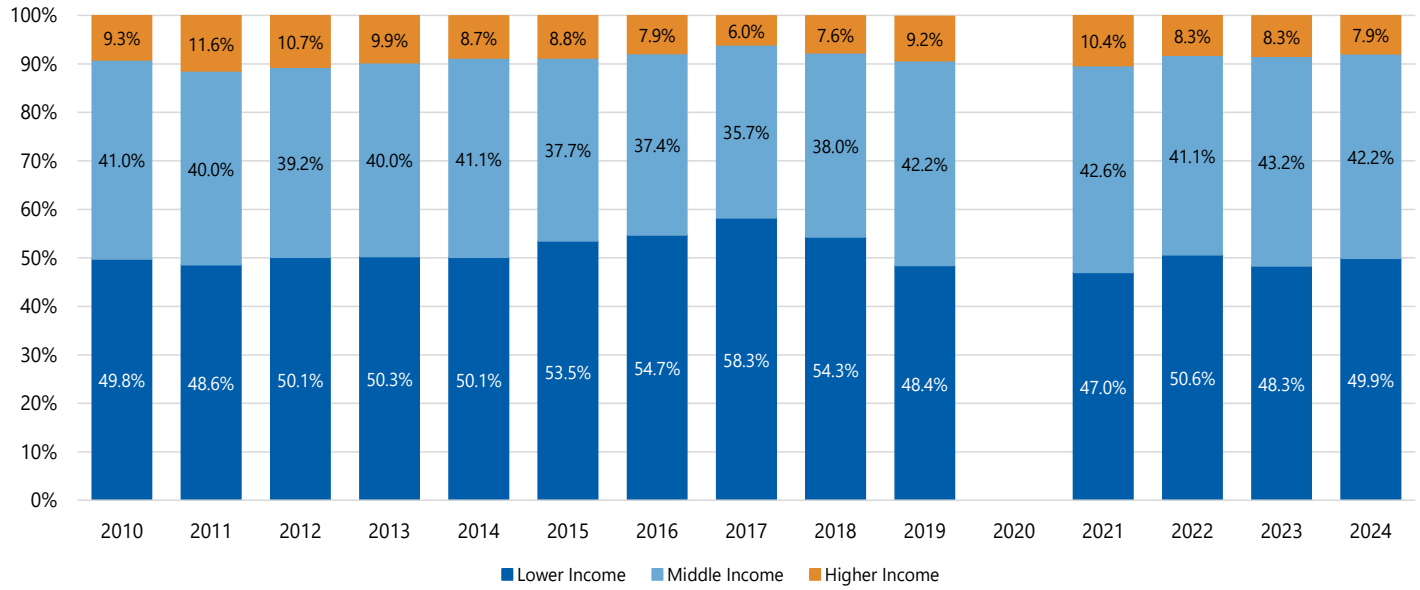
WORCESTER MIDDLE INCOME

Based on the Pew Research Center's definition of middle income, a middle-class household in Massachusetts would earn between roughly $69,000 and $208,000. Using this framework and Census data, about 42% of Worcester households in 2024 were in the middle-income range, almost 50% were in the lower-income range, and nearly 8% were in the upper-income range.

INCOME RANGES

Lower income: $0—$69,307 Middle Income: $69,307—$207,920 Higher Income: $207,921 or more

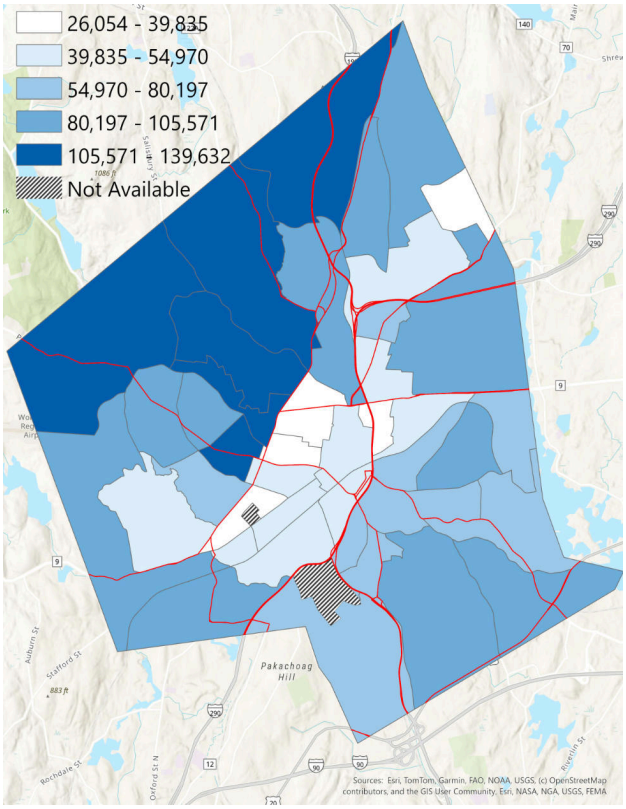
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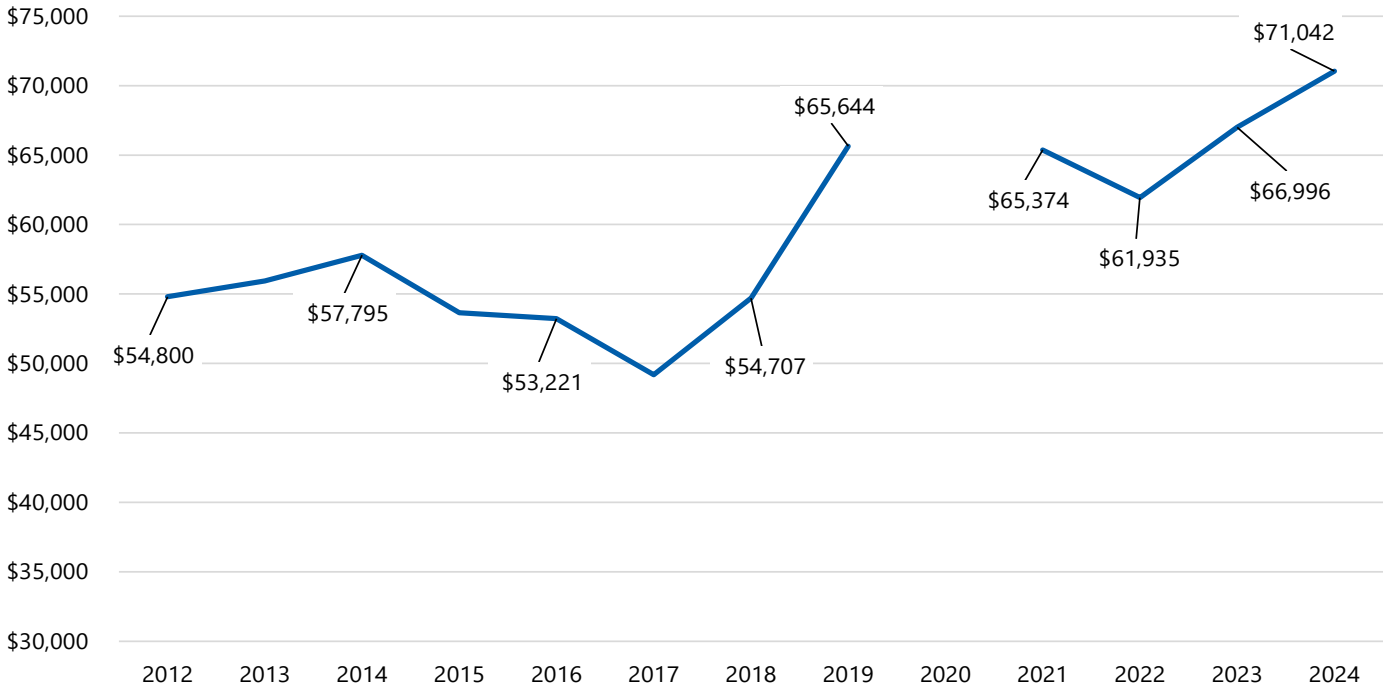
Source: Pew Research Center, Social and Demographic Trends, https://www.pewresearch.org/2024/05/31/middle-class-methodology/, Accessed June 2026.

WORCESTER: HOUSEHOLD MEDIAN INCOME ($), 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (INFLATION-ADJUSTED 2023), 2012-2024

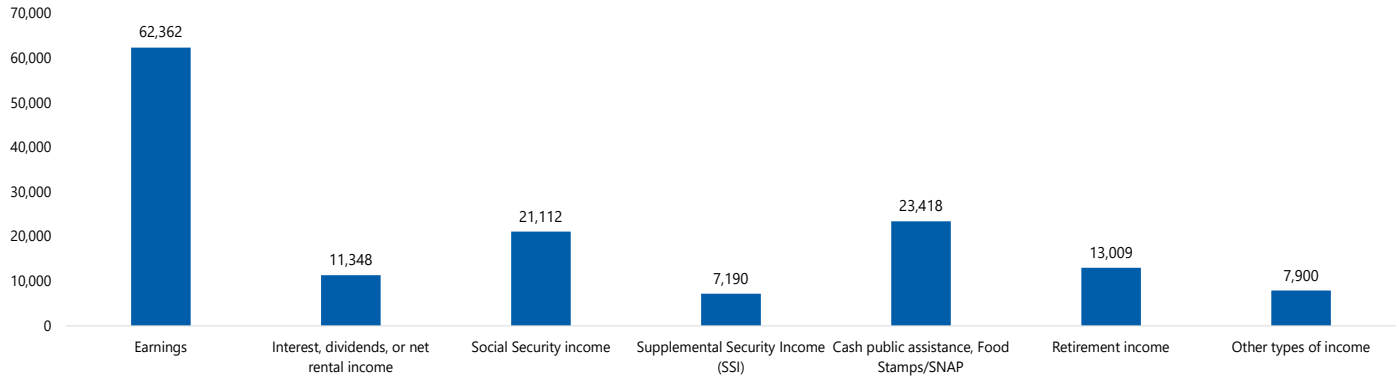


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 1-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester: Income by Quintile, 2024		
	Mean Household Income	**Shares of Aggregate Household Income**
Lowest Quintile	$12,557	2.66%
Second Quintile	$38,678	8.20%
Third Quintile	$70,117	14.86%
Fourth Quintile	$112,905	23.93%
Highest Quintile	$237,546	50.35%
Top 5 Percent	***$401,862***	***21.29%***

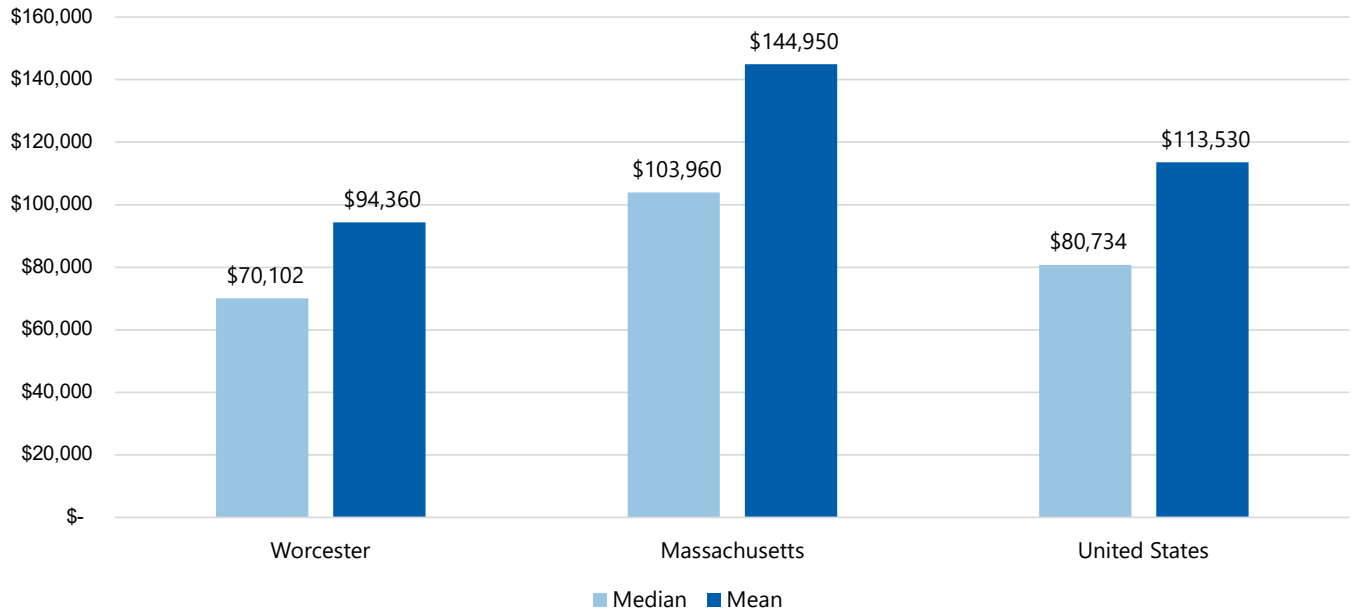
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WORCESTER: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS PER HOUSEHOLD INCOME SOURCE, 2024



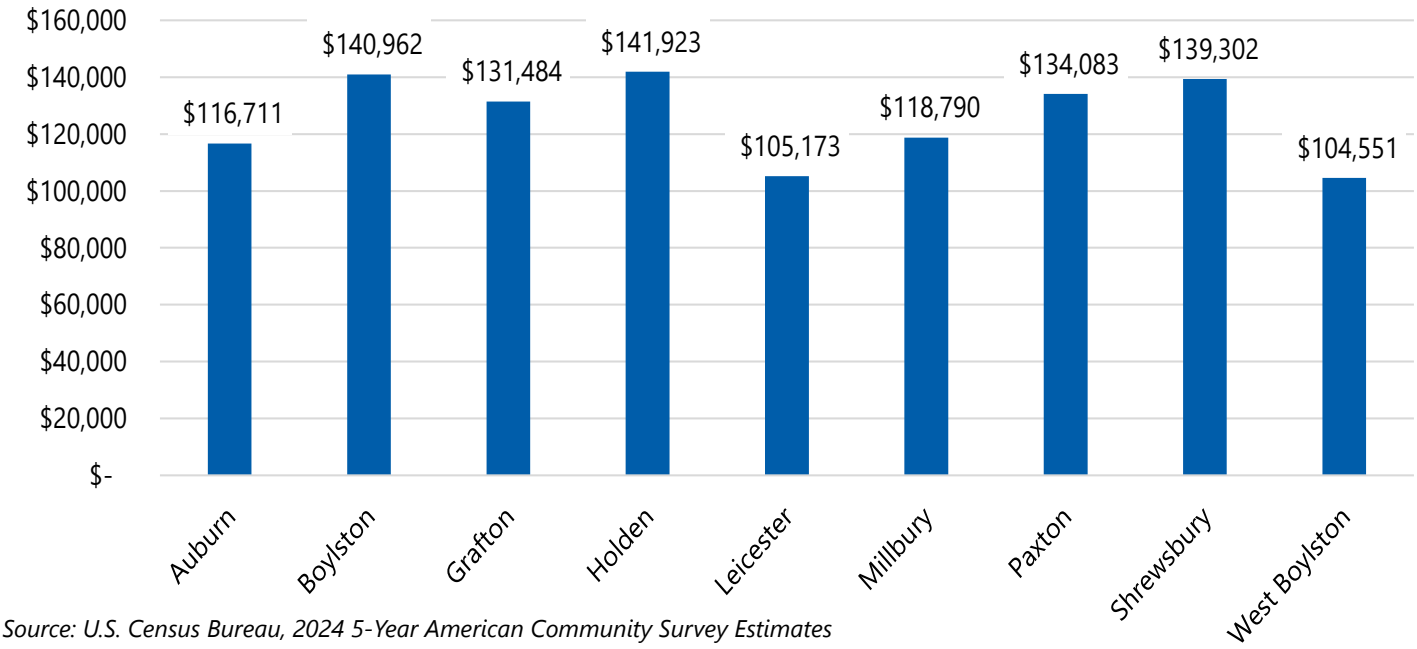
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WORCESTER: HOUSEHOLD INCOME COMPARISON



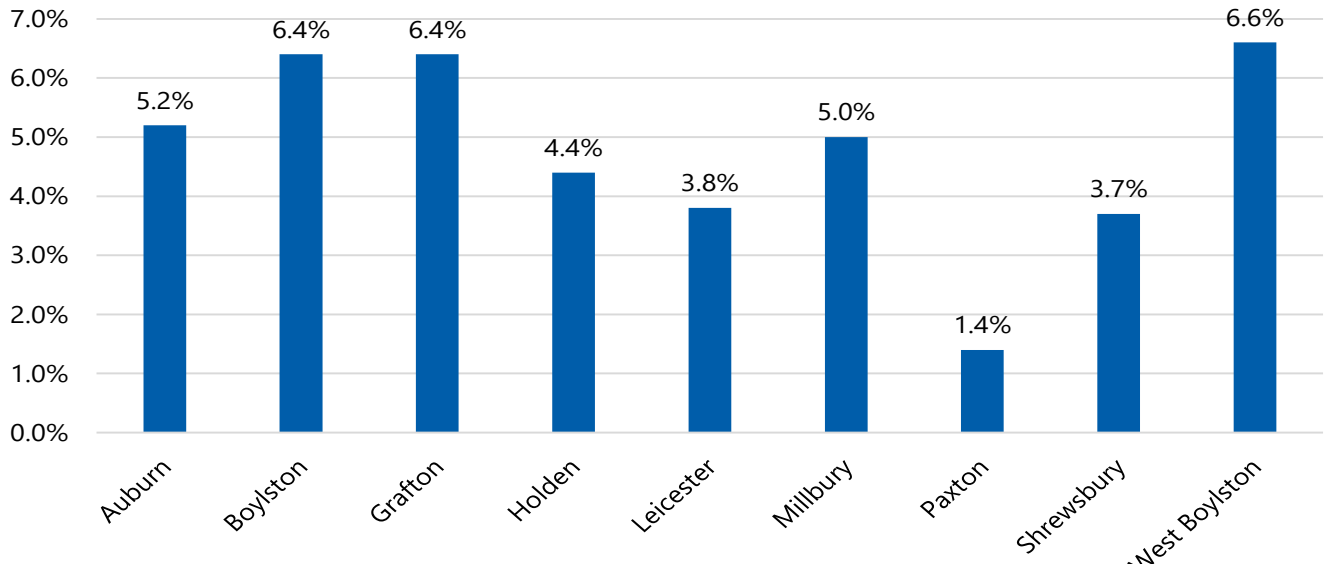
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GREATER WORCESTER: MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2024



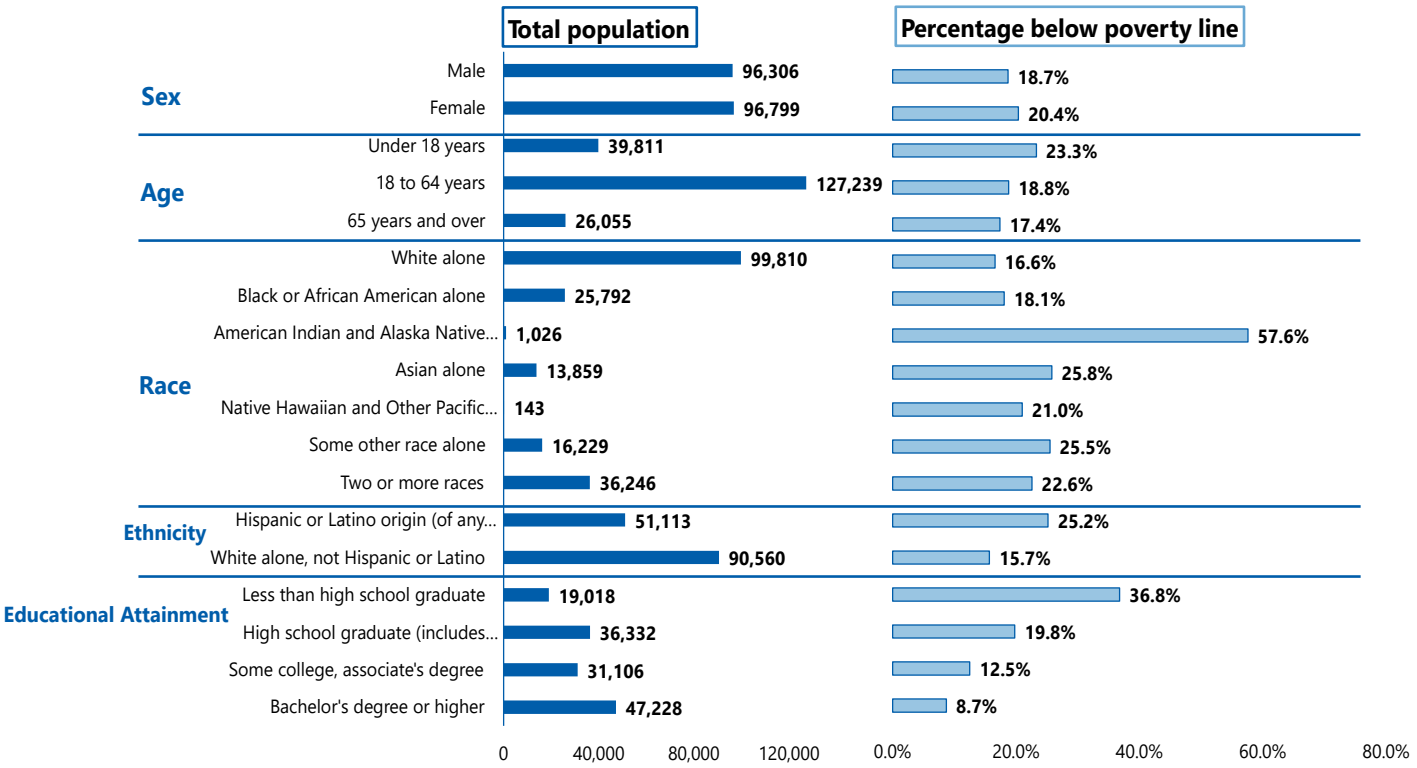
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GREATER WORCESTER: PERCENT OF PEOPLE IN POVERTY, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

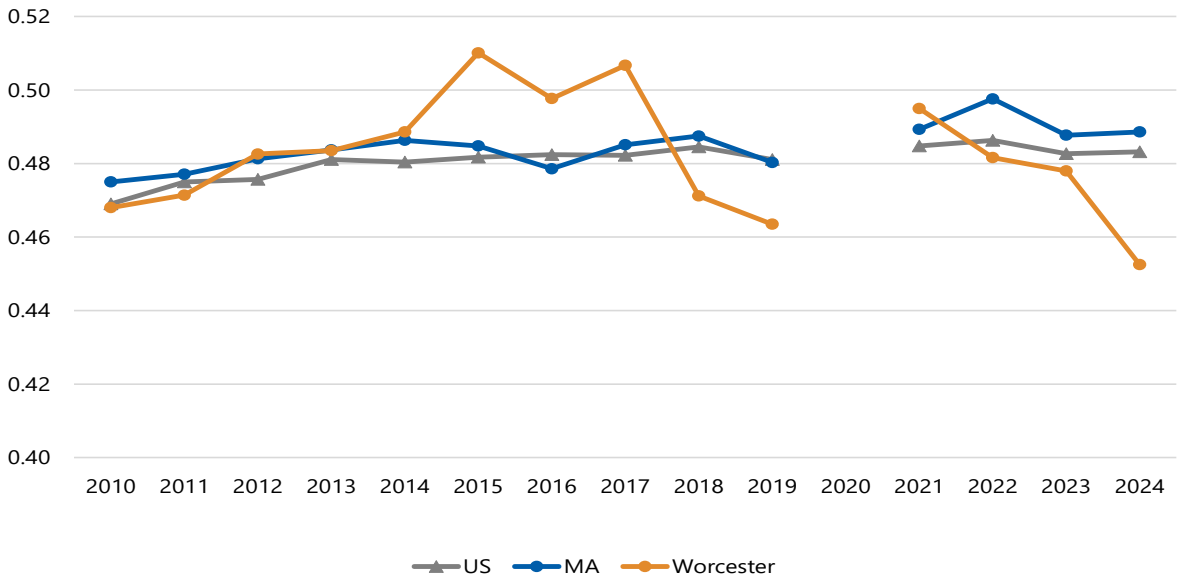
WORCESTER: POVERTY BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, 2024



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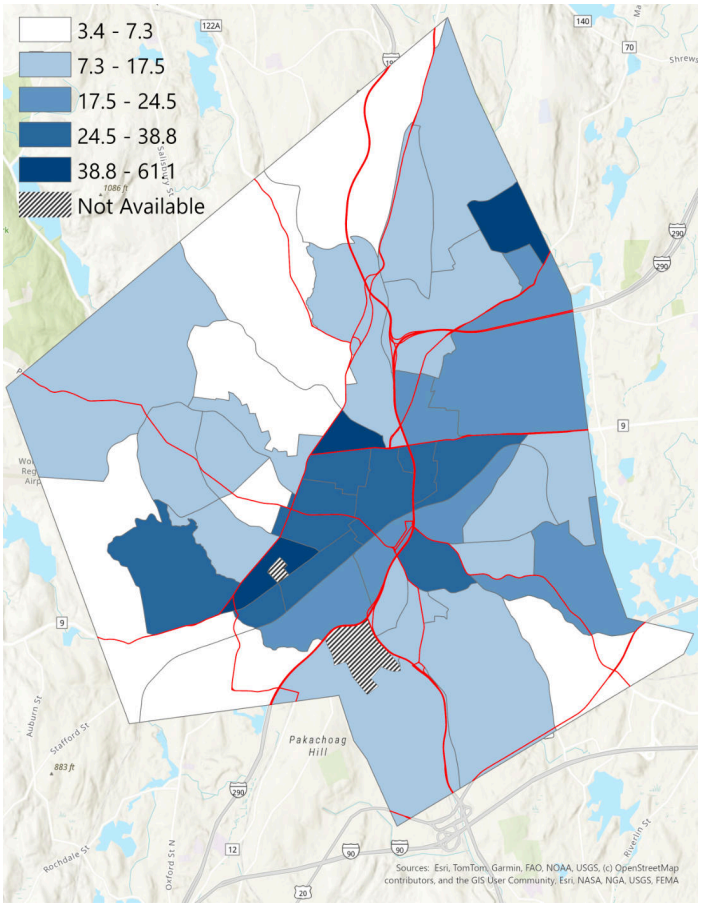
WORCESTER: GINI INDEX OF INCOME INEQUALITY, 2010-2024

The Gini Index measures how evenly income is distributed across a population. A value of 0 indicates perfect equality, where everyone has the same income, while a value of 1 indicates perfect inequality, where one person has all the income. Tracking Worcester's Gini Index from 2010 to 2024 shows how income inequality in the city has changed over time. There was no data in 2020.



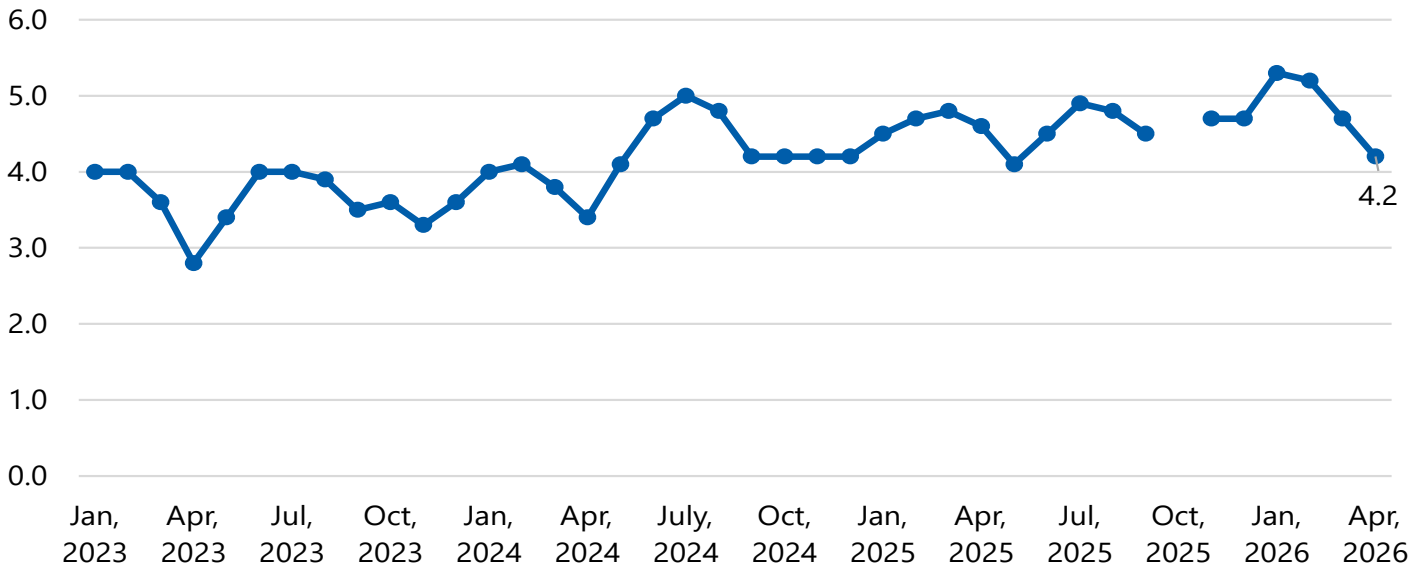
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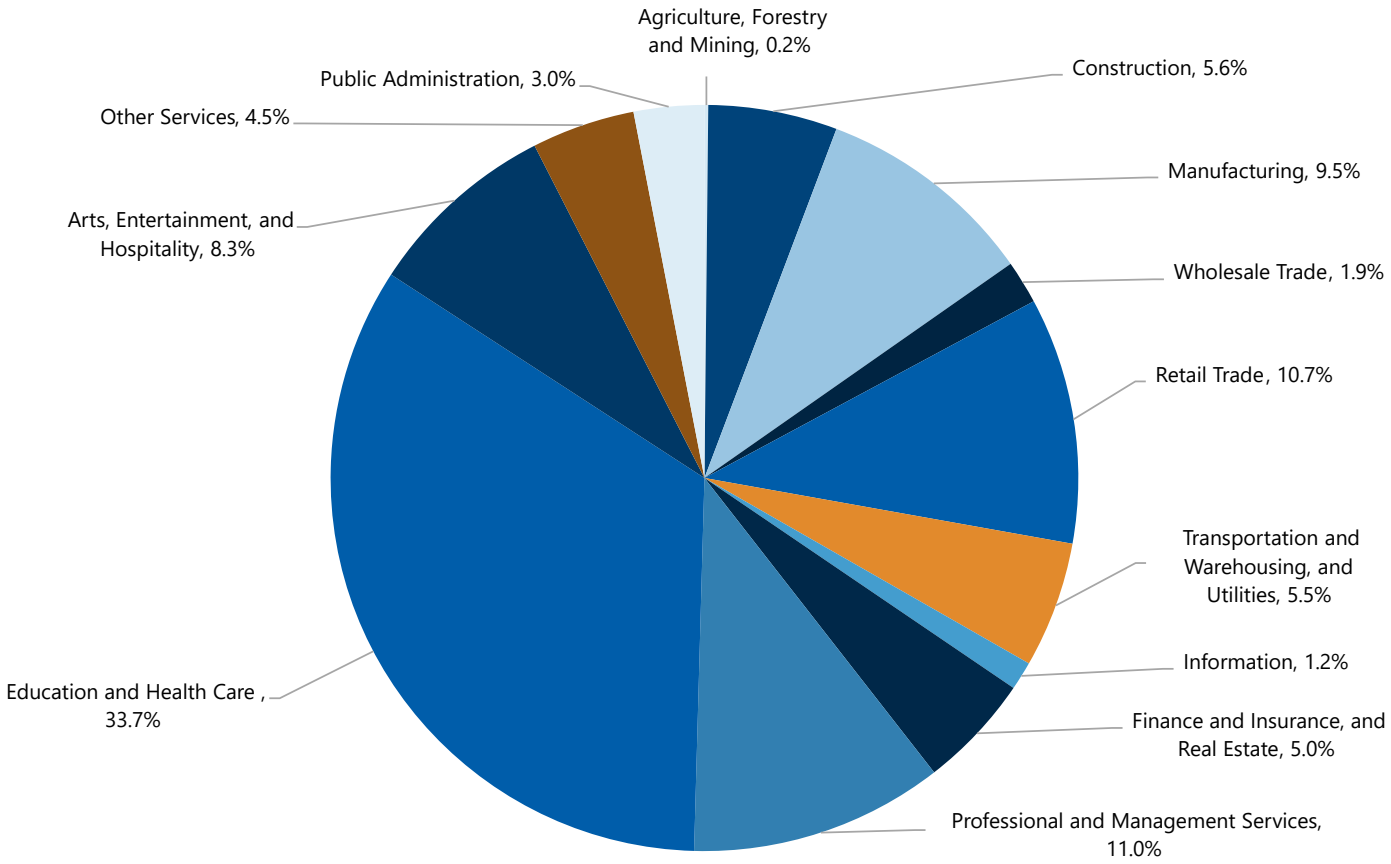
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2023-2026



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Note: October 2025 data not reported due to Federal government shutdown

WORCESTER: EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

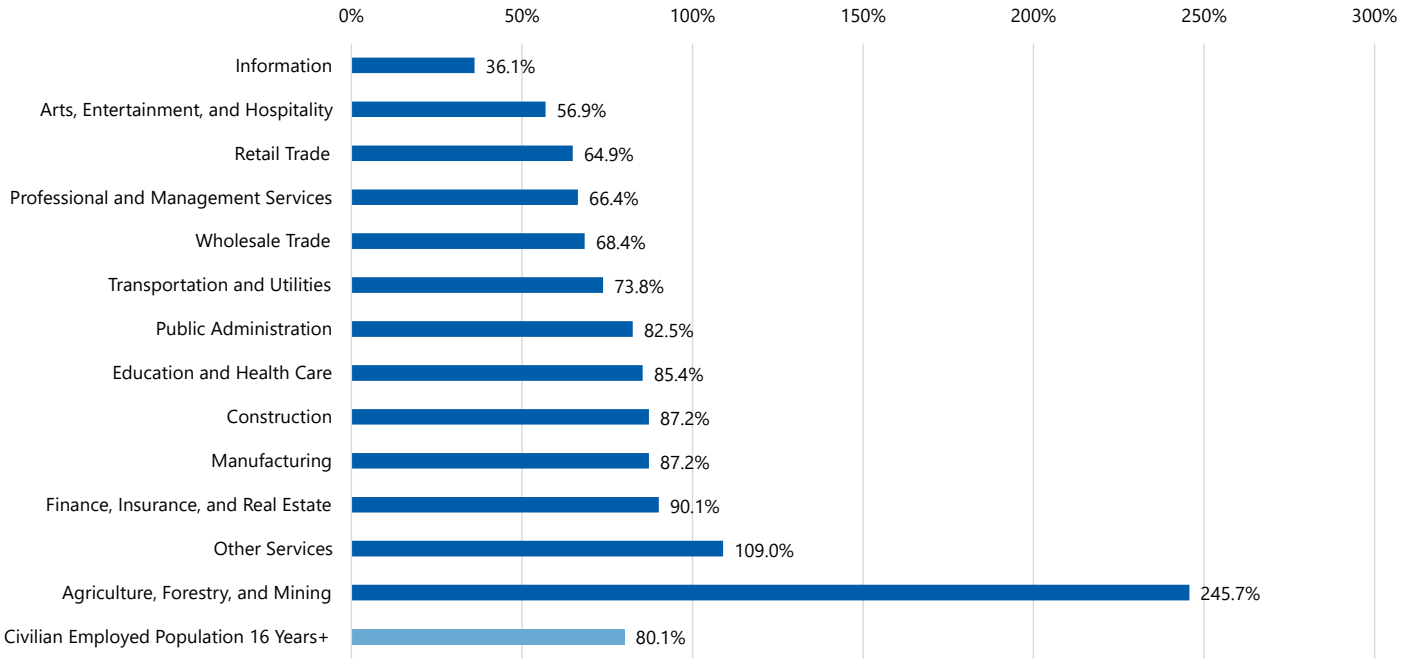
Worcester: Employment & Earnings by Industry and Gender, 2024								
	Total	Industry Percent	Male Percent	Female Percent	Median Earnings	Median Male Earnings	Median Female Earnings	Female Earnings as a Percent of
Agriculture, Forestry and Mining	169	0.2%	68%	32%	$30,590	$12,463	$30,625	245.7
Construction	5,809	5.6%	94.5%	5.5%	$53,014	$53,093	$46,319	87.2
Manufacturing	9,913	9.5%	72.9%	27.1%	$59,963	$62,961	$54,900	87.2
Wholesale Trade	1,952	1.9%	53.5%	46.5%	$50,473	$57,844	$39,578	68.4
Retail Trade	11,109	10.7%	57.3%	42.7%	$30,942	$37,739	$24,485	64.9
Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities	5,682	5.5%	69.2%	30.8%	$45,389	$48,180	$35,566	73.8
Information	1,284	1.2%	66%	34%	$69,167	$95,764	$34,572	36.1
Finance and Insurance, and Real Estate	5,158	5.0%	43.7%	56.3%	$64,677	$70,654	$63,654	90.1
Professional and Management Services	11,419	11.0%	60.7%	39.3%	$55,200	$67,073	$44,549	66.4
Education and Health Care	35,108	33.7%	32.3%	67.7%	$47,409	$52,322	$44,697	85.4
Arts, Entertainment, and Hospitality	8,650	8.3%	48.5%	51.5%	$22,237	$29,239	$16,623	56.9
Other Services	4,648	4.5%	41%	59%	$36,057	$35,111	$38,281	109.0
Public Administration	3,167	3.0%	59.2%	40.8%	$75,458	$82,830	$68,376	82.5
Civilian Employed Population 16 Years+	***104,068***	***100%***	***51.4%***	***48.6%***	***$47,155***	***$51,587***	***$41,329***	***80.1***

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: FEMALE MEDIAN EARNINGS AS A PERCENTAGE OF MALE MEDIAN EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY, 2024

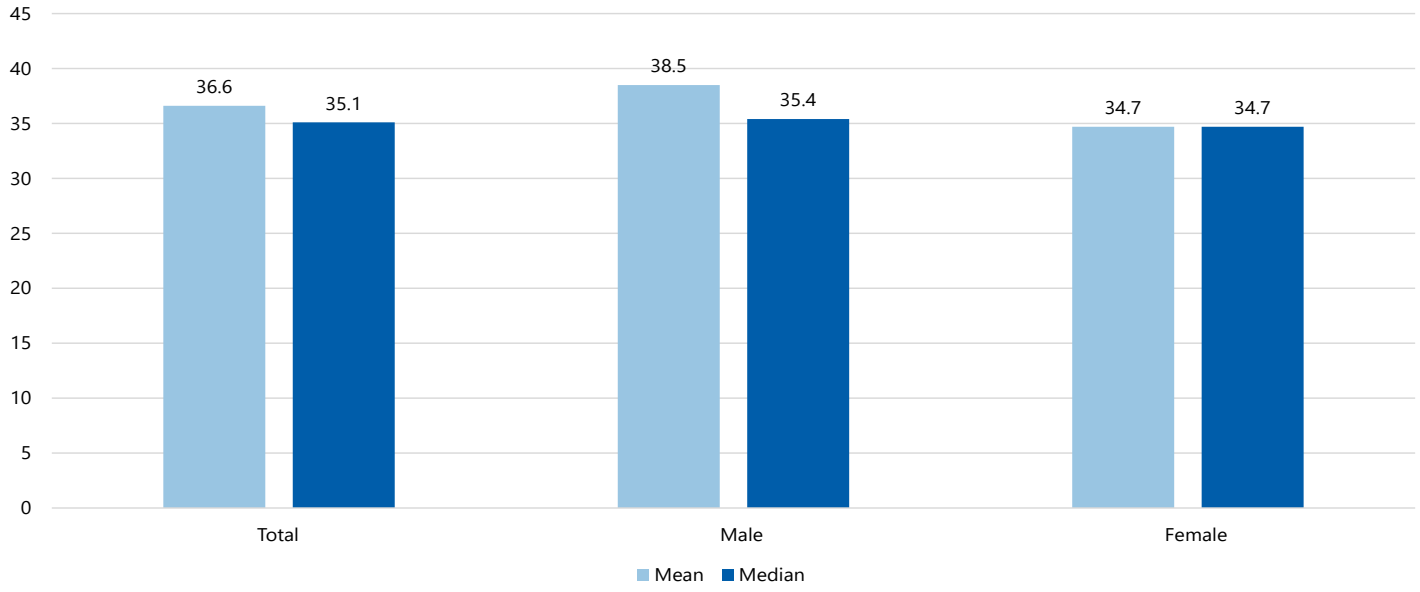
The chart compares women's and men's median annual earnings by industry using the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Female median earnings are divided by male median earnings and multiplied by 100. A value of 100% indicates equal median earnings. Values below 100% indicate lower female median earnings and values above 100% indicate higher female median earnings.

Across all industries, female median earnings were 80.1% of male median earnings. In the information industry, female median earnings were $34,572, compared with $95,764 for males, a ratio of 36.1%.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates
Note: Agriculture estimate have a very large margin of error and should be interpreted cautiously

WORCESTER: FEMALE PAY AS A PERCENTAGE OF MALE PAY BY INDUSTRY, 2024

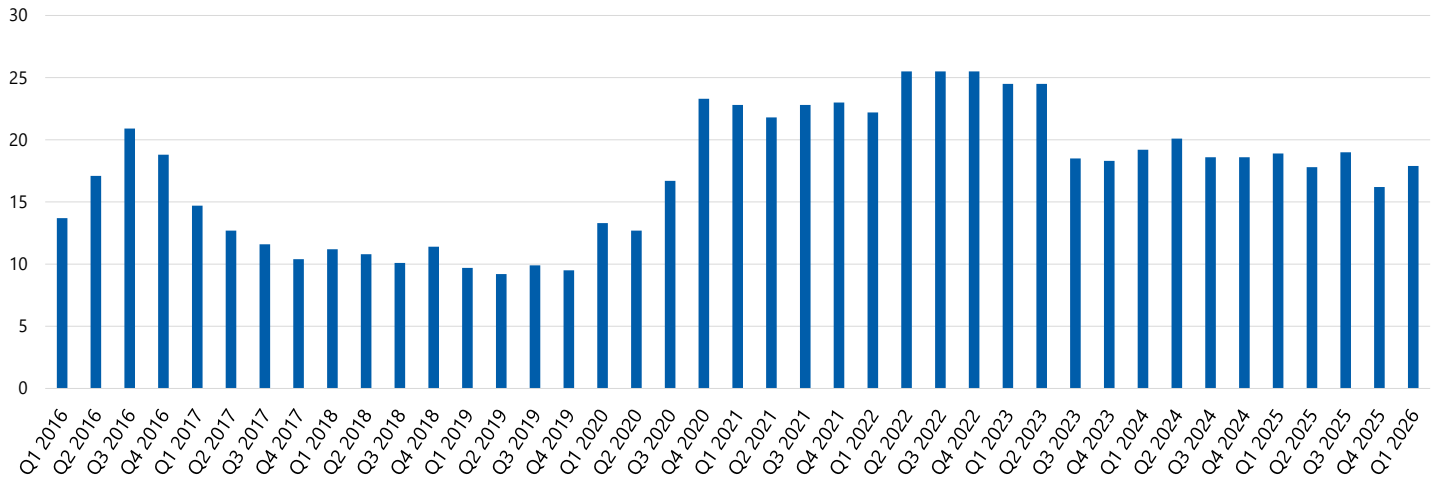


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester: Office and R&D Space					
	2025				2026
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter
Square Feet (SF) Supply	1,948,183	1,734,183	1,734,183	1,734,183	1,734,183
Direct SF Available	354,163	295,174	311,276	271,277	300,753
Sublease SF Available	13,759	13,759	18,228	8,860	8,860
Vacancy Rate %	18.9%	17.8%	19.0%	16.2%	17.9%
Current Net Absorption	-5,462	-155,011	-20,571	49,367	-29,476
YTD Net Absorption	-5,462	-160,473	-181,044	-430,170	-29,476

Source: Colliers International

WORCESTER: QUARTERLY OFFICE & RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT VACANCY RATE, 2016-2026



Source: Colliers International

Notes: Data based on a survey of select properties by Colliers International completes a survey of office vacancies for Greater Boston that includes select buildings in Worcester. 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, 2026	
	Number of Rooms
AC Hotel by Marriott	170
Beechwood Hotel	73
Courtyard by Marriott - Worcester	134
Fairfield Inn and Suites	82
Hampton Inn & Suites Worcester	100
Hilton Garden Inn Worcester	199
Holiday Inn Express Worcester	91
Homewood Suites by Hilton Worcester	118
Residence Inn by Marriott Worcester	129
Quality Inn & Suites Worcester	0
Envision Hotel (announced; Fall/Winter 2026)	100
Total Hotel Rooms	**1,196**

Source: Discover Central Massachusetts

Worcester: Hotel Market, 2025	
Occupancy	71.70%
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	$191.47
Revenue per Available Room	$137.33

Source: Discover Central Massachusetts

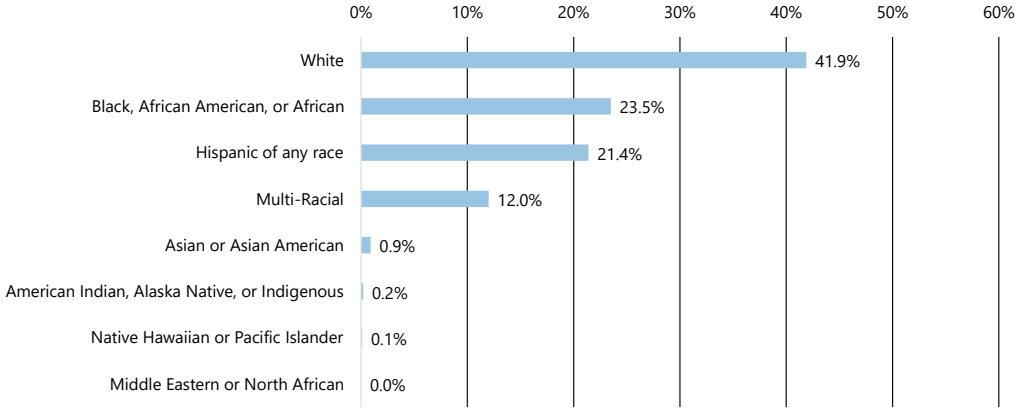
Worcester County: Hotel Market, 2025	
Occupancy	62.20%
Supply	2,095,004
Demand	1,302,432
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	$150.51
Revenue per Available Room	$93.57
Total Revenue	$196,029,150

Source: Discover Central Massachusetts

Worcester City and County: Point-in-Time Count of People and Households Experiencing Homelessness, January 28, 2026					
Total Households and Persons	**Sheltered**			**Unsheltered**	**Total**
	Emergency	**Transitional**	**Safe Haven**		
Total Number of HouseHolds	616	126	19	161	922
Total Number of Persons	863	152	19	168	1,202
Number of Persons (under age 18)	206	20	0	0	226
Number of Persons (18 - 24)	46	18	0	7	71
Number of Persons (25 - 34)	144	31	1	33	209
Number of Persons (35 - 44)	188	29	6	56	279
Number of Persons (45 - 54)	140	26	5	34	205
Number of Persons (55 - 64)	107	14	7	24	152
Number of Persons (65 and older)	32	14	0	14	60
Race	**Sheltered**			**Unsheltered**	**Total**
	Emergency	**Transitional**	**Safe Haven**		
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous (only)	1	0	0	1	2
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0	0	0	0
Asian or Asian American (only)	7	3	0	1	11
Asian or Asian American & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0	0	0	0
Black, African American, or African (only)	230	26	2	25	283
Black, African American, or African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	1	1	0	3	5
Hispanic/Latina/e/o (only)	164	27	1	32	224
Middle Eastern or North African (only)	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Eastern or North African & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (only)	1	0	0	0	1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0	0	0	0	0
White (only)	343	75	13	73	504
White & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	9	4	0	0	13
Multi-Racial & Hispanic/Latina/e/o	5	0	0	10	15
Multi-Racial (all other)	102	16	3	23	144
Chronically Homeless	**Sheltered**			**Unsheltered**	**Total**
	Emergency	**Transitional**	**Safe Haven**		
Total Number of Persons	244	N/A	14	75	333

Source: Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance

WORCESTER COUNTY: SHARE OF INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, (POINT-IN-TIME JANUARY 28, 2026)



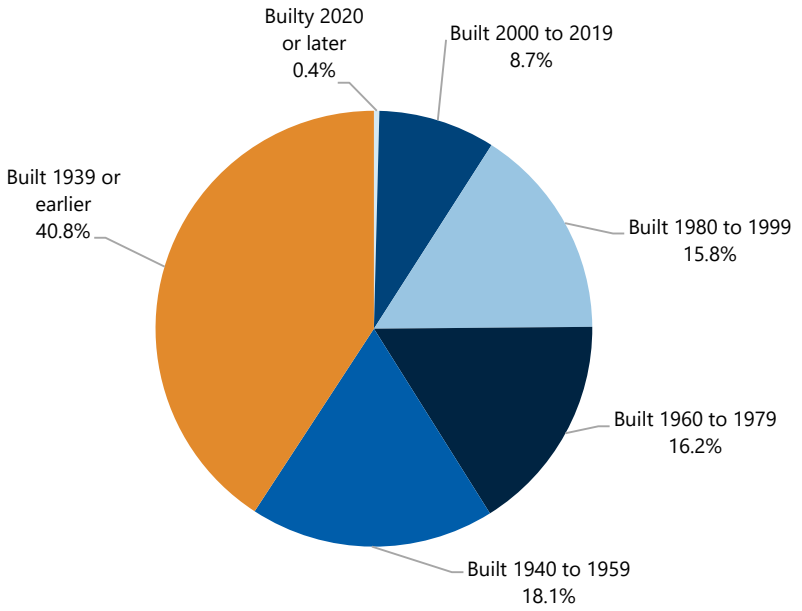
The totals in the table represent the number of persons experiencing homelessness, as counted in the Point-in-Time (PIT) count. Each total is the number of individuals, not households, disaggregated by shelter type and race/ethnicity.

Source: Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance

Worcester: Housing Units, 2024		
Total Housing Units	**85,876**	**Percent**
Occupied Housing Units	85,876	100.0%
Owner-Occupied	33,988	39.6%
Renter-Occupied	45,513	53.0%
Vacant Housing Units	6,375	7.4%
Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures	53,352	62.1%
Homeowner vacancy rate	0.7	
Rental vacancy rate	4.3	

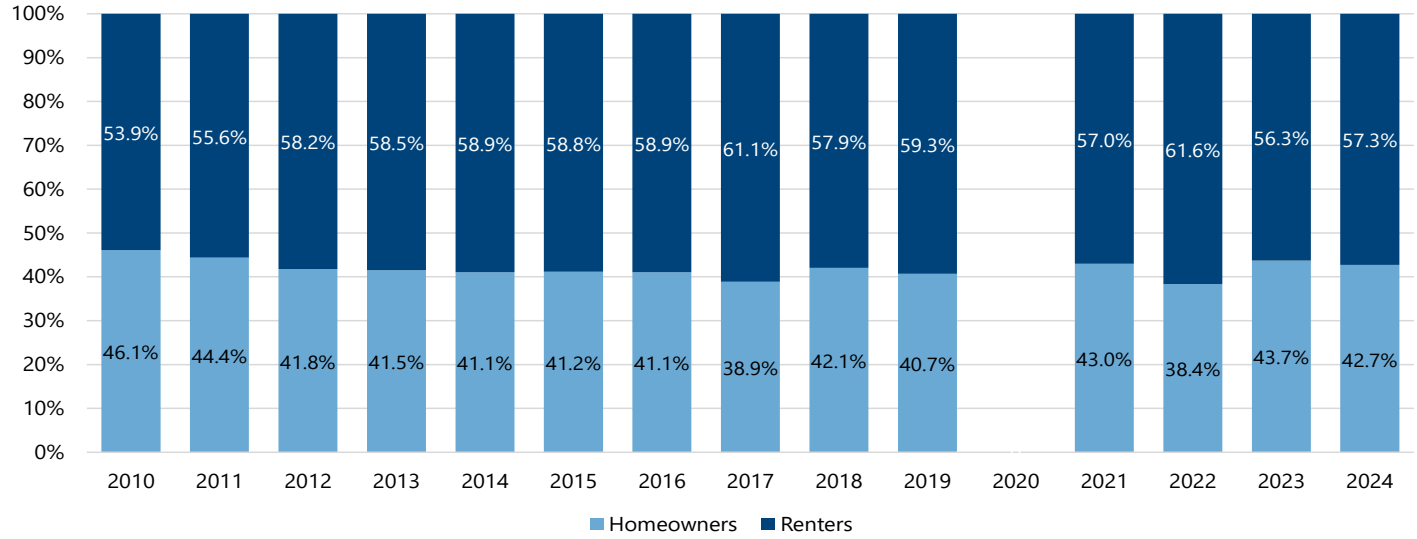
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WORCESTER: AGE OF HOUSING STOCK, 2024



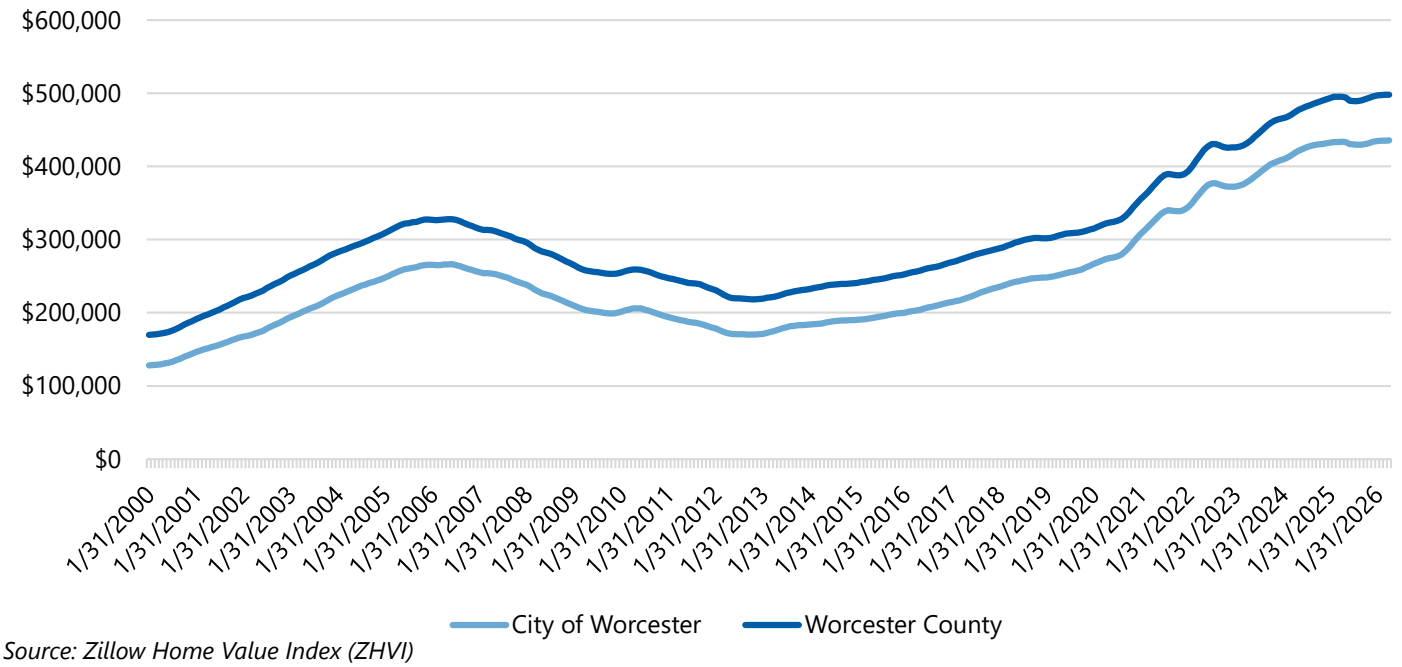
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WORCESTER: OWNER-OCCUPIED, AND RENTER-OCCUPIED AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS, 2010-2024



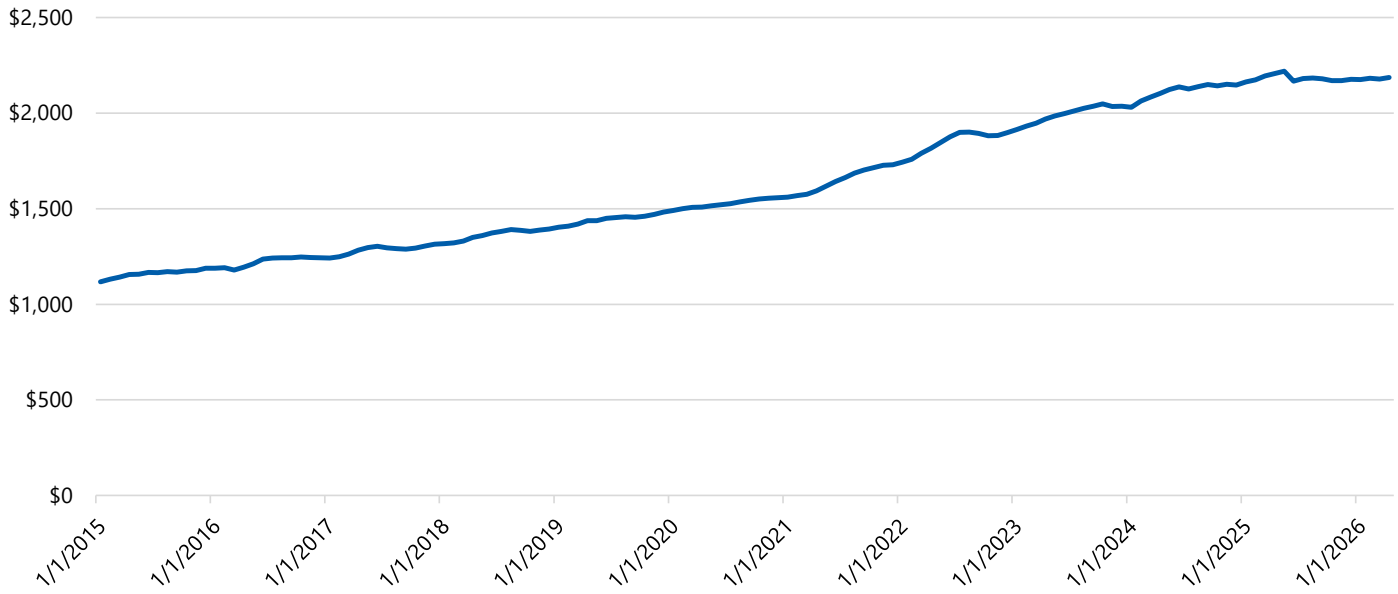
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WORCESTER: TYPICAL HOME VALUE, 2000-2026



Source: Zillow Home Value Index (ZHVI)

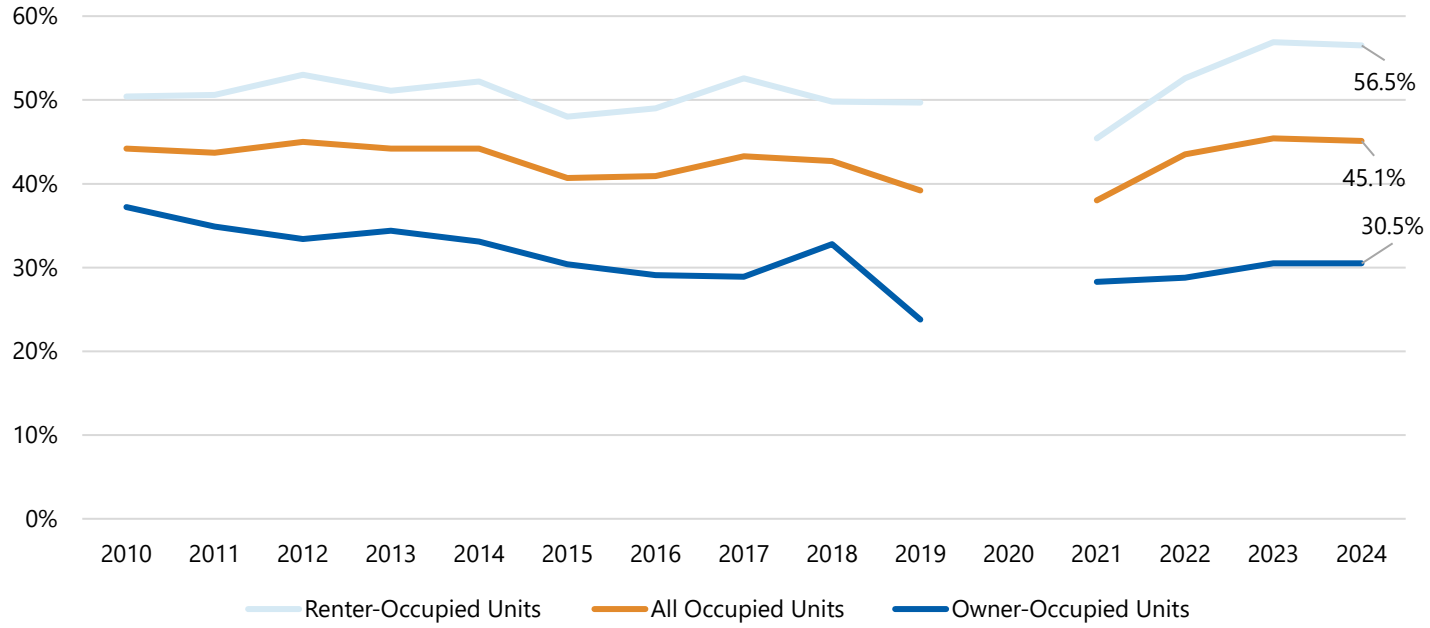
WORCESTER: TYPICAL OBSERVED MARKET RATE RENT, 2015-2026



Source: Zillow Observed Rent Index (ZORI)

Note: This data represents a broad market rent index across all housing types and bedroom counts (single-family rentals, condos, apartments, etc), adjusted to reflect the overall rental housing stock in a given area.

WORCESTER: PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING 30% OR MORE OF INCOME ON HOUSING, 2010-2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 1-Year American Community Survey Estimates
Note: 2020 ACS 1-year estimates were not realeased because of COVID-19 disruptions

WORCESTER: VETERANS, 2024

Worcester: Period of Military Service	Estimate	Percentage
Number of Veterans	**5,219**	**100.0%**
Gulf War (9/2001 or later)	1,284	24.6%
Gulf War (8/1990-8/2001)	643	12.3%
Vietnam Era	1,599	30.6%
Korean War	166	3.2%
World War II	73	1.4%
Between Eras (non-war service)	1,454	27.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester: Veterans by Gender	
Number of Veterans	**5,219**
% of Veterans - Male	89.6%
% of Veterans - Female	10.4%

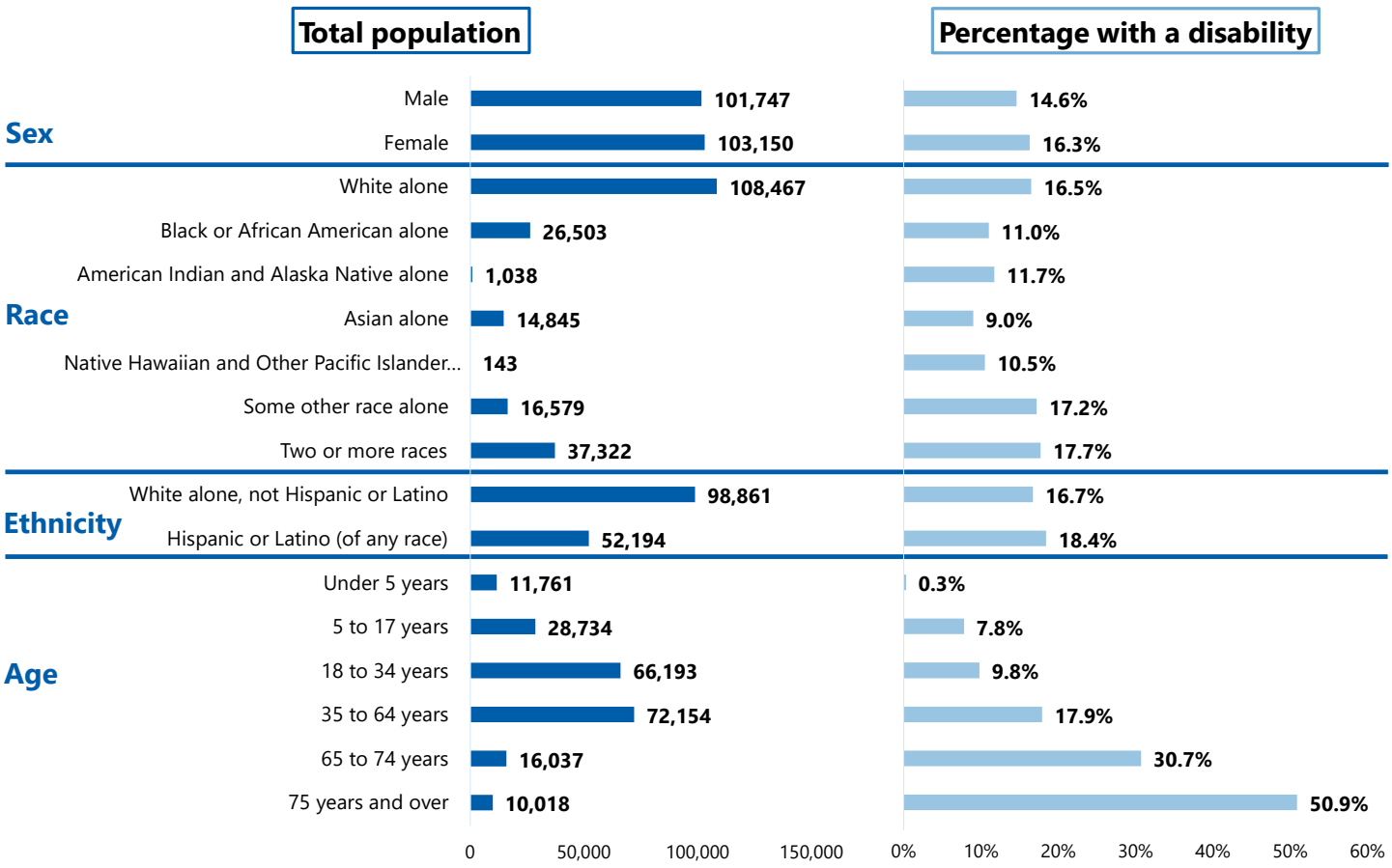
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Worcester: Veterans by Age, Disability, and Poverty Status	
Number of Veterans	**5,011**
% of Veterans - 18 to 64	53.8%
% of Veterans - 65 and older	46.2%
% of Veterans - Disabled	29.4%
% of Veterans - Below the Poverty Line	10.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

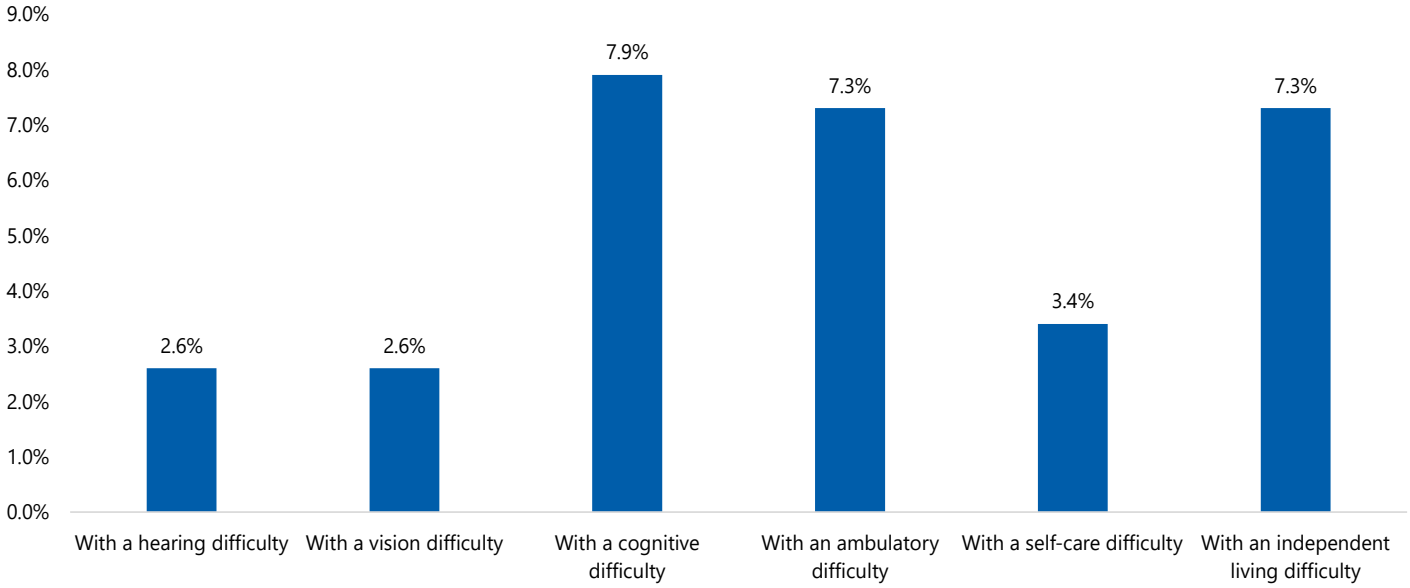
All estimates are drawn from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) and describe the same underlying veteran population. However, totals differ slightly across ACS tables because each is calculated from a different analytic universe. Tables B21001 and B21002 include all civilian veterans age 18 and over, while Table C21007 reports only veterans with valid responses for income, disability, and age. As a result, the total veteran count in C21007 (5,011) is slightly lower than in B21001 and B21002 (5,219), reflecting normal variation due to ACS weighting, missing data, and sampling design.

WORCESTER: DISABILITY BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS WITH EACH TYPE OF DISABILITY, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates
Note: The ACS identifies disability through six types of difficulty. Individuals may report more than one type. Cognitive difficulty concerns remembering, concentrating, or making decisions because of a physical, mental, or emotional problem. Self-care difficulty concerns bathing or dressing. Independent living difficulty concerns completing errands alone, such as shopping or visiting a doctor, because of such a problem. These are separate measures and neither automatically includes the other.

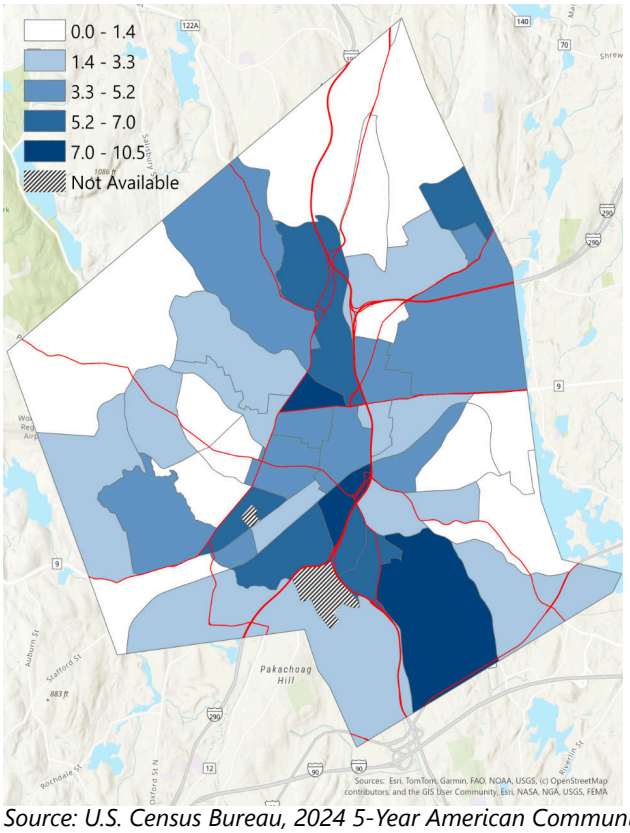
Worcester: Household Internet Access Details, 2024							
	Total	With a computer				No computer in household	Percent no computer in household
		Broadband Internet Subscription	% Broadband Internet Subscription	Without an Internet Subscription	% Without an Internet Subscription		
Total population in households	**192,215**	**179,958**	**93.6%**	**6,353**	**3.3%**	**5,770**	**3.0%**
Age							
Under 18 years	40,381	38,807	96.1%	857	2.1%	717	1.8%
18 to 64 years	125,963	120,114	95.4%	3,834	3.0%	2,006	1.6%
65 years and over	25,871	21,037	81.3%	1,662	6.4%	3,047	11.8%
Race							
White alone	99,107	92,181	93.0%	3,288	3.3%	3,532	3.6%
Black or African American	25,580	23,958	93.0%	1,025	4.0%	597	2.3%
American Indian and Alaska	1,026	1012	93.7%	6	0.6%	8	0.8%
Asian alone	13,880	13,333	96.1%	213	1.5%	334	2.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	127	104	81.9%	23	18.1%	0	0.0%
Some other race alone	16,348	15,386	94.1%	549	3.4%	413	2.5%
Two or more races	36,147	33,984	94.0%	1249	3.5%	886	2.5%
Ethnicity							
Hispanic or Latino origin (of	50,967	47,836	93.9%	1,828	3.6%	1,279	2.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	89,864	83,456	92.9%	3,045	3.4%	3,257	3.6%
Educational Attainment							
Household population 25	132,375	122,103	92.2%	5,280	4.0%	4,858	3.7%
Less than high school	18,632	16,053	86.2%	1,133	6.10%	1,446	7.8%
High school graduate	66,678	60,684	91.0%	3,163	4.7%	2,782	4.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	47,065	45,366	96.4%	984	2.1%	630	1.3%
Employment Status							
Civilian population 16 years	155,924	145,051	93.0%	5,666	3.6%	5,073	3.3%
In labor force	105,671	102,141	96.7%	2,507	2.4%	995	0.9%
Employed	98,874	95,594	96.7%	2,294	2.3%	958	1.0%
Unemployed	6,797	6,547	96.3%	213	3.1%	37	0.5%
Not in labor force	50,253	42,910	85.4%	3,159	6.3%	4,078	8.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester: Household Internet Access Metrics, 2024	
With an Internet Subscription	91.2%
Broadband of any type	91.0%
Cellular Data Plan	86.4%
Cable, fiber, optic, or DSL	75.6%
Satellite Internet Service	4.4%
Dial-up with no other subscription	0.2%
Without an Internet Subscription	8.8%

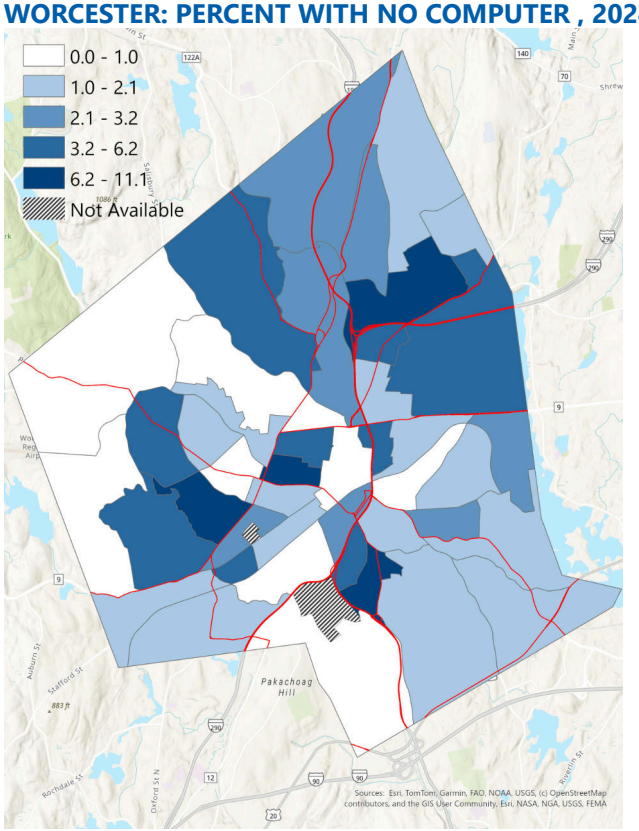
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WORCESTER: PERCENT WITH NO INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: PERCENT WITH NO COMPUTER , 2024

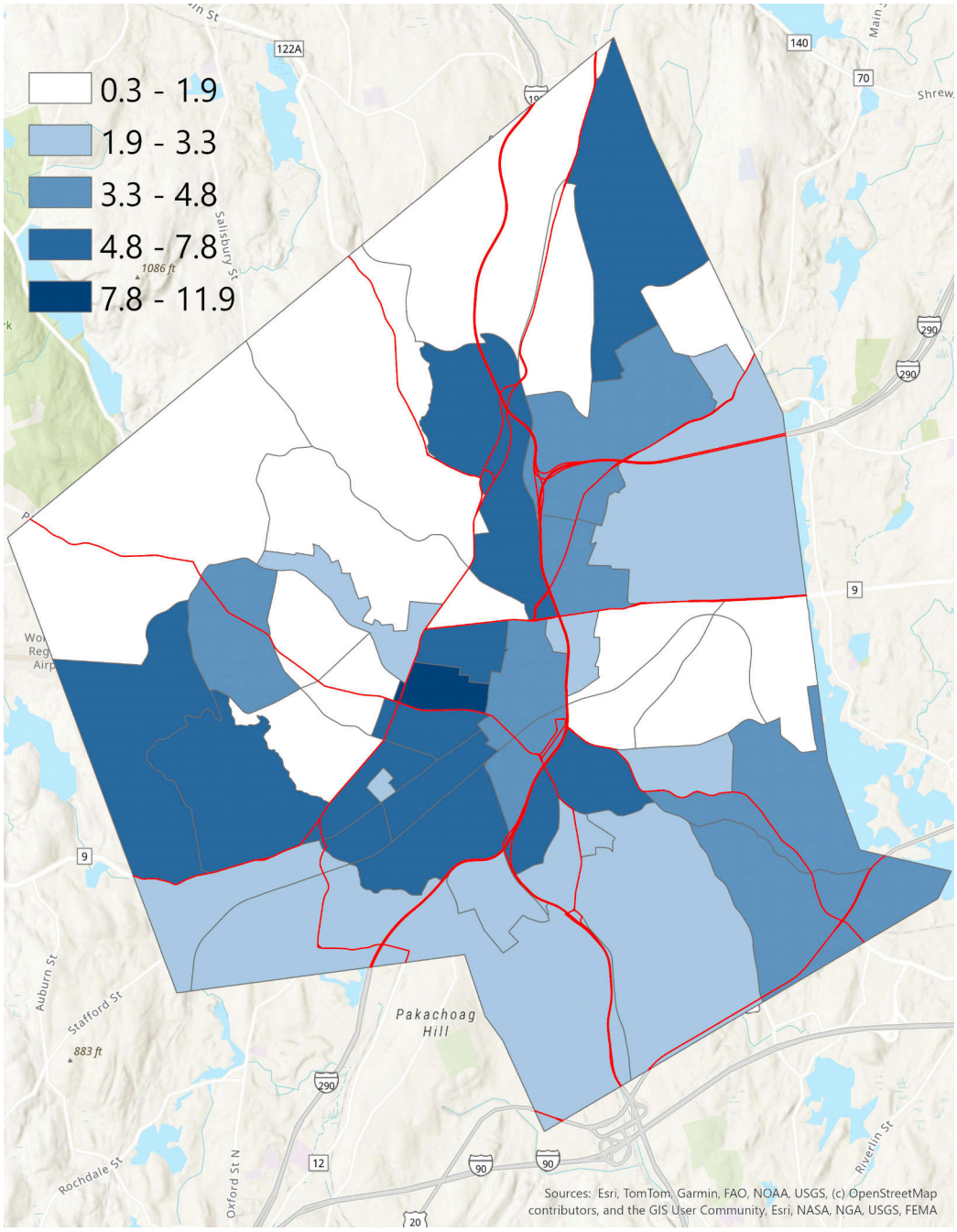


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester: Percent of Population without Health Insurance, 2024						
	Worcester City		Worcester County		Massachusetts	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Uninsured	8,250	3.9%	21,357	2.5%	198,589	2.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: PERCENT OF POPULATION WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Greater Worcester: Confirmed Opioid Related Overdose Deaths						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Auburn	3	6	4	0	1	14
Boylston	1	0	0	0	0	1
Grafton	1	2	2	8	1	14
Holden	1	1	0	0	1	3
Leicester	2	2	0	2	3	9
Millbury	2	0	4	8	3	17
Paxton	0	1	0	0	0	1
Shrewsbury	7	3	6	4	0	20
West Boylston	1	1	0	0	1	3
Worcester	123	168	155	172	54	672
Total	**141**	**184**	**171**	**194**	**64**	**754**

Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Greater Worcester: Combined Opioid-Related EMS Incidents and Emergency Room Visits						
Town	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**Total**
Auburn	72	57	67	34	43	273
Boylston	1	0	1	6	7	15
Grafton	31	28	34	31	21	145
Holden	26	20	46	43	24	159
Leicester	30	32	44	30	25	161
Millbury	47	64	99	83	63	356
Paxton	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Shrewsbury	51	55	45	49	44	244
West Boylston	N/A	29	33	20	35	117
Worcester	1,832	1,632	1,555	1,827	1,722	8,568
Total	**2,090**	**1,917**	**1,924**	**2,123**	**1,984**	**10,038**

Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health
N/A indicates the state has suppressed the data.

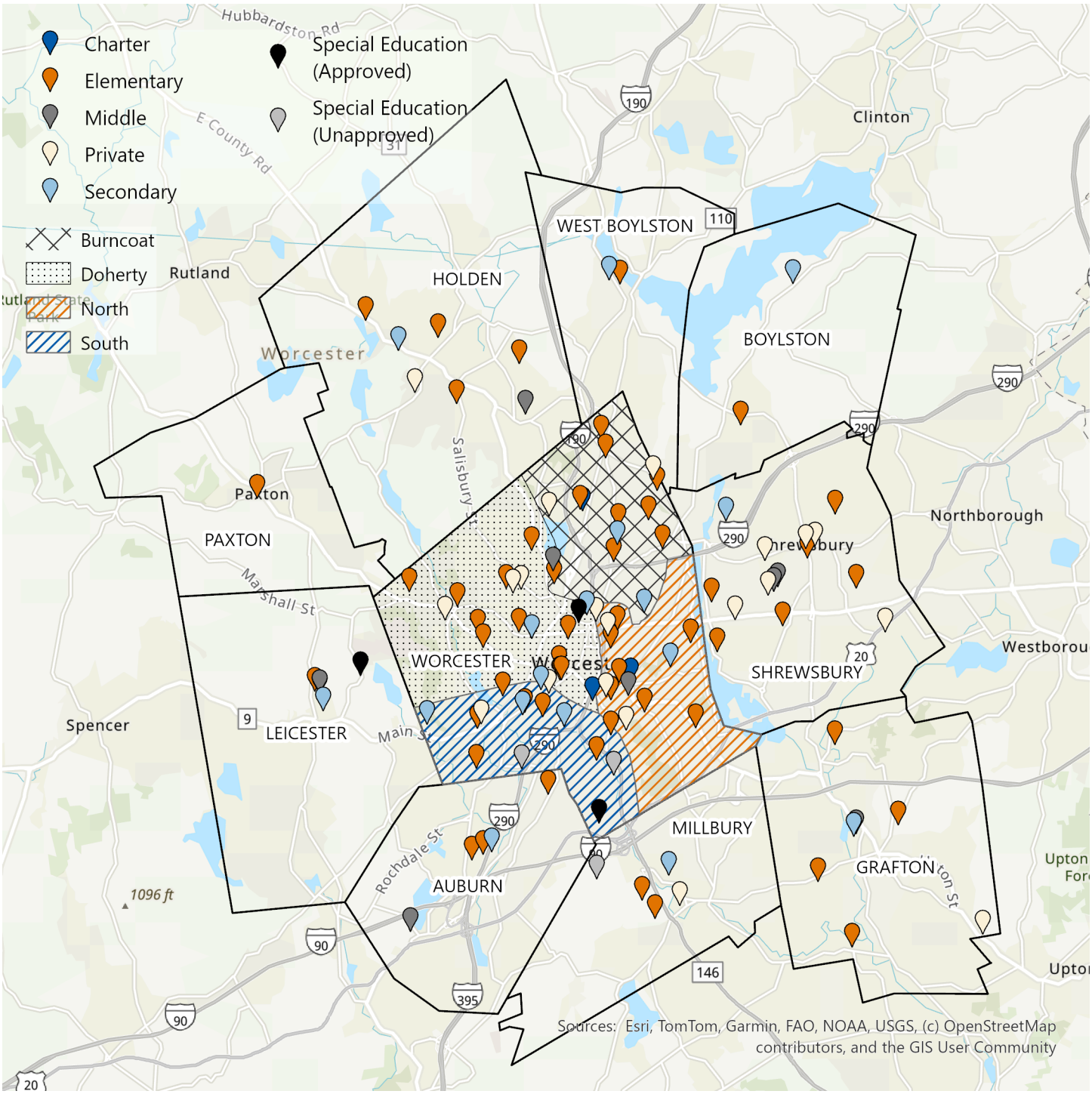
Worcester: National Institutes of Health Funding, FY2026		
Organization	**Awards**	**Funding**
AIM Medical Robotics Inc.	1	$1,008,660
Cantata Bio LLC	1	$406,703
CG Scientific, Inc.	1	$765,267
Family Eye Care Inc.	1	$981,739
Microbiotix, Inc.	4	$2,227,608
SignaBlok, Inc.	2	$1,183,755
University of Massachusetts Medical School	346	$189,101,693
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	14	$6,304,746
XTOP Biotherapeutics Inc.	1	$400,000
Total	**371**	**$202,380,171**

Source: National Institutes of Health

Substance Use Indicators in Greater Worcester (2025)	Auburn	Boylston	Grafton	Holden	Leicester	Millbury	Paxton	Shrewsbury	West Boylston	Worcester
Age-Adjusted Rate of Alcohol-Related Deaths		0		38.4			0	26.2		35.4
Age-Adjusted Rate of Alcohol-Related ER Visits	1219.4	1058.9	938.2	861.5	940.7	1145.4	698.5	582.5	1006.2	2466
Age-Adjusted Rate of Any Substance-Related Deaths	37	0		48.7	57.2	35.4	0	29.1		69.2
Age-Adjusted Rate of Any Substance-Related ER Visits	1563.7	1426.9	1164.1	1042.4	1209.6	1466	775.4	779.7	1519.1	3117.9
Age-Adjusted Rate of Opioid-Related Deaths		0					0	0		31
Age-Adjusted Rate of Opioid-Related ER Visits	146	184.4	49.4	57.5	103.3	126.2		58.3	242.2	371
Age-Adjusted Rate of Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths		0					0	0		28.4
Age-Adjusted Rate of Stimulant-Related Deaths		0	0				0			28.4
Age-Adjusted Rate of Stimulant-Related ER Visits		0		0	0		0		0	28.9
Crude Rate of Fentanyl Test Strips Received from Select Programs	59.2	0	50.9	75.4	90.2	5133.4	11990.4	339.2	0	10604.4
Crude Rate of Individuals Admitted to Community Support Services	82.9–100.7	20.6–206.2	5.1–50.9	5–70.3	9–90.2	282–383.2	20–199.8	28.7–47	12.7–127	216–383
Crude Rate of Individuals Admitted to Intervention & Engagement Services	5.9–59.2	20.6–206.2	5.1–50.9	5–50.2	9–90.2	122.9	0	33.9	12.7–127	110.9–135.1
Crude Rate of Individuals Admitted to Treatment Services, Except MAT	787.5–793.4	577.4–598.1	610.3–625.5	406.9–412	847.8–874.9	1,178.5–1,214.7	459.6	464.4–482.7	825.2	1,113.7–1,244.4
Crude Rate of Individuals Who Received Buprenorphine Prescriptions	609.9	536.2	432.3	271.3	712.5	1402.6	379.7	498.4	698.2	1220.7
Crude Rate of Individuals Who Received Methadone	296.1	226.9	157.6	195.9	369.8	751.9		214	165	740.9
Crude Rate of Naloxone Kits Received from Select Programs	550.7	1588	1139.1	437.1	2444.3	2689.6	239.8	623.6	787.1	7021.2
Crude Rate of Opioid-Related EMS Incidents	106.6		55.9	60.3	126.3	318.1		57.4	215.8	490

Source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health

GREATER WORCESTER: PK-12 SCHOOLS AND WORCESTER QUADRANTS



Source: MassGIS (Bureau of Geographic Information)

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In DESE's instructional materials dataset, districts identify curriculum products they use for the majority of instruction in specific subjects and grade levels. When a product is listed, it means the district reported using that program as its primary instructional material. When a grade or course is blank, it does not necessarily mean there is no curriculum in place. It may indicate that the district uses locally developed or teacher-created materials, that the course is outside the scope of DESE's reporting (which focuses on subjects reviewed through CURATE or EdReports), or that no product was reported for that area. In other words, the dataset reflects what districts have identified as their main, publisher-based curricula in certain subjects, not necessarily a full accounting of all materials or locally developed programs in use. Years represent initial publication.

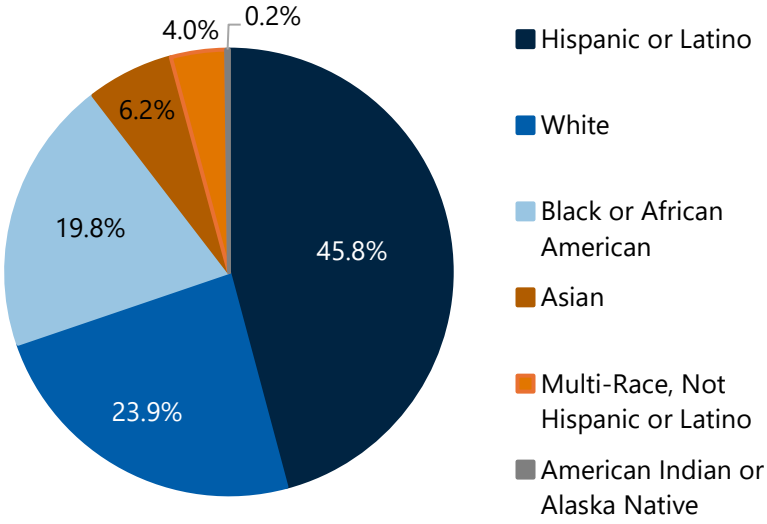
Subject Area	Grade/Course	Curricula
English Language Arts	K-5	Amplify CKLA (2022)
	K-5 (Foundational Skills)	Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) (2015)
	6	Amplify ELA (2019)
	7-12	StudySync ELA (2021)
Mathematics	K-6	enVision Mathematics Common Core (2020-2021)
	7	Reveal Math (2020)
	8	Reveal Math (2020)
	Math 1 (Grade 9)	
	Math 2 (Grade 10)	
	Math 3 (Grade 11)	
	Math 4 (Grade 12)	
	Algebra 1	Reveal Math: A|G|A (2020)
	Algebra 2	Reveal Math: A|G|A (2020)
	Geometry	Reveal Math: A|G|A (2020)
	Pre-Calculus	
	Other	
Science, Technology, and Engineering	K-6	Amplify Science (2018)
	7-8	Glencoe iScience, Integrated (2012-2017)
	Biology	Glencoe Biology (2017)
	Chemistry	Living by Chemistry (2018)
	Earth and Space Sciences	
	Technology/Engineering	
	Physics	Glencoe Physics (2017)
	Other	
History and Social Sciences	K-2	
	3-5	District Developed
	6	Discovering World Geography (2018)
	7	Discovering our Past: World History (2018)
	8	United States & Massachusetts Government and Civic Life
	United States History I	US History & Geography (2018)
	United States History II	
	World History I	World HIstory & Geography (2018)
	World History II	
	United States Government and Politics	
	Economics	
	Personal Financial Literacy	
	News/Media Literacy	
	Psychology	Understanding Psychology (2014)
	Other	
Arts	K-6	Music Play Online
	7-High School	District Developed
Comprehensive Health and Physical Education	K-7	Rights, Respect, Responsibility
	8	
	High School	Rights, Respect, Responsibility
Comprehensive Health and Physical Education	K-6	
	7-High School	Entre Culturas

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

Worcester Public Schools: 2025-26		
	Schools	**Students**
Elementary	34	12,950
Middle Schools 6-8	2	1,735
Middle Schools 7-8	2	1,617
Grade 7-12 Schools	2	675
High Schools (9-12 Schools)	6	7,348
Head Start Program	1	352
Total	**47**	**24,677**

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

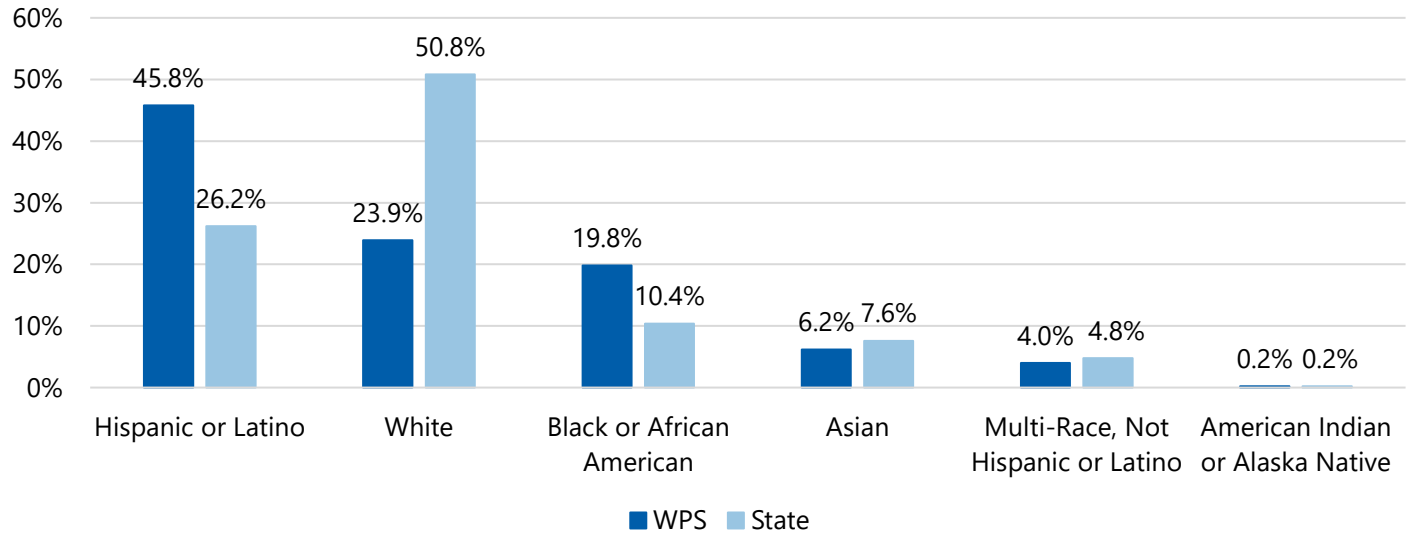
WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: ENROLLMENT SHARES BY RACE/ETHNICITY, SELECTED POPULATIONS, AND GENDER IDENTITY, 2025-2026



Gender Identity	Number	Percent
Male	12,745	51.65%
Female	11,925	48.32%
Non-Binary	7	0.03%
Total	**24,677**	**100.00%**

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: ENROLLMENT SHARES BY RACE/ETHNICITY COMPARED TO STATE, 2025-2026



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL, 2025-2026

	Number of Students
Head Start	352
Elementary Schools	
Belmont Street Community	605
Burncoat Street	220
Canterbury	307
Chandler Elementary Community	412
City View	440
Clark St Community	244
Columbus Park Preparatory	358
Elm Park Community	444
Flagg Street	415
Francis J McGrath Elementary	192
Gates Lane	550
Goddard School/Science Technical	334
Grafton Street	438
Heard Street	248
Jacob Hiatt Magnet	362
Lake View	292
Lincoln Street	179
May Street	325
Midland Street	239
Nelson Place	620
Norrback Avenue	463
Quinsigamond	731
Rice Square	425
Roosevelt	607
Tatnuck Magnet	381
Thorndyke Road	334
Union Hill	383
Vernon Hill	535
Wawecus Road	158
West Tatnuck	321
Woodland Academy	486
Worcester Academic Center for Transition (ACT)	48
Worcester Arts Magnet	362
Worcester Dual Language Magnet	492
Total Elementary School Students	*12,950*
Middle Schools	
Burncoat Middle	679
Forest Grove Middle	938
Sullivan Middle	954
Worcester East Middle	781
Total Middle School Students	*3,352*

	Number of Students
Grades 7-12 Schools	
Claremont Academy	451
University Park Campus	224
Total Grades 7-12 School Students	*675*
High Schools	
Burncoat Senior High	1,000
Doherty Memorial High	1,756
North High	1,377
South High Community	1,770
Worcester Alternative High School	36
Worcester Technical High	1,409
Total High School Students	*7,348*
Total Number of Students in WPS	**24,677**

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

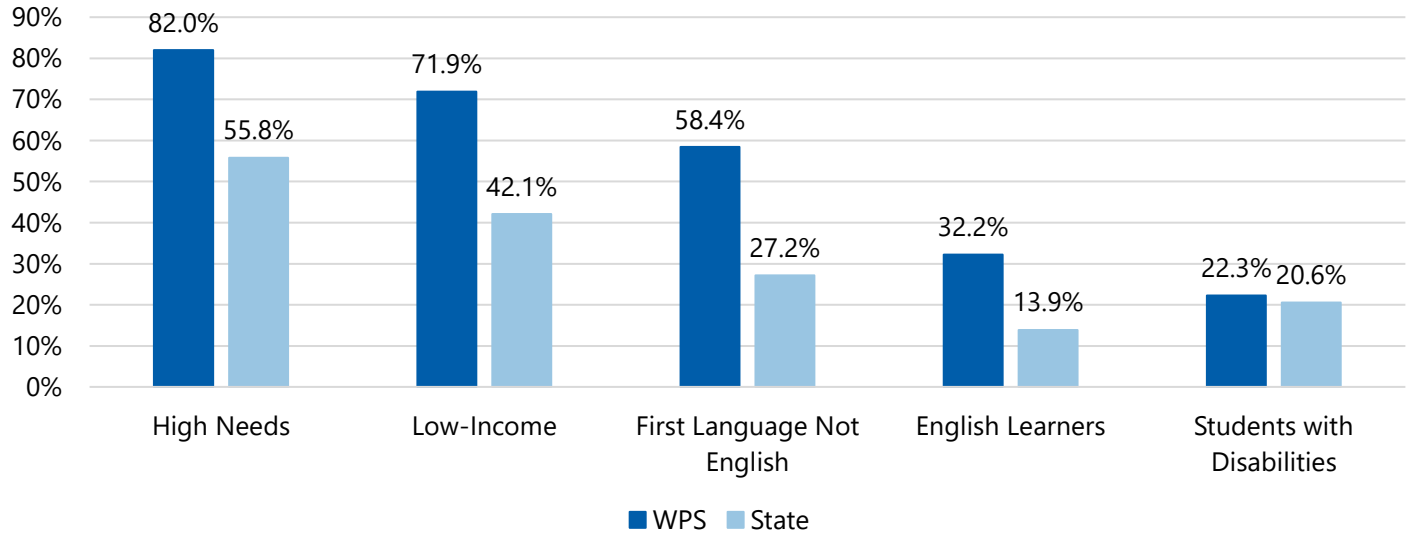
Worcester: Private Schools, 2025-2026
Alhuda Academy (Pre-K - 8)
Bancroft School (Pre-K - 12)
Notre Dame Academy (7 - 12)
Our Lady of the Angels School (Pre-K - 8)
Saint Paul Diocesan Junior/Senior High School (7-12)
St. Peter Central Catholic School (Pre-K - 8)
The Nativity School of Worcester (5 - 8)
The Think Explore Create (TEC) Schools (Pre-K - 8)
Worcester Academy (6 - 12+)
Worcester Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) School (1 - 8)

Worcester: Charter Schools, 2025-2026
Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School (K - 12)
Learning First Charter Public School (K - 8)
Worcester Cultural Academy Charter Public School (K - 4)

Worcester: Independent Public Schools, 2026
Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science (11 - 12)

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: SELECTED POPULATION ENROLLMENT SHARES COMPARED TO STATE, 2025-2026



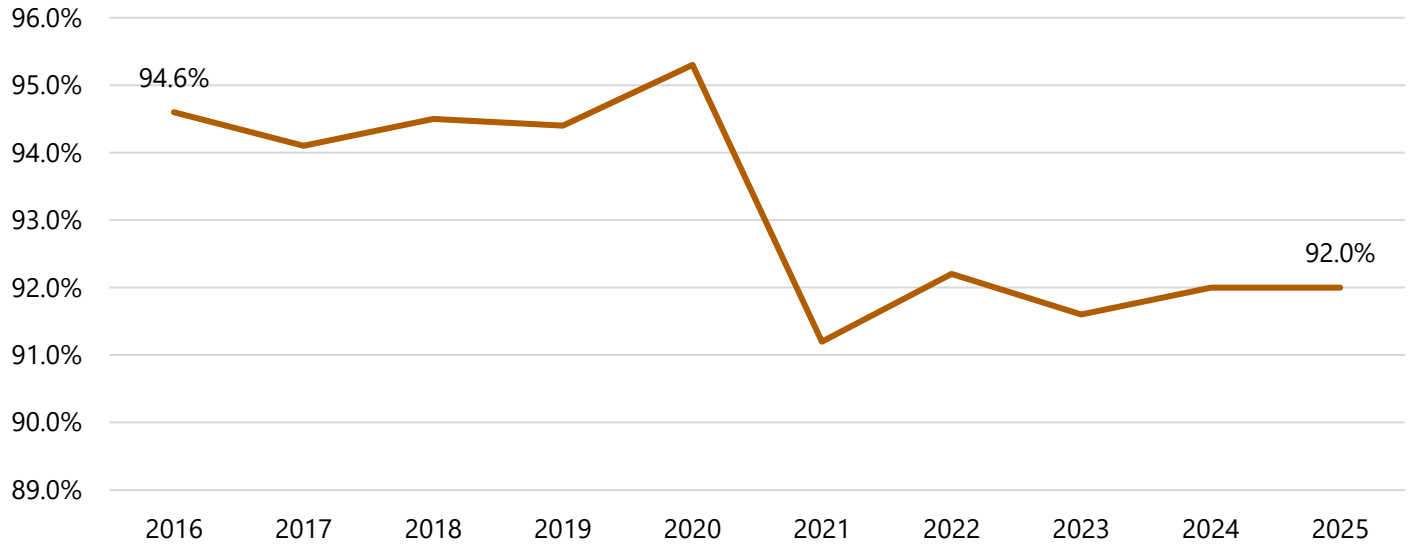
Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026
Note: High needs students includes all students who are Low-Income, current or former Englisher Learners, or Students with Disabilities

Worcester Public Schools Retention and Mobility	Percent
Retention Rate: share of students who are repeating the same grade they were in last year	1.4%
Churn Rate: share of students moving in or out of a school at any point during the year	15.0%
Intake Rate: share of students who join a school after the year has already started	9.0%
Stability Rate: share of students who stay enrolled in the same school for the whole year	92.4%

Worcester Public Schools Attendance	Percent
Attendance Rate	92.0%
Average Absences	13.7%
Absent 10+ Days	49.7%
Chronic Absenteeism (10%+ days)	24.9%
Chronic Absenteeism (20%+ days)	8.0%
Unexcused Absences (9+ days)	39.6%

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: ATTENDANCE RATE, 2016-2025

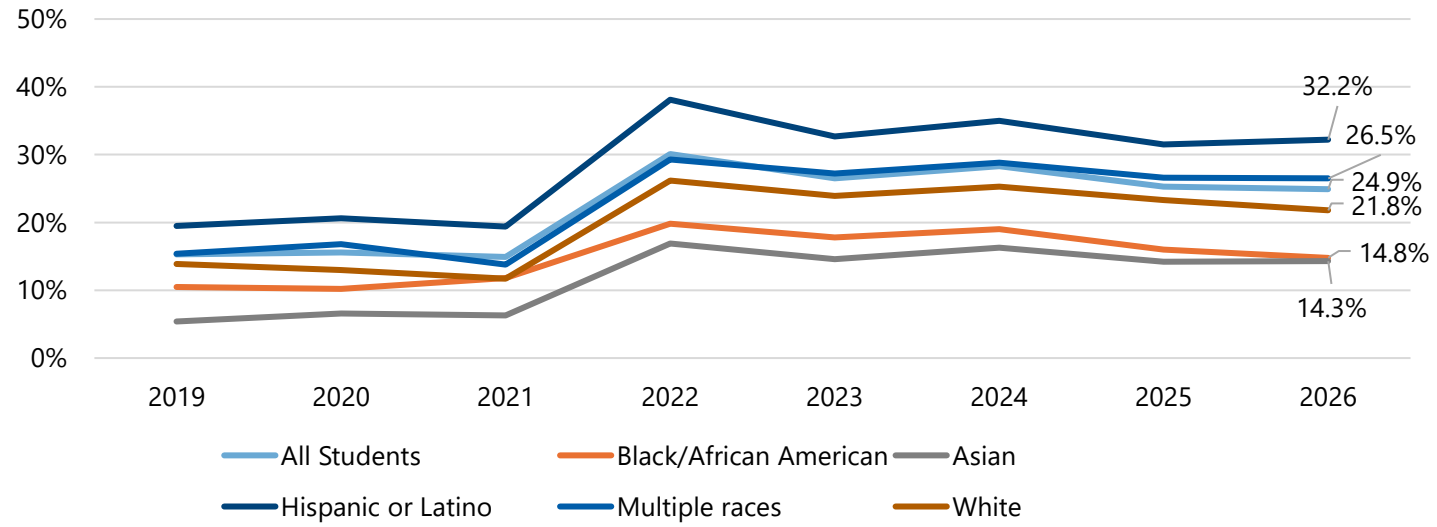


Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

Worcester Public Schools: Chronic Absenteeism (missing 10% or more of school days)	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	31.4%
Asian	14.3%
Black or African American	14.8%
Hispanic or Latino	32.2%
Multi-Race, Not Hispanic or Latino	26.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	42.9%
White	21.8%
High Needs	27.3%
English Learners	26.5%
Low Income	28.0%
Students with Disabilities	32.4%
Female	25.0%
Male	24.9%
All Students	**24.9%**

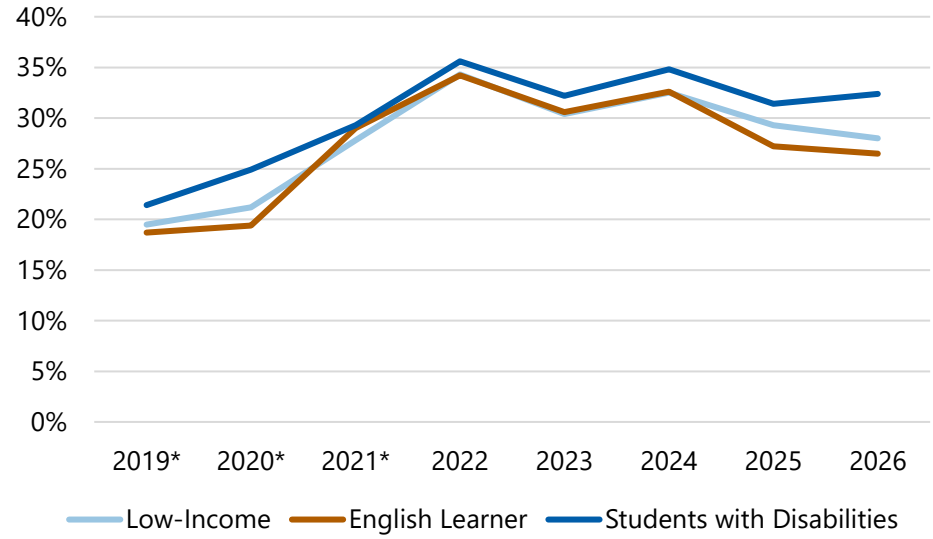
Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2019-2026



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM BY SELECTED POPULATIONS, 2019-2026

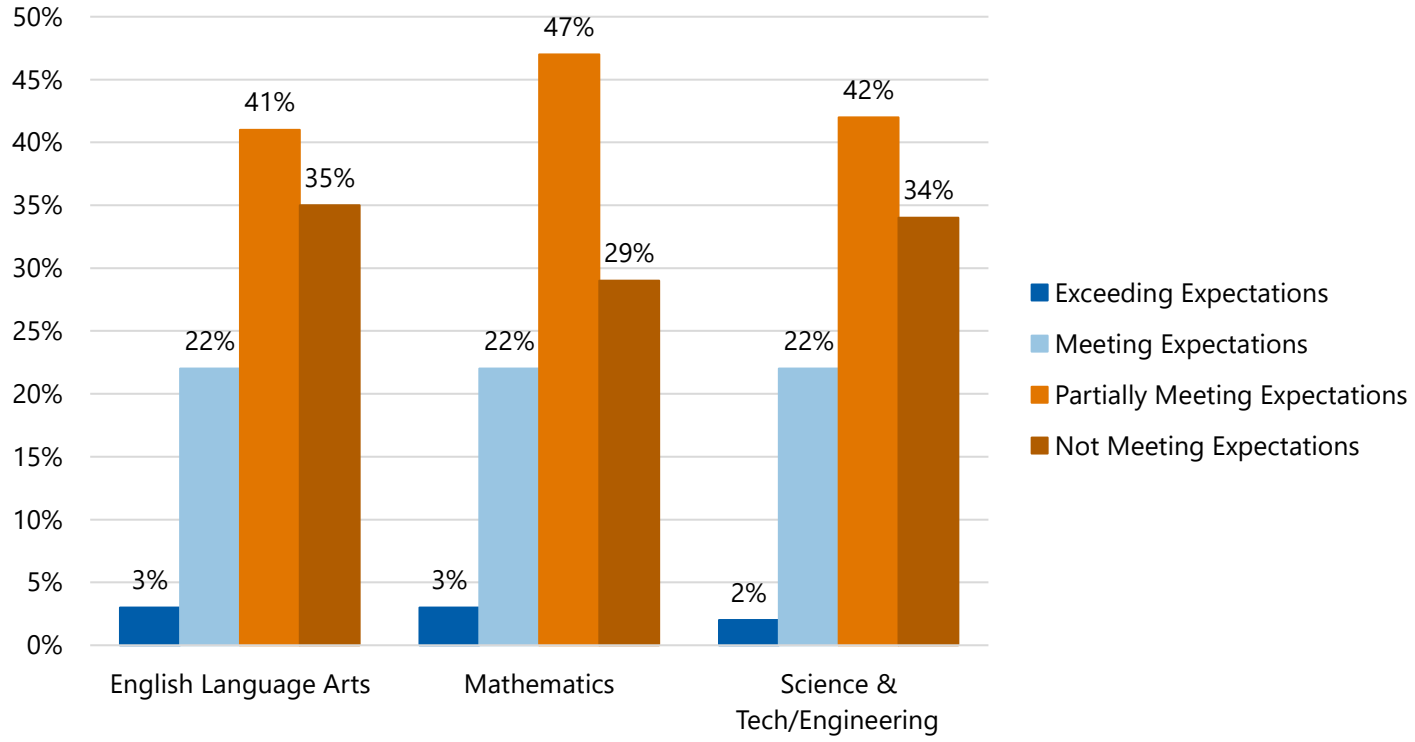


Years marked with "*" refer to economically disadvantaged (2015-2021), defined as students participating in one or more of the following programs: SNAP, TAFDC, DCF foster care, or MassHealth (Medicaid). Beginning in 2022, the indicator changed to Low Income, which includes students participating in the same programs, with eligibility expanded to MassHealth up to 185% of the federal poverty level, as well as students identified as homeless or verified as low income through the district's supplemental process.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

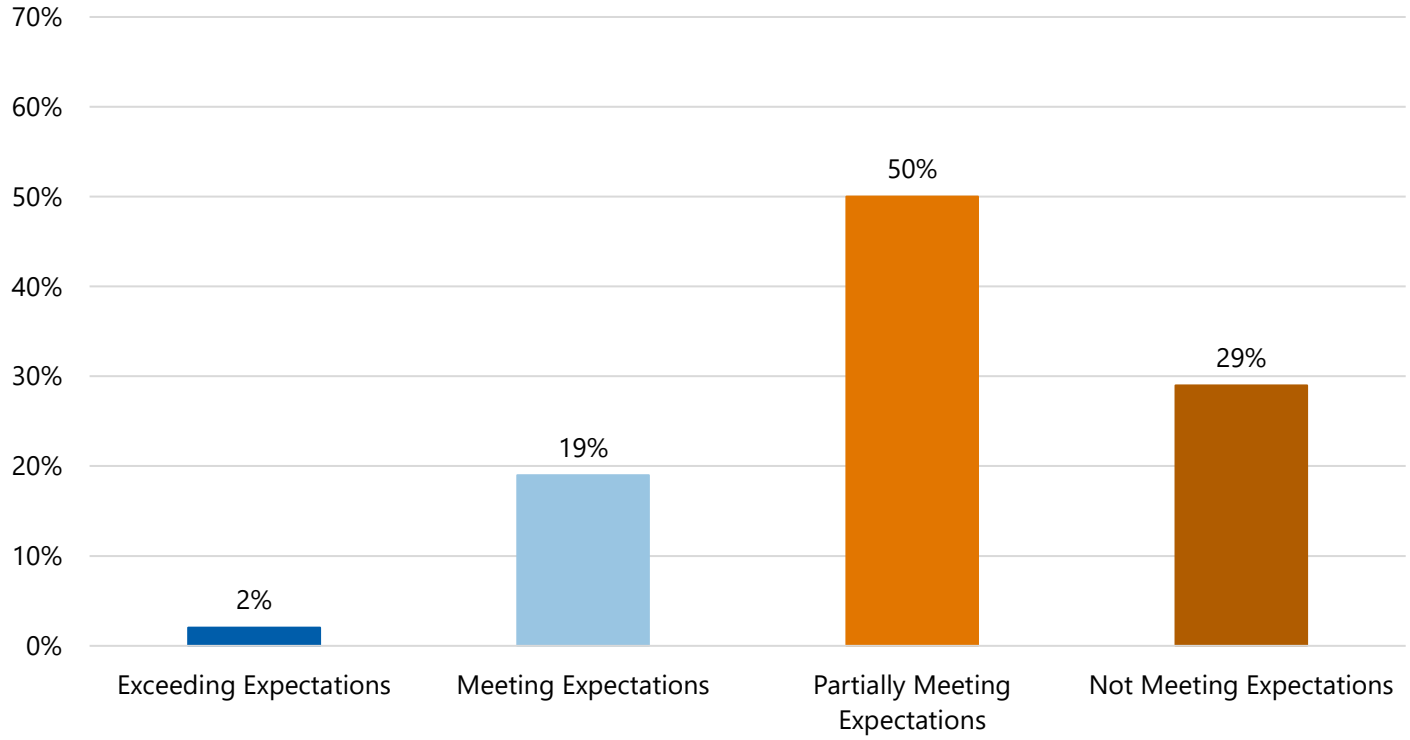
Worcester Public Schools: Shares of Students by MCAS Performance Categories by Grade and Subject Area, 2025-2026									
Grade and Subject	Exceeding Expectations		Meeting Expectations		Partially Meeting Expectations		Not Meeting Expectations		Avg. Scaled Score
	District	State	District	State	District	State	District	State	
GRADE 03 - English Language Arts	4	8	22	35	41	38	32	19	485
GRADE 03 - Mathematics	3	9	20	33	46	37	31	21	484
GRADE 04 - English Language Arts	2	5	21	33	47	45	30	18	483
GRADE 04 - Mathematics	2	7	24	36	43	38	31	19	484
GRADE 05 - English Language Arts	2	4	21	34	44	44	33	18	483
GRADE 05 - Mathematics	2	6	23	34	53	46	22	14	487
GRADE 05 - Science and Tech/Eng	3	8	24	35	38	36	34	21	483
GRADE 06 - English Language Arts	4	9	25	32	37	36	34	24	483
GRADE 06 - Mathematics	3	7	29	35	46	42	22	16	489
GRADE 07 - English Language Arts	3	8	20	32	39	39	38	22	480
GRADE 07 - Mathematics	3	10	15	28	48	43	34	19	482
GRADE 08 - English Language Arts	4	10	22	32	34	34	40	25	481
GRADE 08 - Mathematics	2	8	19	34	45	38	33	20	482
GRADE 08 - Science and Tech/Eng	1	6	20	33	45	41	34	21	482
GRADE 08 - Civics	2	9	19	31	50	44	29	17	483
GRADE 10 - English Language Arts	5	12	21	34	44	37	30	17	484
GRADE 10 - Mathematics	2	11	18	33	51	41	29	15	483
GRADE 10 - Science	2	10	17	31	44	39	37	21	480

GRADES 3-8 MCAS TEST RESULTS: SHARE OF STUDENTS BY PERFORMANCE CATEGORY, 2025-2026



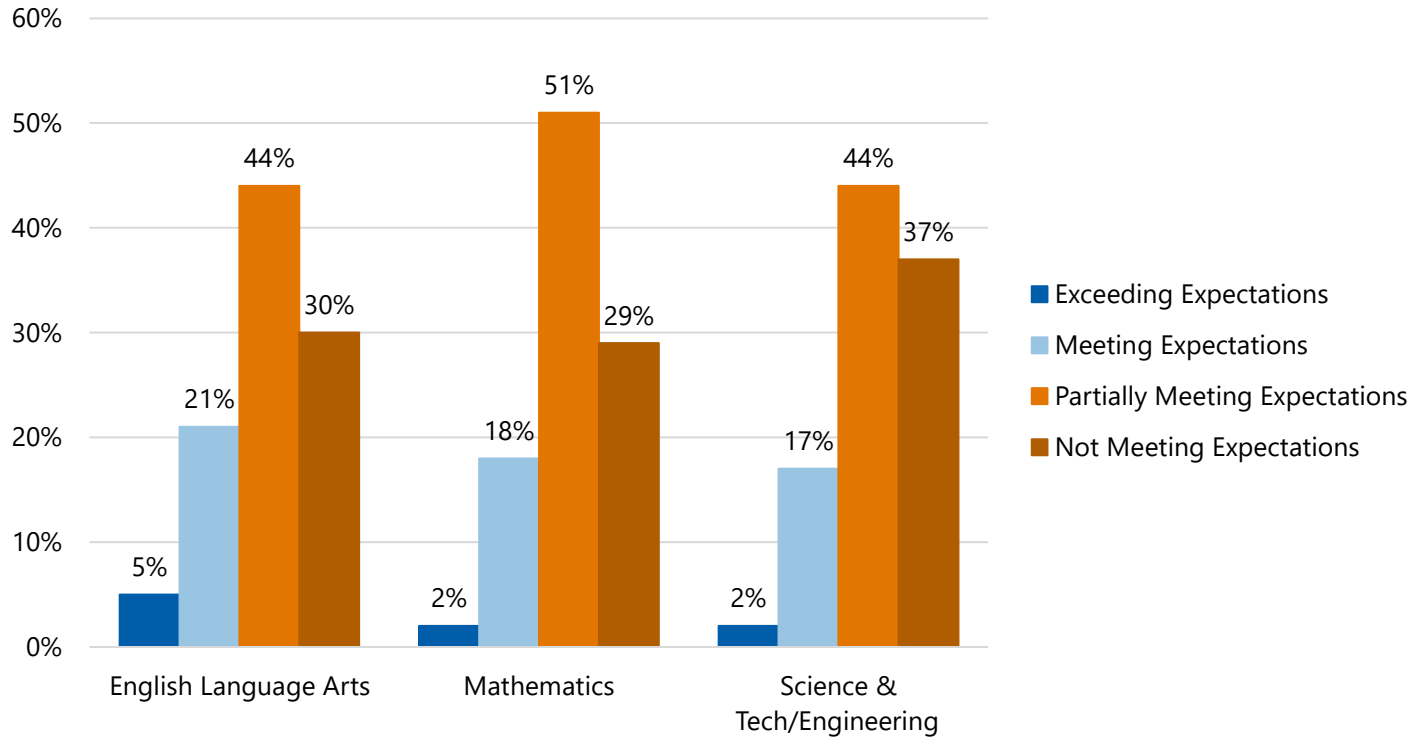
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GRADES 8 CIVICS MCAS TEST RESULTS: SHARE OF STUDENTS BY PERFORMANCE CATEGORY, 2025-2026



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

GRADES 10 MCAS TEST RESULTS: SHARE OF STUDENTS BY PERFORMANCE CATEGORY, 2025-2026



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

Advanced Placement (AP) tests are college-level exams offered in high school through the College Board. They are scored from 1 to 5, with higher scores indicating stronger mastery of the subject. Many colleges award credit or allow students to skip introductory courses based on AP scores, though policies vary by institution. Generally, a score of 3 or higher may earn credit at many public universities, while more selective colleges often require a 4 or 5. Students should check each college's AP credit policy to know which scores quality for credit or placement.

Worcester Public Schools:Advanced Placement Performance by Subject, 2024-2025	Tests Taken	Percent Scoring 1 or 2	Percent Scoring 3 - 5
Arts	**43**	**61%**	**40%**
Studio Art: 2-D Design	17	47%	53%
Studio Art: 3-D Design	3	0%	0%
Studio Art: Drawing	6	0%	0%
Music Theory	17	77%	24%
English Language Arts	**419**	**36%**	**64%**
English Lang/Comp	274	37%	64%
English Lit/Comp	145	35%	65%
Foreign Languages	**115**	**24%**	**76%**
Spanish Lang	99	20%	80%
Spanish Lit	16	50%	50%
History and Social Science	**1,041**	**59%**	**41%**
Art History	14	79%	21%
Economics: Micro	103	52%	48%
Govt & Pol: Comp	23	70%	30%
Govt & Pol: U.S.	116	63%	37%
History: U.S.	211	54%	46%
History: World	36	47%	53%
Human Geography	207	60%	40%
Psychology	306	64%	36%
African American History	25	20%	80%
Math and Computer Science	**626**	**53%**	**47%**
Calculus AB	82	67%	33%
Calculus BC	57	23%	77%
Computer Sci A	21	86%	14%
Computer Sci Principles	155	66%	34%
Statistics	151	78%	23%
Precalculus	160	16%	84%
Science and Technology	**456**	**45%**	**55%**
Biology	140	44%	56%
Chemistry	88	57%	43%
Environmental Sci	105	55%	45%
Physics C: E&M	3		
Physics C: Mech	13	23%	77%
Physics 1	91	33%	67%
Physics 2	16	25%	75%
Capstone	**115**	**28%**	**72%**
Capstone Seminar	85	27%	73%
Capstone Research	30	30%	70%
All Tests	**2,815**	**49%**	**51%**

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2024-2025

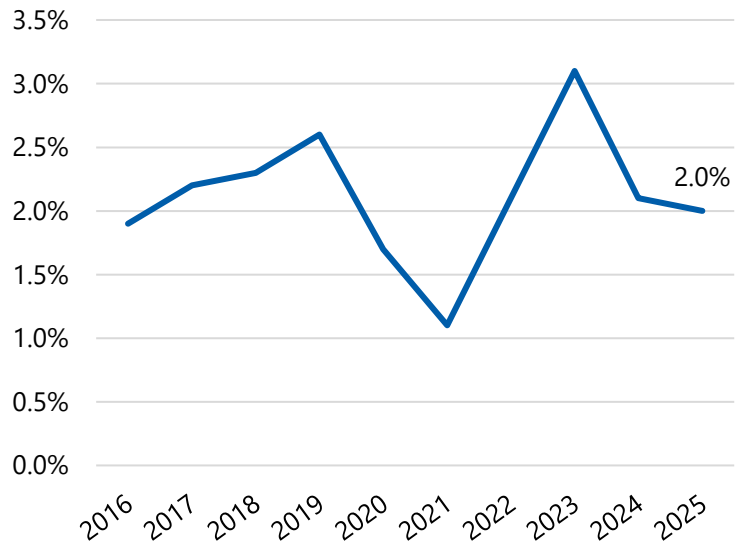
Worcester Public Schools: Advanced Placement Test Takers	Number
One Test	950
Two Tests	435
Three Tests	174
Four Tests	87
Five or More Tests	23
Test Takers	**1,669**

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2024-2025

Worcester Public Schools: Average SAT Score by Subject Area, 2024-2025			
	Tests Taken	**Reading/Writing**	**Math**
American Indian or Alaska Native			
Asian	76	561	576
Black or African American	112	519	495
Hispanic or Latino	72	528	499
Multi-race, Not Hispanic or Latino	21	610	576
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
White	174	572	557
High Needs	234	529	517
English Learners	23	403	443
Low Income	217	534	519
Students with Disabilities	6	0	0
Female	278	542	518
Male	177	566	565
All Students	**455**	**552**	**536**

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2024-2025

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: ALL GRADE DROP-OUT RATE, 2015-2024



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2016-2025

Worcester Public Schools: All Grade Drop-Out Rates (2024-2025)	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	9.1%
Asian	0.0%
Black or African American	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino	3.1%
Multi-Race, Not Hispanic or Latino	1.9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
White	1.4%
High Needs	2.5%
English Learners	4.2%
Low Income	2.2%
Students with Disabilities	2.2%
Female	1.9%
Male	2.1%
All Students	**2.0%**

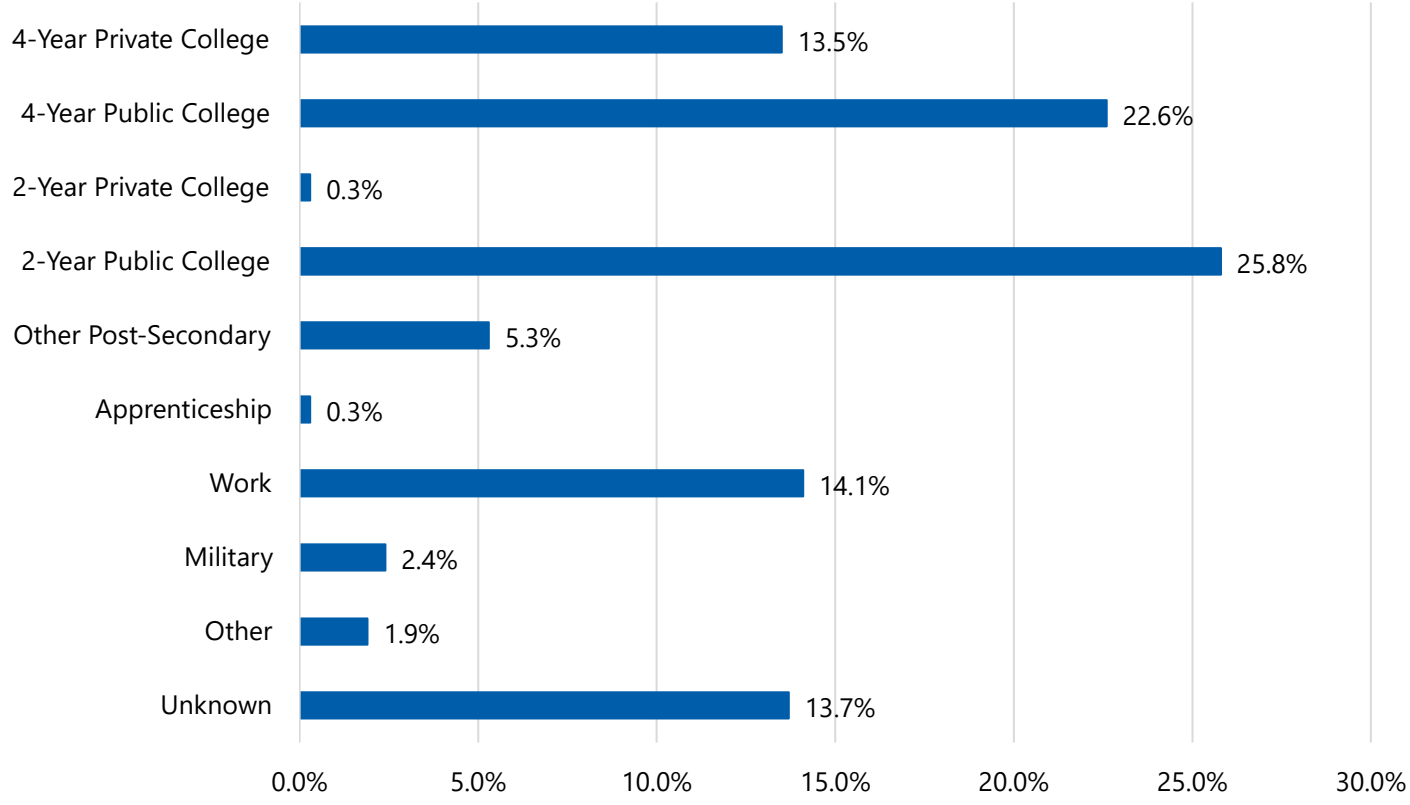
Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2024-2025

Worcester Public Schools: 4-Year Graduation Rate (2024-2025)					
Student Group	**Percent Graduated**	**Percent Still in School**	**Percent Non-Grad Completers**	**Percent High School Equiv**	**Percent Dropped Out**
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian	91.5%	4.3%	0.6%	0.0%	3.7%
Black or African American	92.1%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%
Hispanic or Latino	80.5%	5.9%	0.4%	0.3%	12.8%
Multi-Race, Not Hispanic or Latino	89.3%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
White	87.3%	6.0%	0.0%	0.2%	6.6%
High Needs	83.4%	6.4%	0.3%	0.2%	9.7%
English Learners	73.8%	9.2%	0.6%	0.0%	16.4%
Low Income	83.7%	6.5%	0.2%	0.2%	9.4%
Students with Disabilities	73.5%	16.6%	0.0%	0.2%	9.7%
Foster Care	63.0%	21.7%	0.0%	0.0%	15.2%
Homeless	74.9%	11.8%	0.4%	0.0%	12.9%
Female	88.2%	4.3%	0.1%	0.1%	7.4%
Male	83.0%	6.7%	0.4%	0.3%	9.6%
All Students	**85.5%**	**5.5%**	**0.2%**	**0.2%**	**8.5%**

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2024-2025

Note: "Percent Non-Grad Completers" are those students in selected populations who receive certificates of attainment (but not a high school diploma) or those students with special needs that reached the maximum age of 22, but did not graduate. "Percent High School Equiv" includes students who received GEDs.

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: SHARE OF 2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES BY POST-GRADUATION PLAN

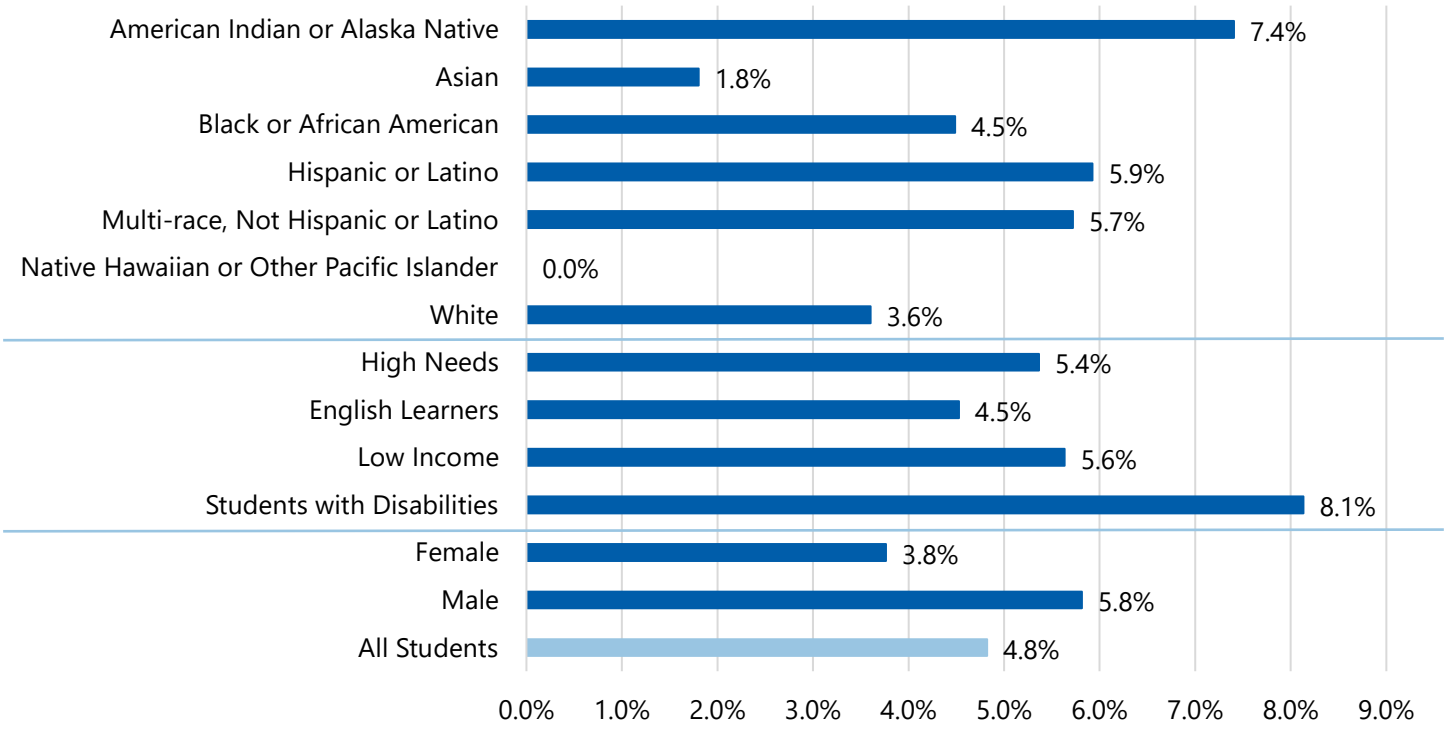


Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2024-2025

Worcester Public Schools: Discipline by Offense Type, 2024-2025	Number of Offenses
Bullying	37
Arson	0
Felony Complaint/Conviction	2
Homicide	0
Illegal Substances	159
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Offense (Non-drug, non violent, non criminal)	615
Other Violence or Substance-related	4
Physical Attack (Battery)	328
Physical Fight	278
Robbery by Force	0
Sexual Assault	0
Sexual Harassment	0
Theft (School, Staff, or Student Property)	0
Threat of Physical Attack	217
Threat of Robbery	0
Vandalism	51
Weapon on School Premises	42
Total Offenses	***1,733***

Worcester Public Schools Discipline by Student Group, 2024-2025	Number of Students	Students Disciplined	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	54	4	7.4%
Asian	1,664	30	1.8%
Black or African American	5,125	230	4.5%
Hispanic or Latino	12,286	728	5.9%
Multi-race, Not Hispanic or Latino	1,049	60	5.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	12	0	0.0%
White	6,414	231	3.6%
High Needs	22,346	1,199	5.4%
English Learners	8,986	407	4.5%
Low Income	20,117	1,133	5.6%
Students with Disabilities	6,061	493	8.1%
Female	12,856	484	3.8%
Male	13,738	799	5.8%
All Students	**26,604**	**1,283**	**4.8%**

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: PERCENT DISCIPLINE BY STUDENT GROUP, 2024-2025



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2024-2025

Worcester Public Schools: Teacher and Classroom Data	WPS	State
Licensed Teachers (2025)	98.9%	97.5%
Teachers with 3+ Years of Experience (2024)	76.2%	80.8%
Principal Retention (2026)	88.5%	83.7%
Teacher Retention (2026)	88.7%	86.9%

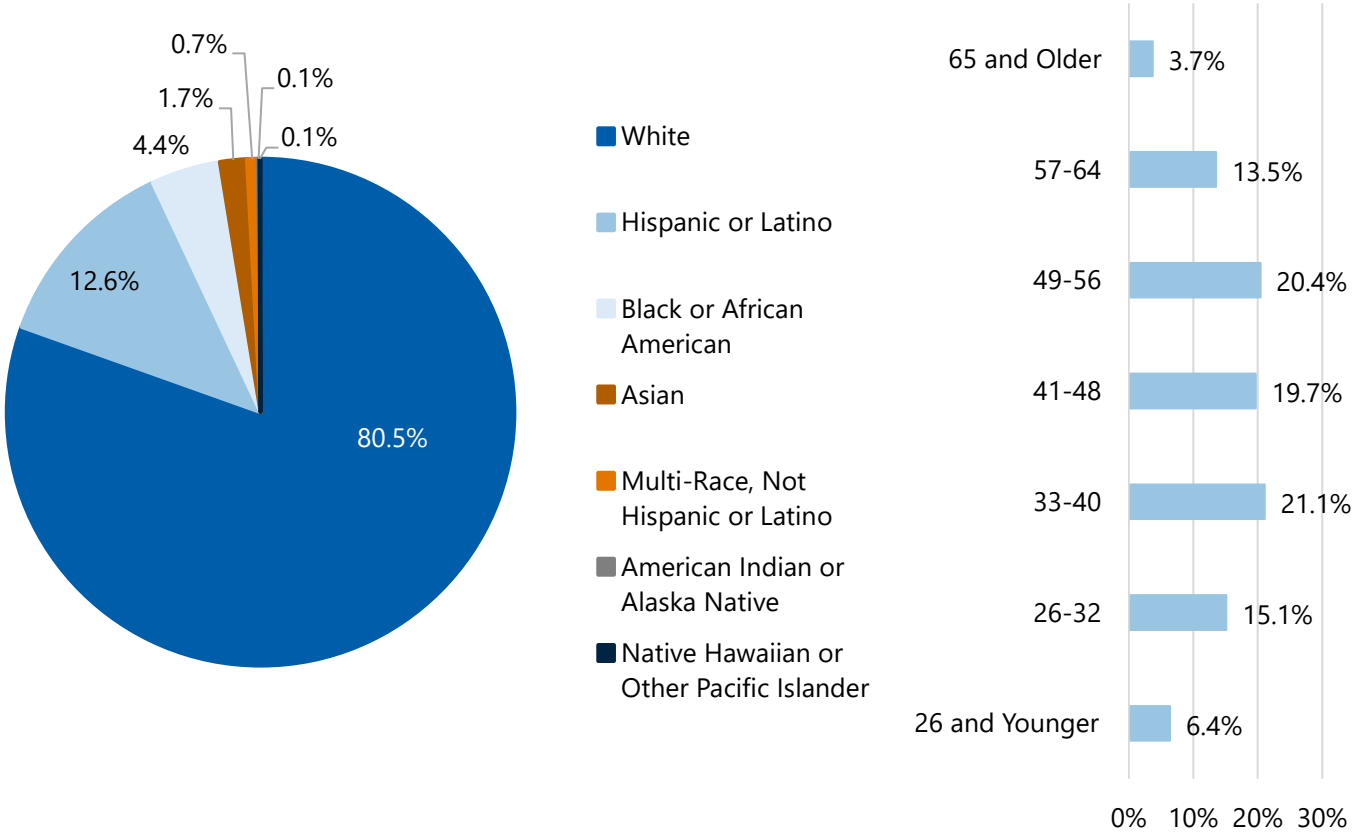
Worcester Public Schools: Teacher and Classroom Data	WPS	State
Average Class Size (2025)	15.8	17.2
Student-Teacher Ratio (2026)	12.9	11.7
Student-Teacher Ratio: Students with Disabilities (2026)	41.3	19.8
Student-Teacher Ratio: English Learners (2026)	56.8	49.4

Teachers by Program Area (2025-2026)	Full-Time Equivalents	Percent
General Education	1,567.9	82.1%
Special Education	137.2	7.2%
Career Technical Education	69.5	3.6%
English Learners	136.1	7.1%
Total	**1,910.7**	**100%**

Gender of Teachers (2025-26)	Percent
Male	21%
Female	79%

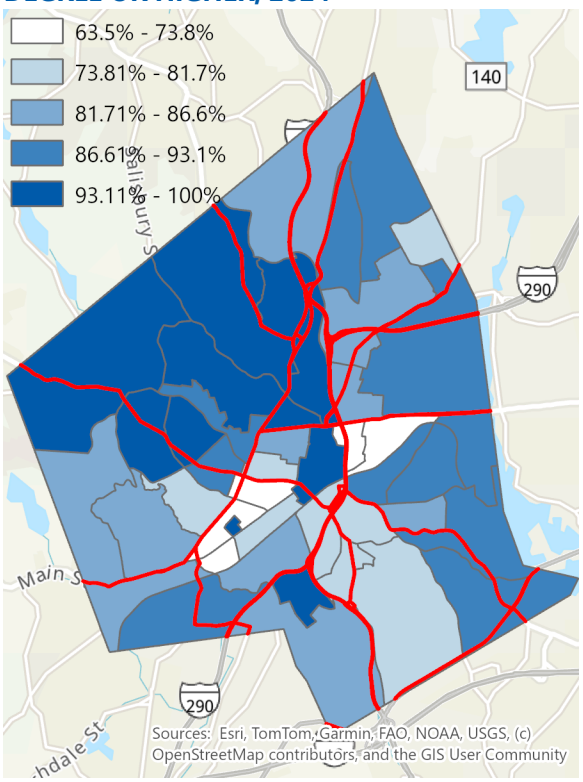
Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: SHARE OF TEACHERS BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND AGE, 2025-2026

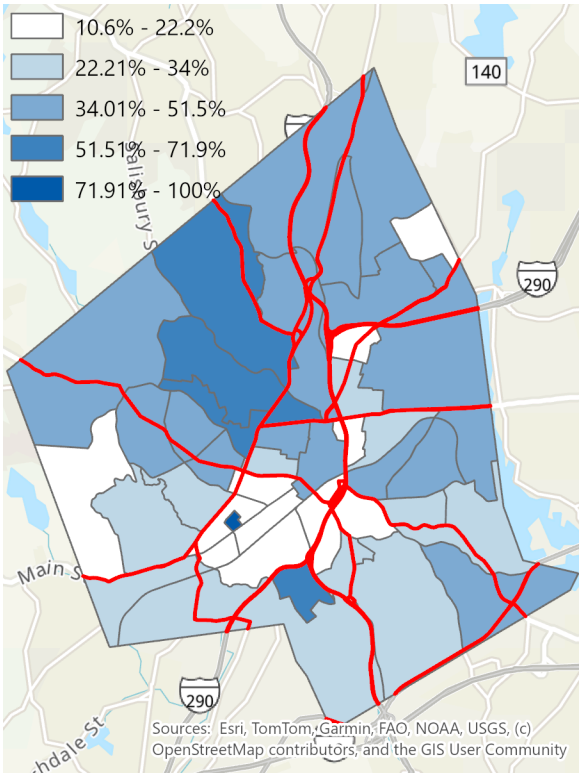


Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

WORCESTER: PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION 25 YEARS OR OLDER WITH HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE OR HIGHER, 2024



WORCESTER: PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION 25 YEARS OR OLDER WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey, Table S1501

Worcester: Educational Attainment, 2024		
	Number	**Percent**
Population 25 Years and Over	135,831	
Less than 9th Grade	9,379	6.90%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	10,047	7.40%
High School Graduate, Includes Equivalency	37,151	27.40%
Some College, No Degree	21,110	15.50%
Associate's Degree	10,346	7.60%
Bachelor's Degree	27,694	20.40%
Graduate or Professional Degree	20,104	14.80%

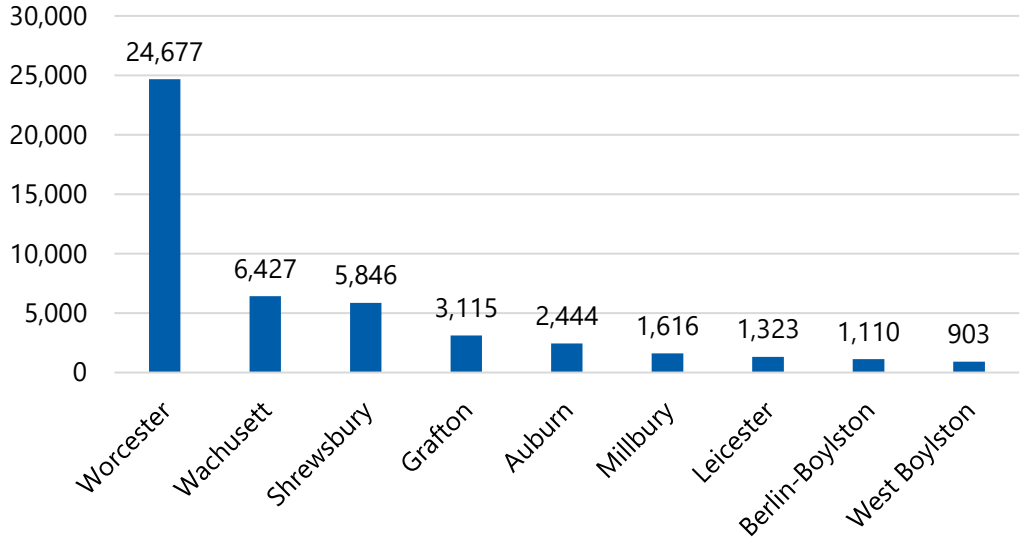
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey, Table S1501

Greater Worcester: Population 25 Years or Older with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 2024			
	Total	**Number with Bachelor's or Higher**	**Percent with Bachelor's or Higher**
Auburn	12,451	5,653	45.4%
Boylston	3,926	2,157	54.9%
Grafton	13,944	7,771	55.7%
Holden	13,860	8,068	58.2%
Leicester	7,945	2,462	31.0%
Millbury	10,361	3,745	36.1%
Paxton	3,331	1,823	54.7%
Shrewsbury	27,167	17,818	65.6%
West Boylston	6,160	2,575	41.8%
Worcester	135,831	47,798	35.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 5-Year American Community Survey, Table S1501

Greater Worcester: Colleges & Universities, 2025-2026
Anna Maria College (Paxton) (Closed, May 2026)
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)

GREATER WORCESTER: NUMBER OF IN-DISTRICT STUDENTS, 2025-2026

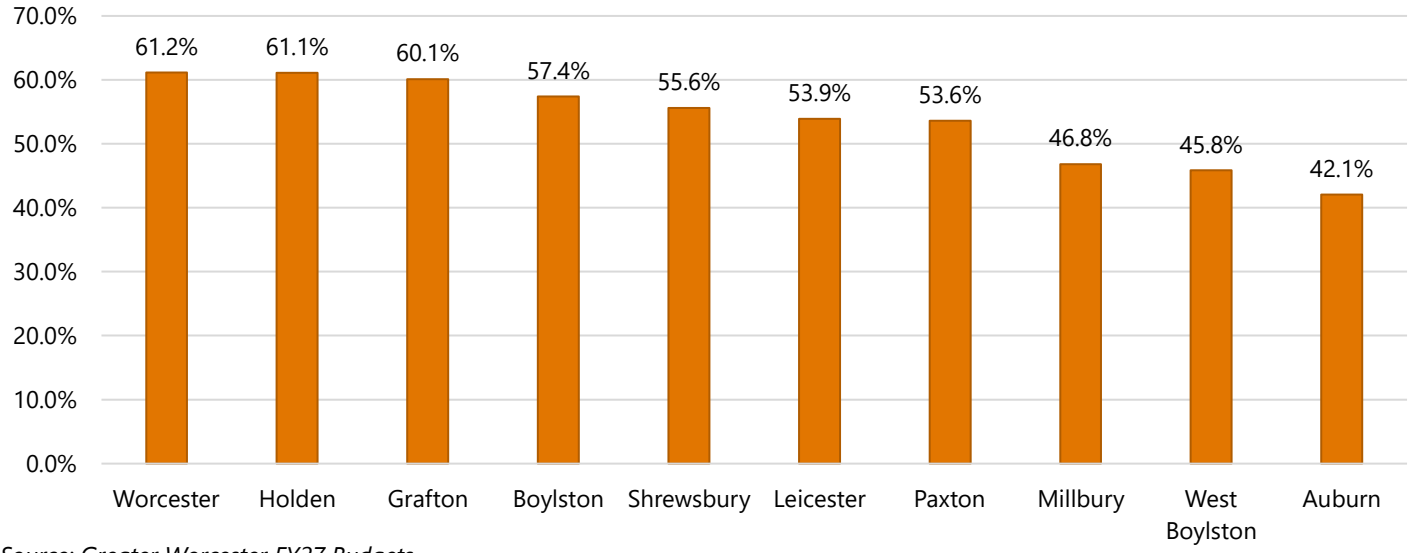


The towns of Holden and Paxton are part of the Wachusett Regional School District, the largest regional district in the Commonwealth. The town of Boylston oversees a K-5 elementary school (350 students for 2025-2026) and is part of the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District for Grades 6-12.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2025-2026

Greater Worcester Municipalities	Total City Budget (including schools)	Education Budget	Education % of Total Budget
Auburn	$86,035,685	$36,201,325	42.1%
Boylston	$24,661,855	$14,157,597	57.4%
Grafton	$82,264,860	$49,454,150	60.1%
Holden	$72,492,164	$44,287,584	61.1%
Leicester	$40,150,921	$21,650,839	53.9%
Millbury	$62,863,448	$29,420,034	46.8%
Paxton	$17,281,150	$9,266,033	53.6%
Shrewsbury	$169,810,336	$94,405,000	55.6%
West Boylston	$32,824,569	$15,049,914	45.8%
Worcester	$1,001,107,417	$612,374,295	61.2%

GREATER WORCESTER: EDUCATION AS A PERCENT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2027



Source: Greater Worcester FY27 Budgets
Note: Includes State Aid

Worcester: Staffing for Police & Fire, FY27 Budget			
Fire		**Police**	
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	80	Police Officers	366
Firefighter	319	Police Officers - Recruit Class	16
Fire Fighter - Recruits	15	Other	55
Other	13		
Total	***474***	***Total***	***533***

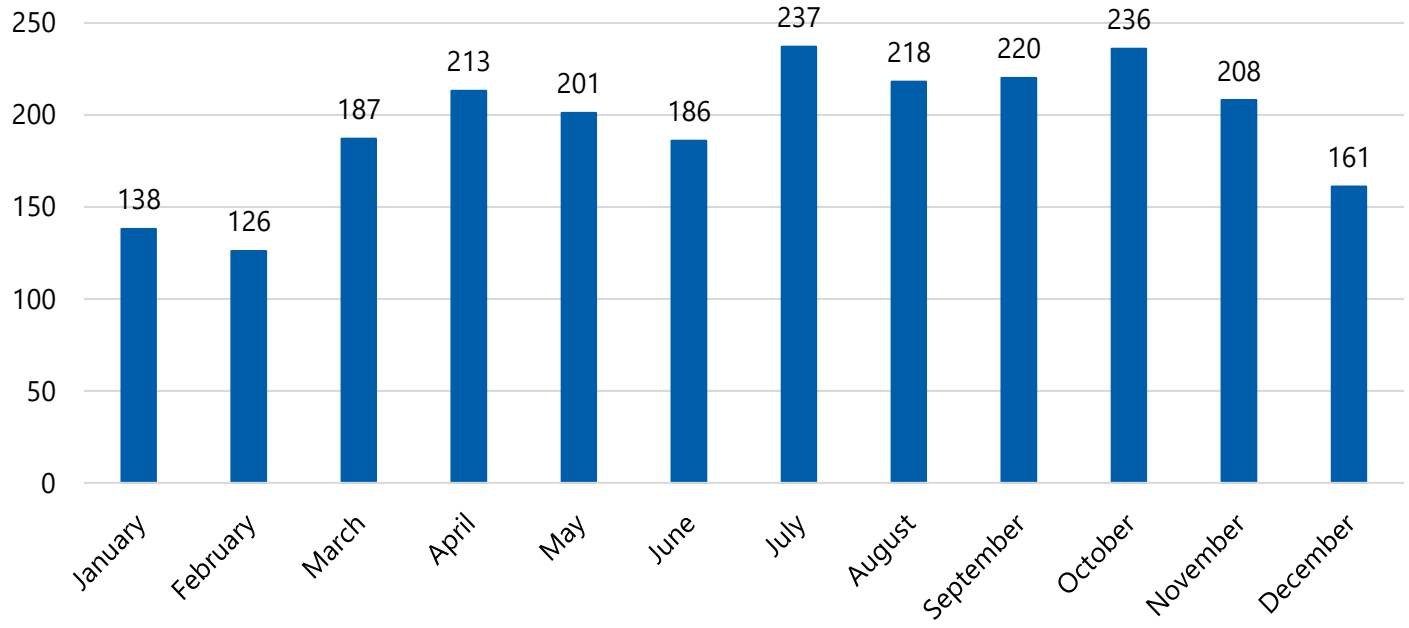
Source: City of Worcester, FY27 Budget

Worcetser Police Department NIBRS Arrest Offenses Categories	2025 Count
Simple Assault	616
Aggravated Assault	452
Drug/Narcotic Violations	375
Disorderly Conduct	131
Weapon Law Violation	47
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	62
Shoplifting	167
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	45
Non-NIBRS Offense	N/A
Motor Vehicle Theft	9
Robbery	49
Null	N/A
Assault - Intimidation	22
All Other Thefts	10
Driving Under the Influence	35
Kidnapping/Abduction	38
Stolen Property Offenses	43
Theft from Building	10
Forcible Rape	7
Impersonation	2
Prostitution	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	22
Liquor Law Violation	26
All Other Offenses	100
Total	**2,271**

Source: Worcester Police Department

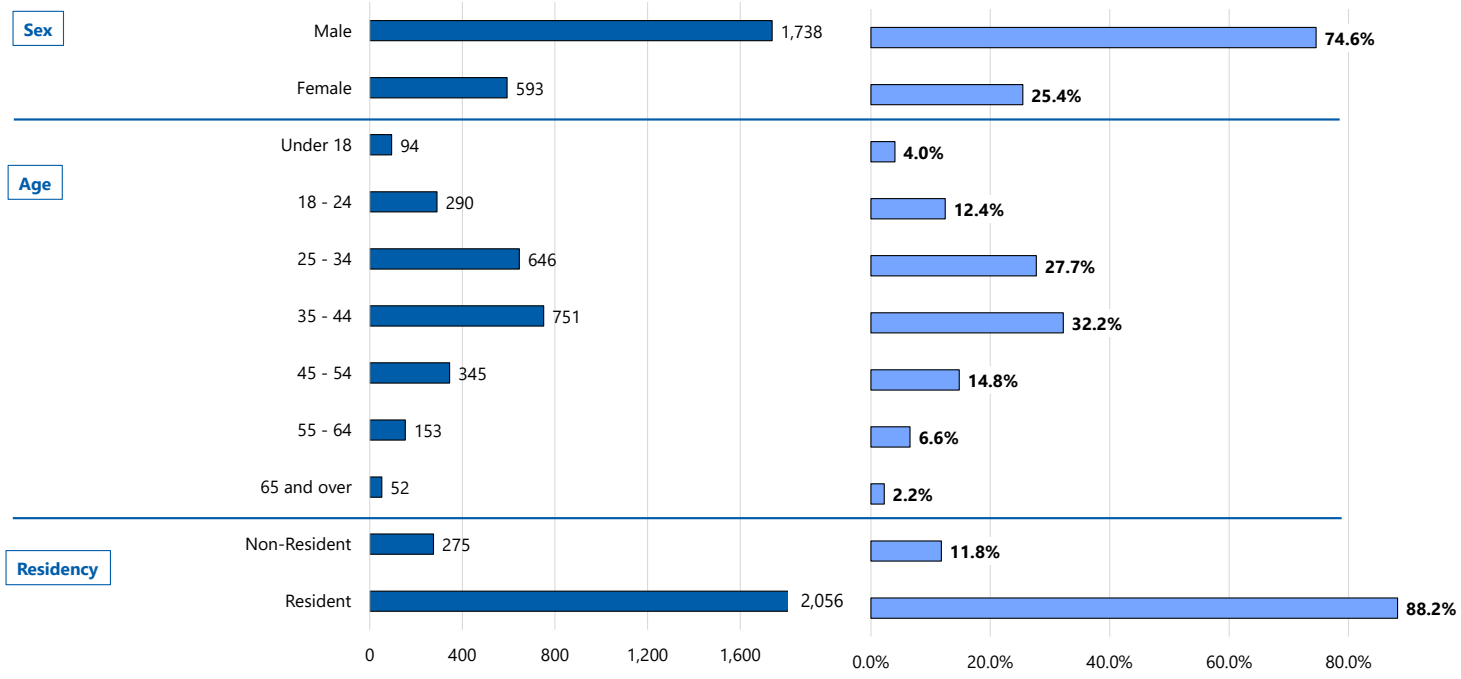
Note: More than on offense may be attributed to a single arrest. N/A is data not reported.

WORCESTER: ARRESTS BY MONTH, 2025



Source: Worcester Police Department

WORCESTER: DEMOGRAPHICS BREAKDOWN OF ARRESTEES, 2025



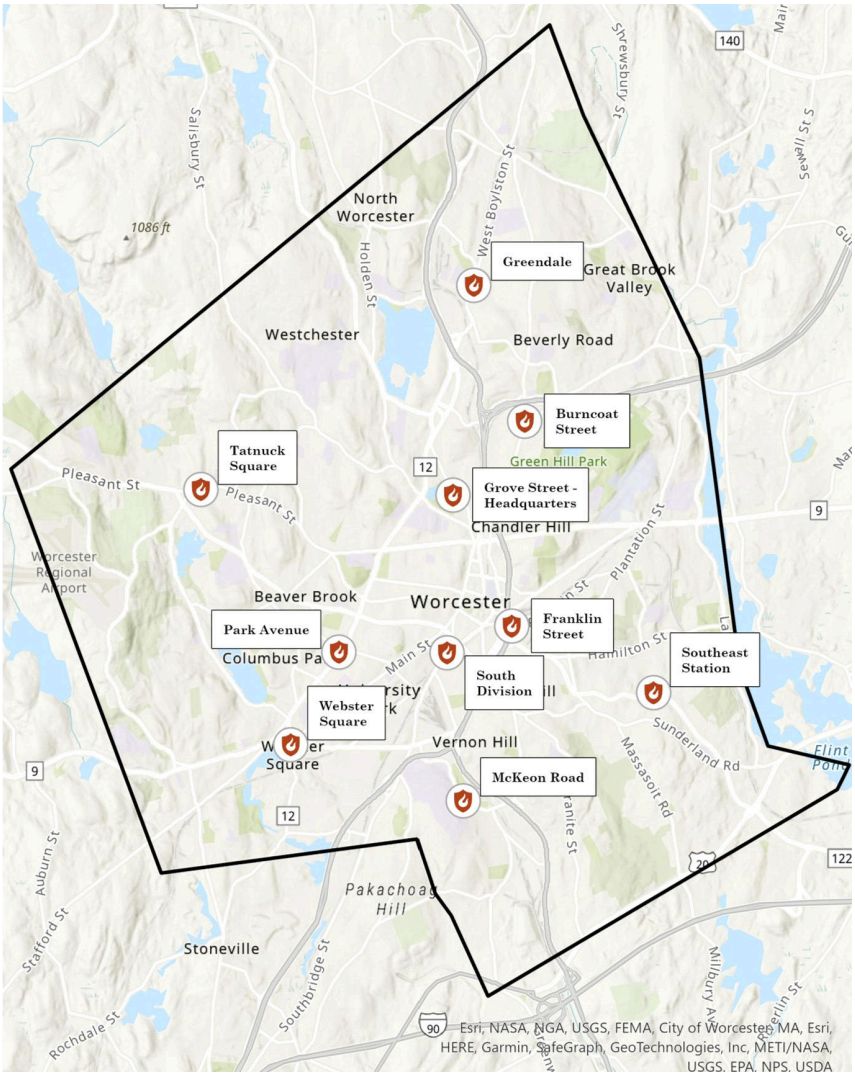
Source: Worcester Police Department

WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS BY TYPE INCIDENTS BY TYPE NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM (NFRIS)

NFIRS Incident Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Fire	1,502	1,425	1,266	1,381	1,307	911	1,156	1,181	1,145	1,256	5546	1,612
Overpressure / rupture	47	30	29	36	75	15	23	22	24	19	16	2
EMS / rescue	22,521	24,080	23,727	22,339	21,489	11,572	20,270	22,913	23,515	23,330	25925	6,995
Hazardous conditions	986	926	1,041	1,061	1,004	759	966	913	911	937	1219	425
Service calls	1,333	1,419	1,439	2,338	1,947	1,299	1,805	1,985	1,993	1,813	1688	516
Good intent	2,149	1,951	2,168	2,340	2,147	1,157	1,779	1,877	1,718	1,771	417	141
False alarm	3,206	3,281	3,138	3,618	3,489	2,122	3,395	3,782	3,994	4,258	6	1
Weather / natural disaster	3	3	1	6	1	2	0	5	0	1	0	0
Total	**31,747**	**33,115**	**32,809**	**33,119**	**31,459**	**17,837**	**29,394**	**32,678**	**33,300**	**33,385**	**34,817**	**9,692**

Source: City of Worcester Open Data Portal, Fire Incidents from National Fire Incident Reporting System
Note: 2026 data is not complete

WORCESTER: FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS



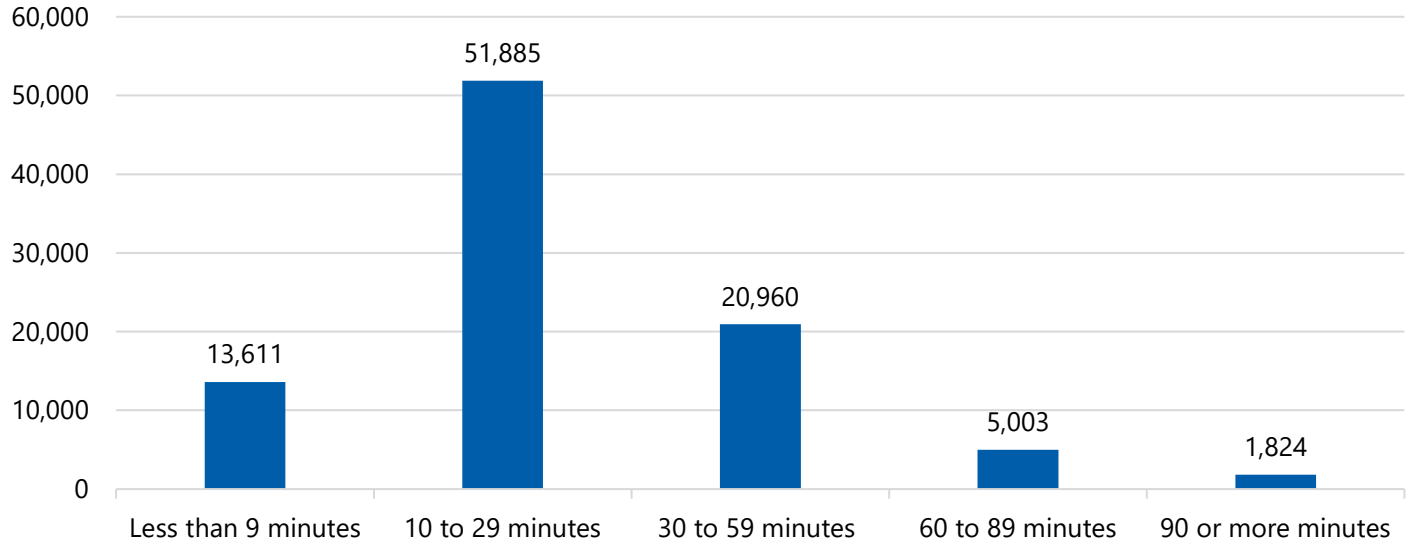
Worcester: Fire Stations, 2026	
Station	**Address**
Burncoat Street	19 Burncoat Street, 01605
	Engine 8
Franklin Street	266 Franklin Street, 01604
	Engine 6, Engine 12 and Ladder 1
Greendale	438 West Boylston Street, 01606
	Engine 11 and Ladder 6
Grove Street (Headquarters)	141 Grove Street, 01605
	Engine 3, Engine 16, Ladder 2 and Car 3
McKeon Road	80 McKeon Road, 01607
	Engine 15 and Ladder 5
Park Avenue	424 Park Ave, 01610
	Engine 4 and Ladder 7 and Safety
South Division	180 Southbridge Street, 01608
	Engine 2, Engine 13, Ladder 3, Car 4 and Scuba 1
Southeast Station	745 Grafton Street, 01604
	Engine 7 and Haz Mat 33
Tatnuck Square	1067 Pleasant Street, 01602
	Engine 9
Webster Square	40 Webster Street, 01603
	Engine 5, Ladder 4, Special Ops 1 and SCBA Unit

SCUBA means Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus—equipment divers use

SCBA means Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus—equipment firefighters use during firefighting

Source: City of Worcester Open Data Portal
Note: The construction of the new South Division Fire Station will be completed in 2027/2028

WORCESTER: NUMBER OF WORKERS BY COMMUTE TIMES, 2024

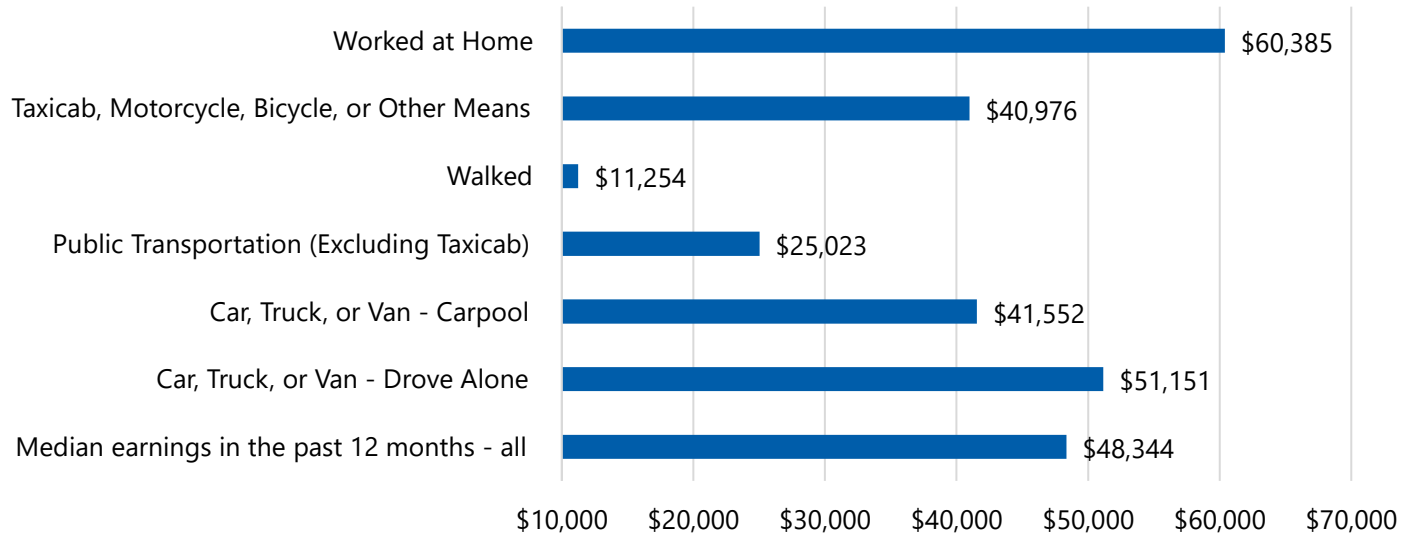


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 1-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester Work Commute Patterns (Workers 16 Years & Older), 2024				
	Number Worcester Residents	Percent Worcester Residents	Number MA Residents	Percent MA Residents
Car, Truck, or Van - Drove Alone	72,044	69.0%	2,326,676	62.0%
Car, Truck, or Van - Carpooled	8,262	7.9%	299,790	8.0%
Public Transportation (Excluding Taxicab)	4,821	4.6%	291,776	7.8%
Walked	4,579	4.4%	161,044	4.3%
Other Means (Taxicab, Motorcycle, Bicycle, or Other Means)	3,577	3.4%	116465	3.1%
Worked at Home	11,129	10.7%	556,682	14.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 1-Year American Community Survey Estimates

WORCESTER: MEDIAN EARNINGS BY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK, 2024

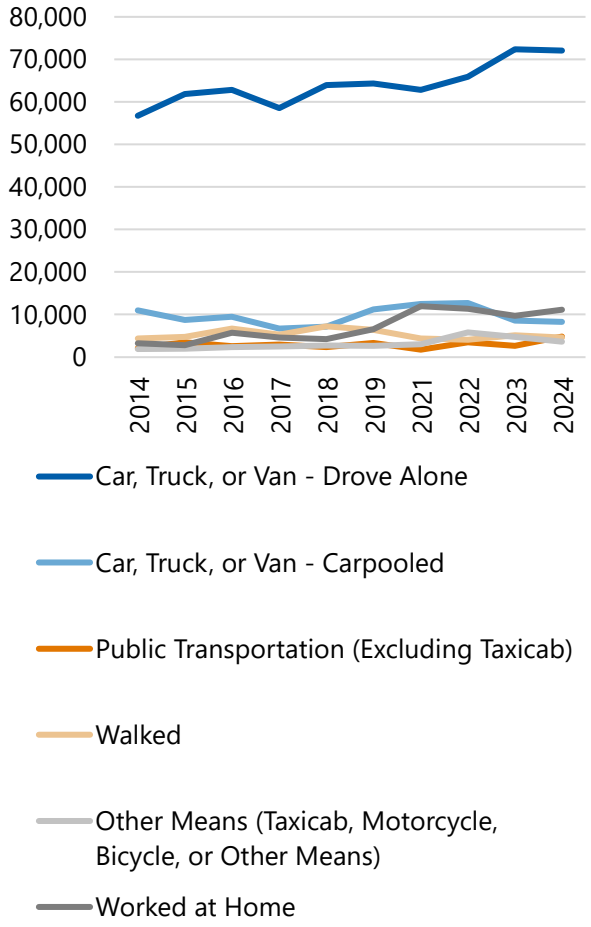


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 1-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Worcester: 2025 Traffic Counts for Each Location	
Location	**Average Annual Daily Traffic Count**
I-290 above Washington Square	132,970
I-290 above College Square	92,782
I-190 Southbound to I290 Westbound	25,557
Belmont Street at Lake Avenue	32,962
Belmont Street at Officer Manny Familia Way	19,654
I-290 Exit 13 (Kelley Square) (All Ramps)	35,124
Rt. 146 North of Rt. I-90	55,249
Park Avenue at Chandler Street	19,924
Pleasant Street West of Flagg Street	15,960 (2024)
Grafton Street at Sunderland Road	17,704
Plantation Street South of Boylston Street	13,579
Salisbury Street East of Park Avenue	10,463
West Boylston Street North of Mountain Street	9,784
Mill Street North of Park Avenue	11,679
Green Street at Winter Street	8,829 (2024)
Airport Drive at Mill Street	5,289
Pleasant Street West of Park Ave	7,498 (2024)
Pleasant Street East of Park Ave	9,256
Pleasant St. & Highland St. at Newton Square	27,875
Madison St between Washington and Harding	26,293

Source: Massachusetts Department of Transportation

WORCESTER: WORK COMMUTE PATTERNS, WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OLDER, 2014-2023



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 1-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Greater Worcester: Registered Motor Vehicles, 1/1/2026										
	Auburn	**Boylston**	**Grafton**	**Holden**	**Leicester**	**Millbury**	**Paxton**	**Shrewsbury**	**W. Boylston**	**Worcester**
Passenger	15,246	4,993	15,942	16,464	9,222	12,092	3,977	30,029	6,468	112,282
Truck	624	263	208	226	132	296	62	655	215	1,672
Motorcycle	278	90	308	291	280	316	99	423	141	1,177
Bus	-	-	40		17	20		154	6	372
Ambulance	3	2		3	4		1		3	14
Camper	20	12	32	52	34	28	9	26	11	83
Auto-Home	17	18	35	6	18	16		21	6	51
Equipment	37	-	2	12		5	2	7	3	49
Low Speed	-	-								8
Fire Truck	3	3	6	3	5	5		4	2	24
Moped	9	-	5	12		6		13	7	161
Anonymized	100	78	85	68	85	93	74	103	81	106
Total	**16,337**	**5,459**	**16,663**	**17,137**	**9,797**	**12,877**	**4,224**	**31,435**	**6,943**	**115,999**

Source: Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Registry of Motor Vehicles; Vehicle Census 2026

Worcester: Rideshare Data, 2021-2025					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Rides Within Worcester	786,978	1,235,568	1,812,827	2,275,069	2,871,349
Rides Ended in Worcester	595,910	960,146	1,429,808	1,784,984	2,262,857
Rides Started per capita	740,970	1,181,749	1,750,246	2,205,382	2,779,967
Rides Ended per capita	3.8	6.0	8.8	11.0	13.6
Average Miles Per Hour	3.6	5.7	8.5	10.7	13.2
Average Ride Distance (Miles)	27.8	27.1	26.5	26.3	25.13
Average Ride Time (Minutes)	6.3	5.9	5.6	5.7	5.58

Source: Massachusetts Transportation Network Company, Division of Department of Public Utilities, 2021-2025

Worcester Regional Airport (ORH): Commercial Passengers, Takeoffs, and Landings			
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Number of Commercial Passengers	227,577	223,561	230,659
Number of Commercial Takeoffs and Landings	2,663	2,820	2,830

Source: Worcester Regional Airport

Worcester Municipal Parking Garages Capacity, 2025	
Pearl Elm	819
Federal Plaza	511
Major Taylor	983
Union Station	500
Worcester Common	500
Polar Park	340
Private	*240*
Public	*100*

Source: City of Worcester, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, 2025 (June 30, 2025)

Worcester Trash and Recycling, 2025	
Trash Disposal Tonnage	26,326
Single Stream Recyclables Tonnage	9,643
Yard Waste Tonnage	14,427

Source: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, 2025

Worcester Water and Sewer Infrastructure, 2026-2027	
Miles of Water Main Pipe	634
Reservoirs	10
Fire Hydrants	5,860
Public	5,432
Private	648
Total Miles of Sewer	896
Sanitary Sewers	447
Surface Sewers	426
Combined Sewers	61
Number of Manholes	30,266
Number of Catch Basins	16,445
Metered Accounts (Water)	43,176
Billed House Connections (Sewer)	39,291

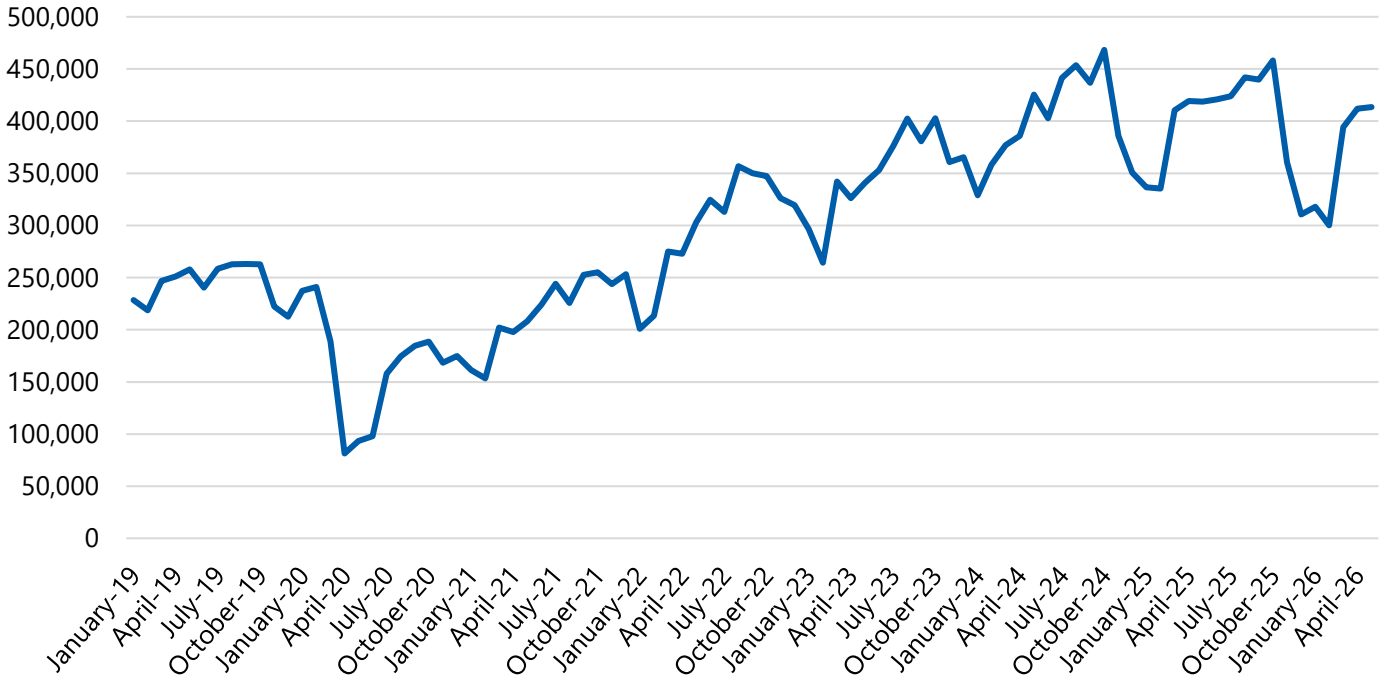
Source: City of Worcester, City Council Manual 2026-2027

Worcester Street Infrastructure, 2026	
Public Street Miles	438
Private Street Miles	79
Asphalt Sidewalk Miles	307
Concrete SIdewalk Miles	216
Traffic Signals	175
Pedestrian Rapid Flashing Beacons	81
Street Lights - Energy-Efficient LED	Approximately 14,000
Electric Car Charging Ports	
Publicly Owned in Worcester	30
Stations and Ports in Worcester	157 Stations / 402 Ports
Stations and Ports in Worcester County	406 Stations / 1,160 Ports

Source: Worcester City Council Manual 2026-2027; Worcester Department of Sustainability and Resilience; U.S. Department of Energy, Alternative Fuels Data Center

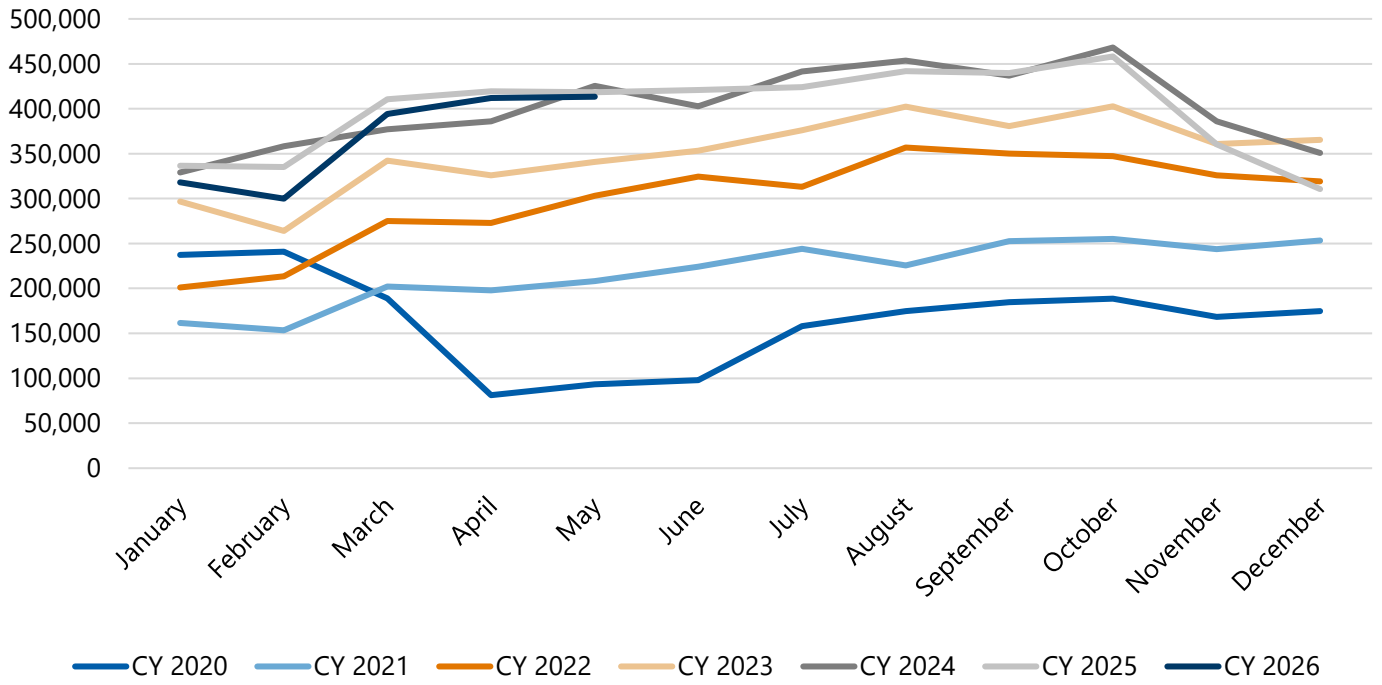
The Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) was established in September 1974 to contract for the operation of mass transportation facilities and services in the Worcester region. It is the second largest regional transit authority in Massachusetts, serving 37 communities. While the WRTA owns the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

WORCESTER: MONTHLY FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP, JANUARY 2019 - MAY 2026



Source: National Transit Database, 2026

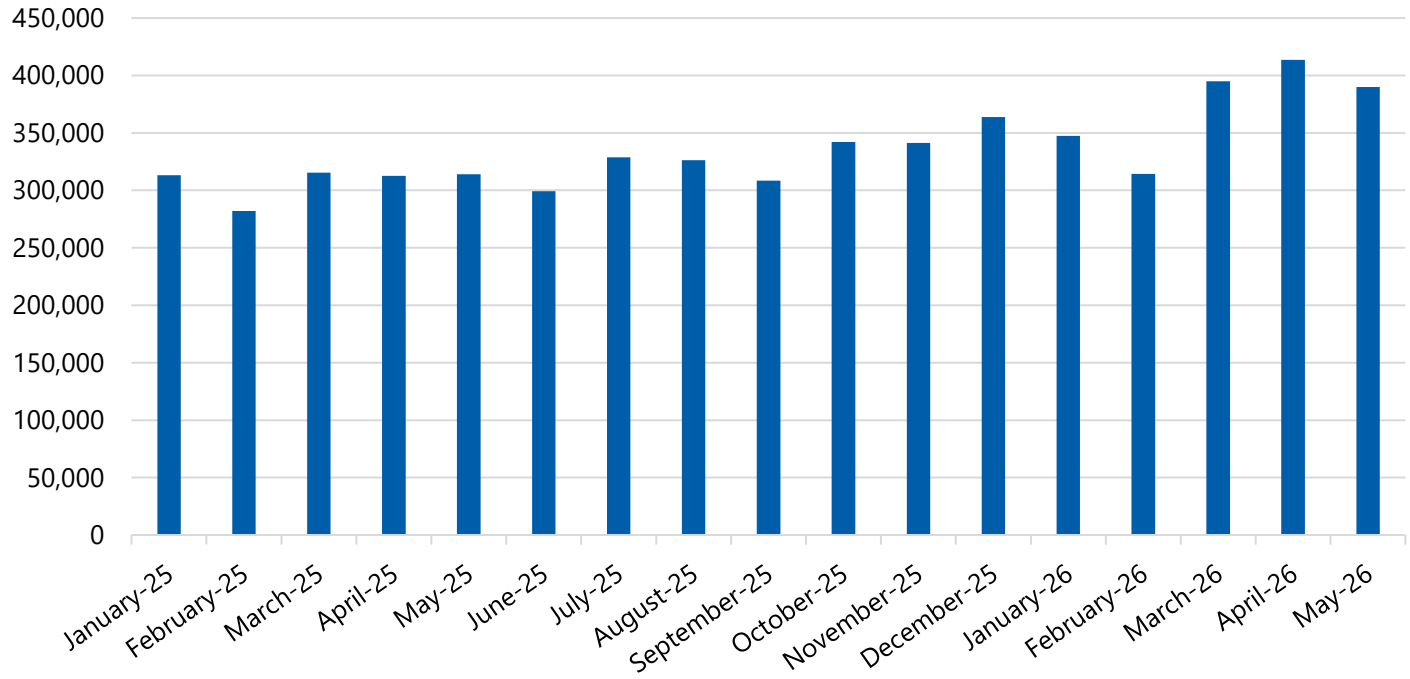
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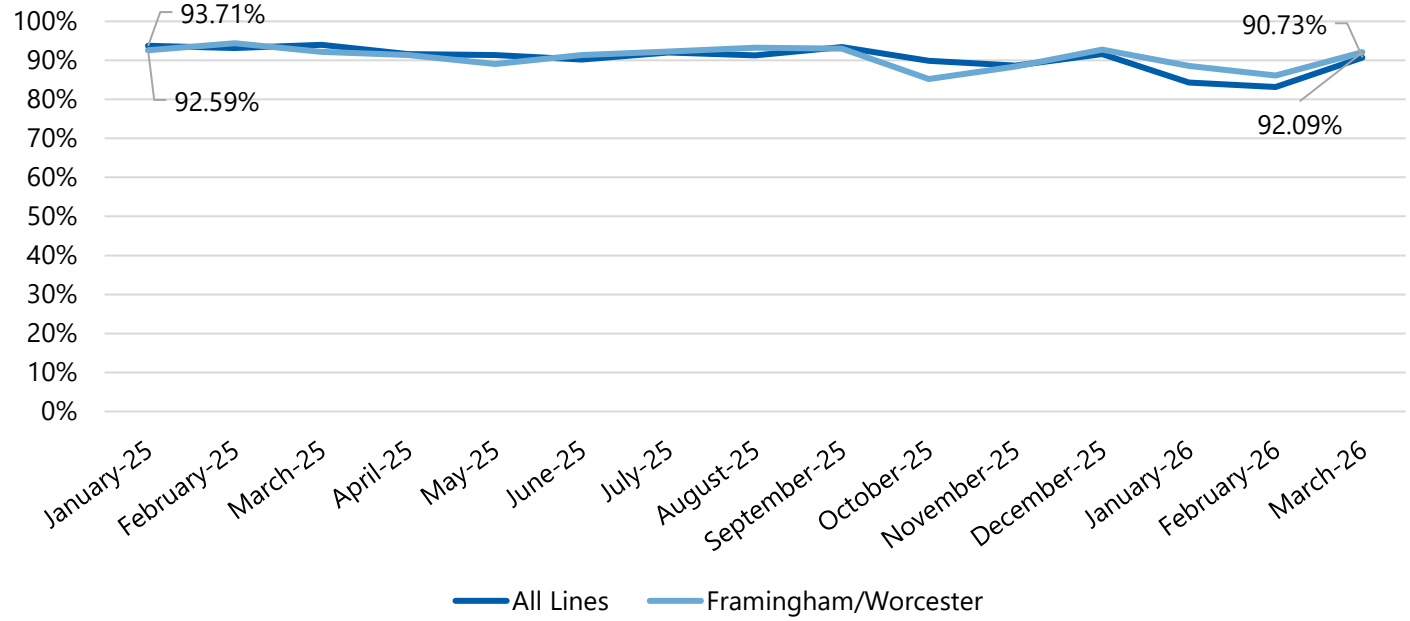
Worcester Commuter Rail: Spring/Summer 2026	
Inbound Trains (Weekday)	21
Outbound Trains (Weekday)	22
Inbound Trains (Weekend & Holiday)	10
Outbound Trains (Weekend & Holiday)	10

FRAMINGHAM/WORCESTER COMMUTER RAIL: ESTIMATED BOARDINGS BY MONTH, JANUARY 2025 - MAY 2026



Source: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, 2026

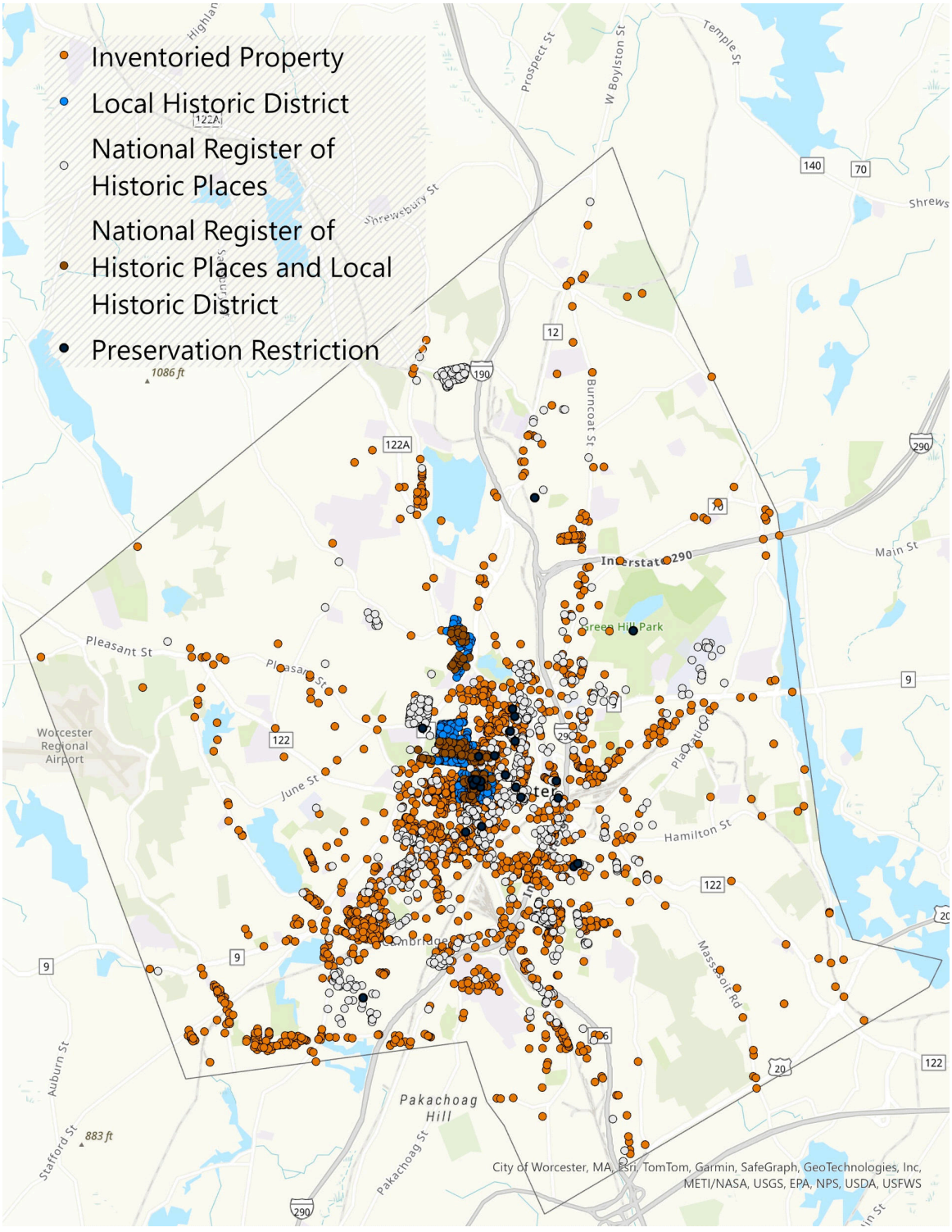
MBTA COMMUTER RAIL: ON-TIME PERFORMANCE, JANUARY 2025 - MARCH 2026



Source: Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, 2026

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, 2025



Source: Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

Greater Worcester: High School Sports Highlights, 2025	
Millbury	D4 State Champions: Baseball
Sutton	D4 State Champions: Girls Soccer
Uxbridge	D3 State Champions: Field Hockey
Wachusett Regional	D1 State Champions: Girls basketball

Source: Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association

Greater Worcester: College League Athletic Achievements, 2025-2026
Worcester State
2026 MASCAC Champions: Men's Basketball
2026 MASCAC Champions: Women's Ice Hockey
Assumption University
2026 NE10 Champions: Men's Ice Hockey
2026 NE10 Champions: Softball
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
2026 NEWMAC Champions: Softball
College of the Holy Cross
2026 Patriot League Champions: Women's Basketball
2026 Patriot League Champions: Baseball

Source: NCAA Conference Websites

Worcester: Bravehearts Baseball, 2026

Record			Attendance	
Wins	*Losses*	*Percentage*	*Total*	*Average*
29	29	0.500	33,698	1,162

Source: Baseball Point Streak

Worcester Red Sox, 2025

Record			Attendance	
Wins	*Losses*	*Percentage*	*Total*	*Average Per Game*
76	73	0.510	455,467	6,901
Notes				
The Worcester Red Sox finished sixth in the International League East Division.				

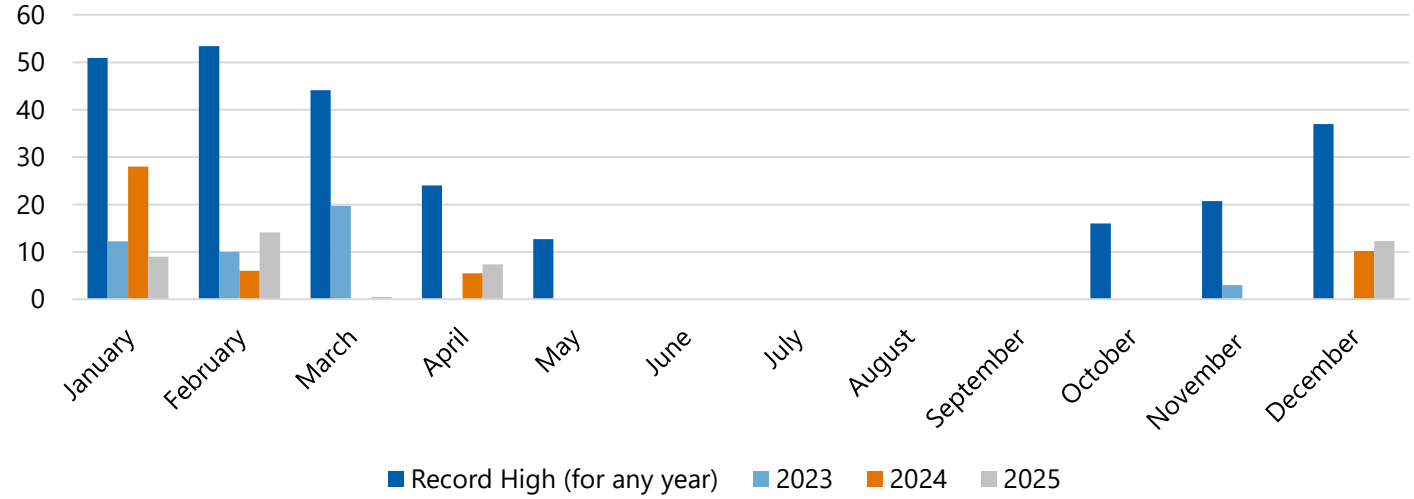
Source: Standings via MLB; Attendance via The Baseball Cube

Worcester: Railers Hockey, 2025-26

Record				
Wins	*Losses*	*Overtime Losses*	*Shootout Losses*	*Percentage*
35	30	5	2	0.535
Attendance				
The Railers ranked 22nd in the ECHL in attendance averaging 4,034 attendees per game.				

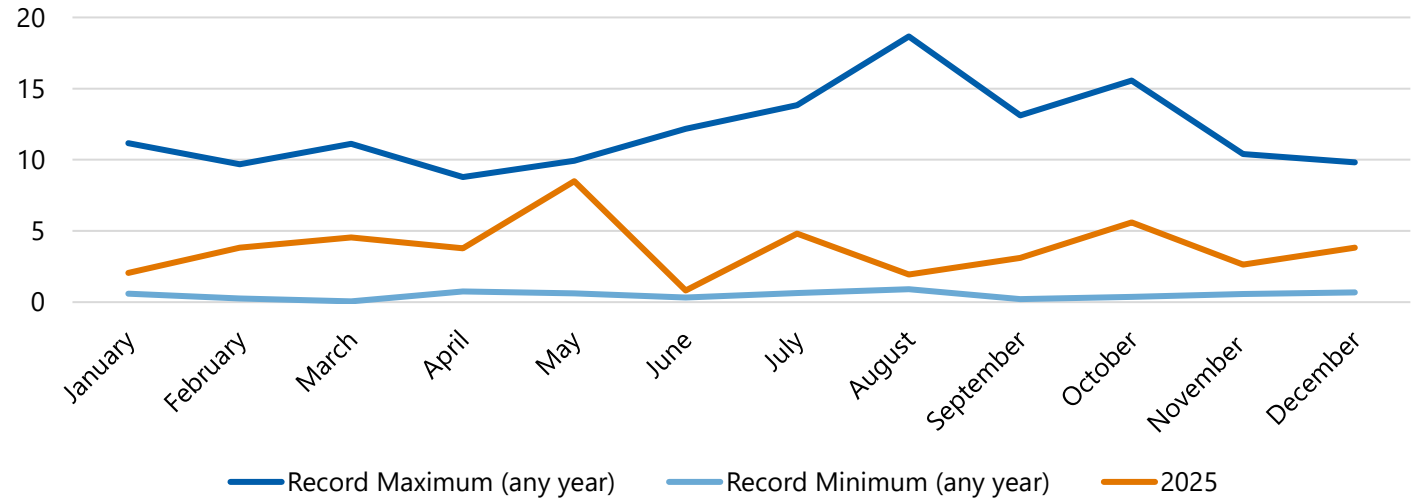
Source: East Coast Hockey League; Attendance via Hockey Database

WORCESTER: SNOWFALL & RECORD HIGH IN INCHES BY MONTH, 2023-2025



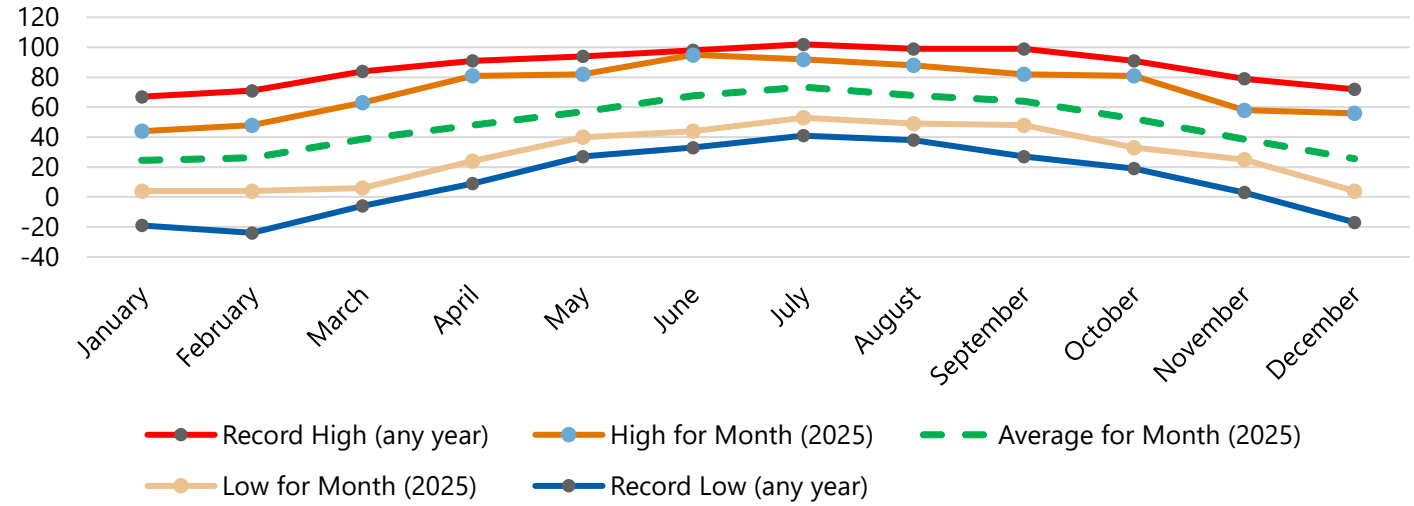
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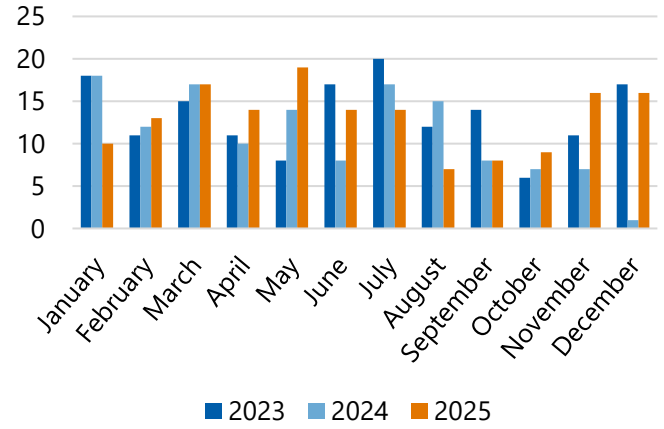
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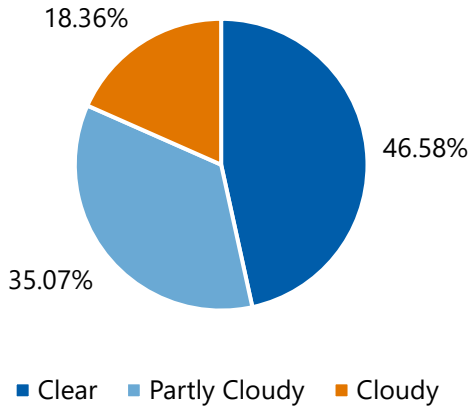
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WORCESTER: NUMBER OF DAYS WITH FOG, MIST, ICE, OR FREEZING FOG, 2023-2025



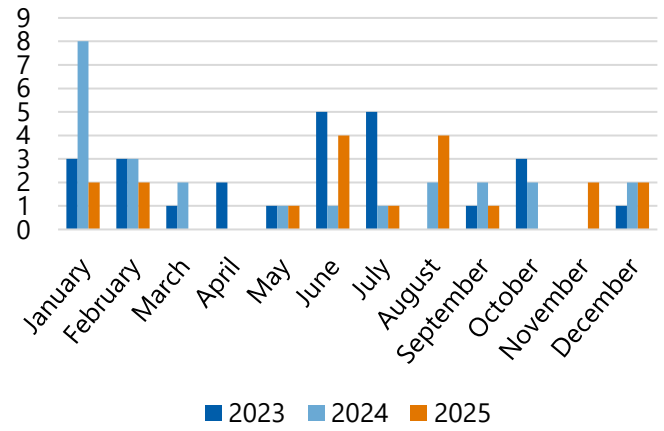
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WORCESTER: PERCENT OF CLEAR, PARTLY CLOUDY, AND CLOUDY DAYS, 2025



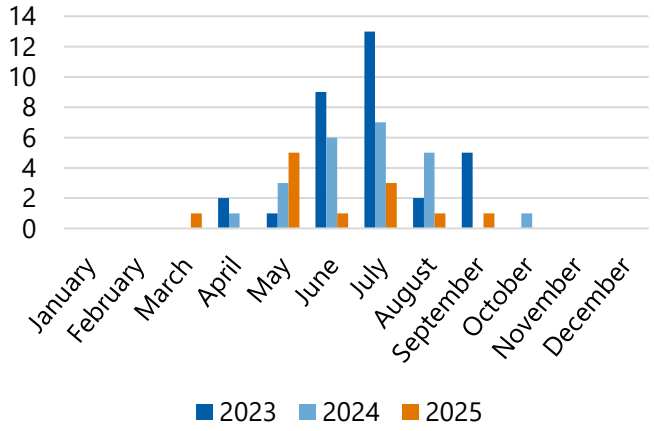
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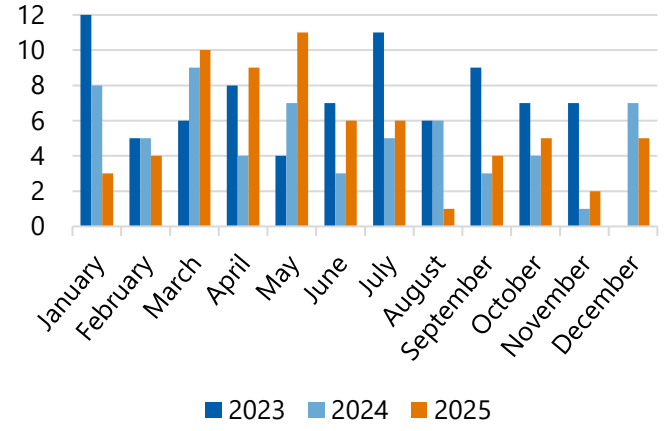
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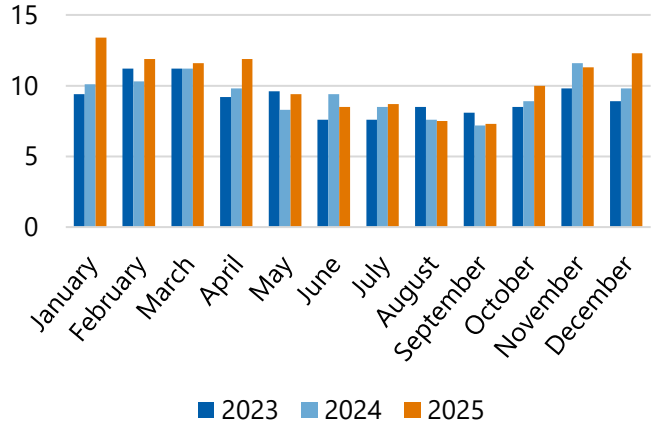
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WORCESTER: NUMBER OF DAYS WITH HEAVY FOG, 2023-2025



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WORCESTER: AVERAGE WIND SPEED (MILES PER HOUR) PER MONTH, 2023-2025



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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.

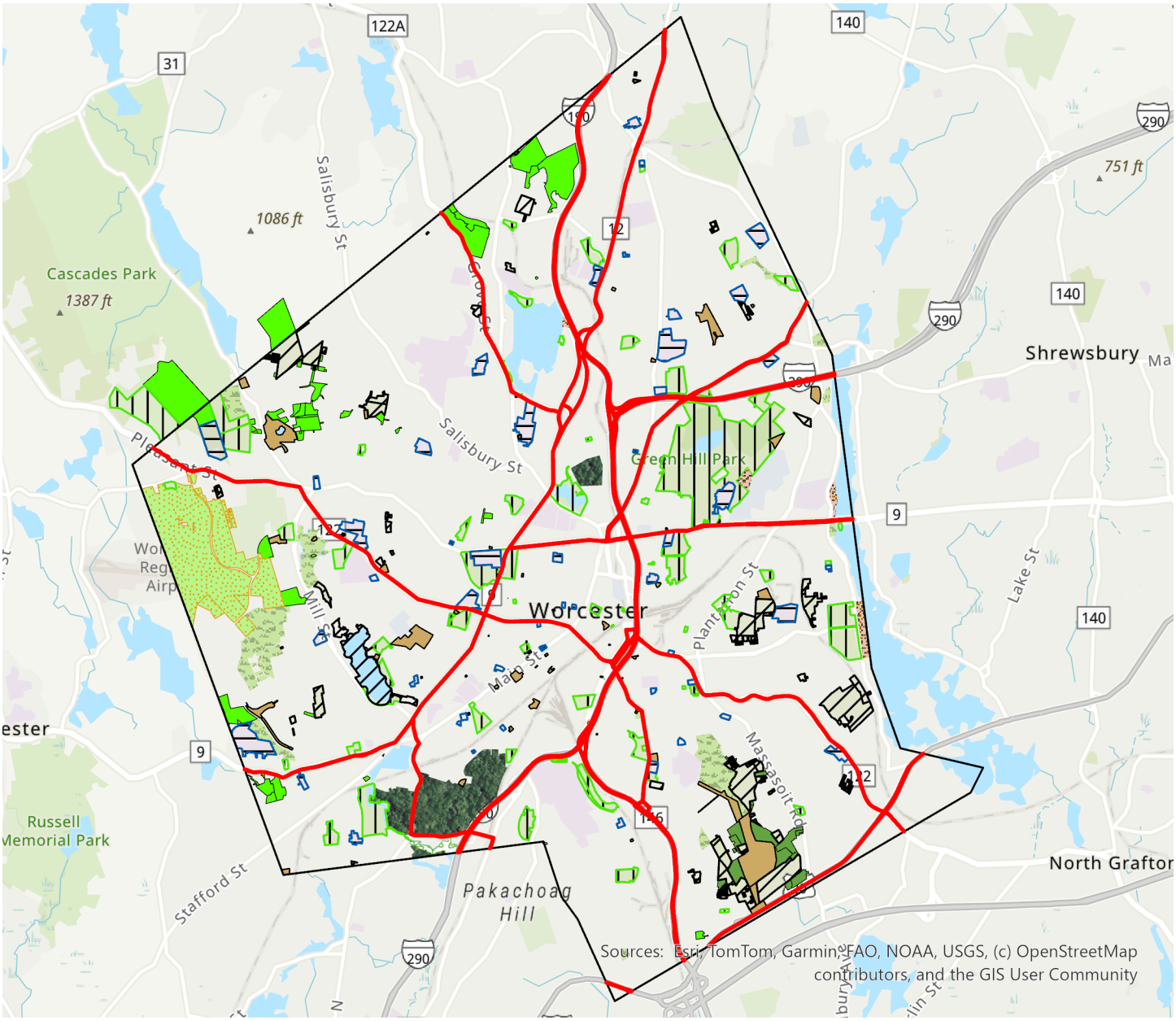
The City of Worcester released its Open Space and Recreation Plan 2021-2028. It is available **here**.

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

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

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

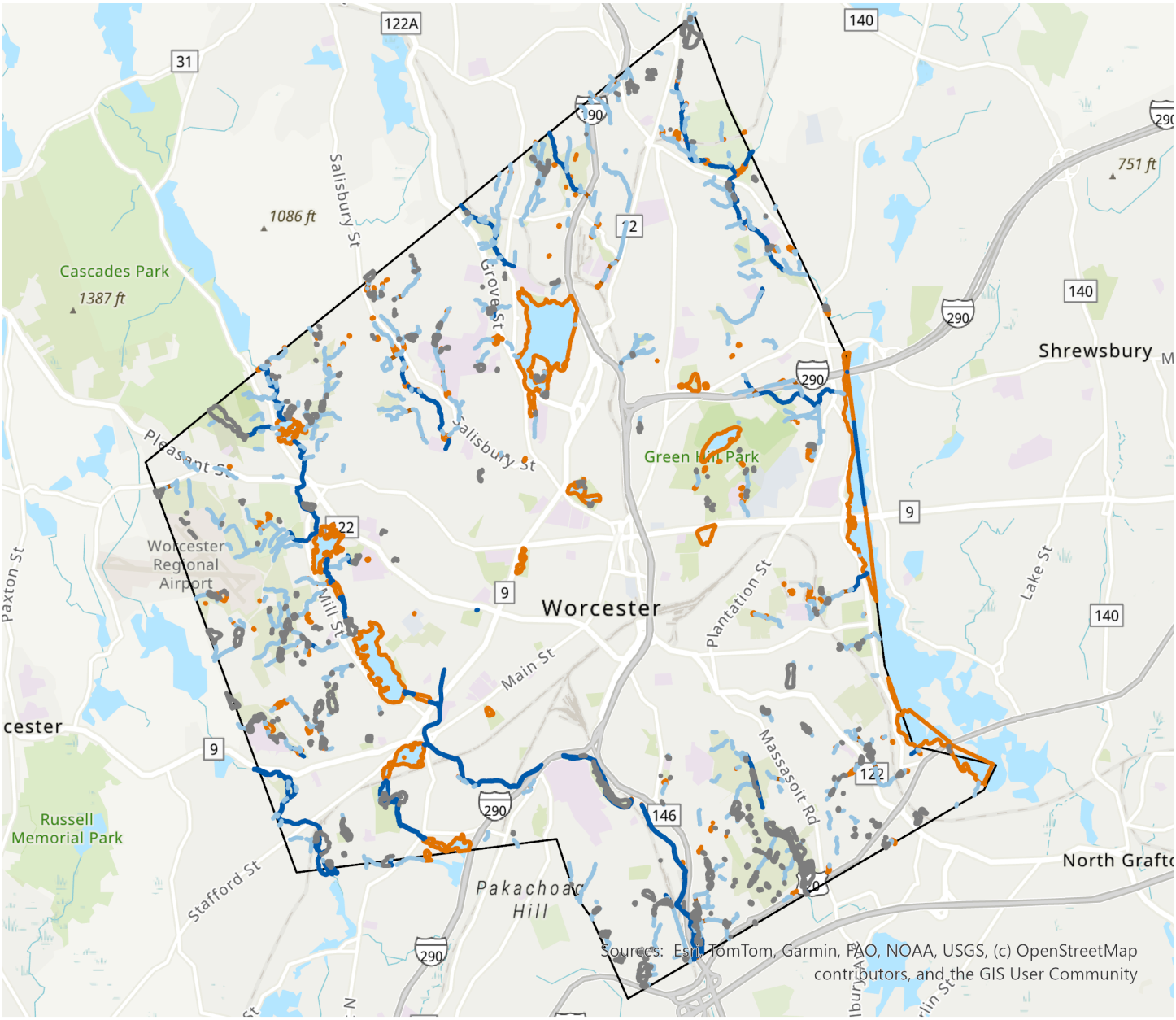
WORCESTER: OPEN SPACE



- Cemeteries
- City of Worcester
- Greater Worcester Land Trust
- Massachusetts Audobon Society
- Massachusetts Port Authority
- City of Worcester Parks Department
- Private Ownership
- City of Worcester Schools Department
- State Owned
- Town of Auburn Conservation Commission
- City of Worcester Conservation Commission

Source: City of Worcester, "Informing Worcester"

WORCESTER: BLUE SPACE

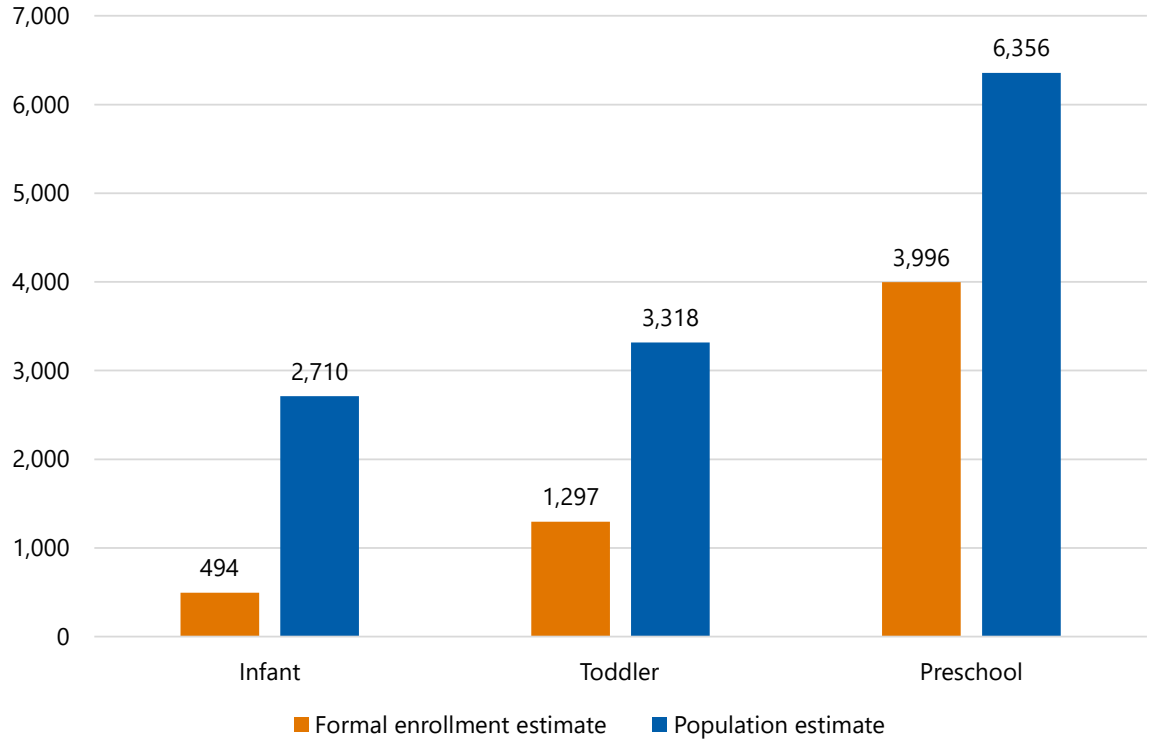


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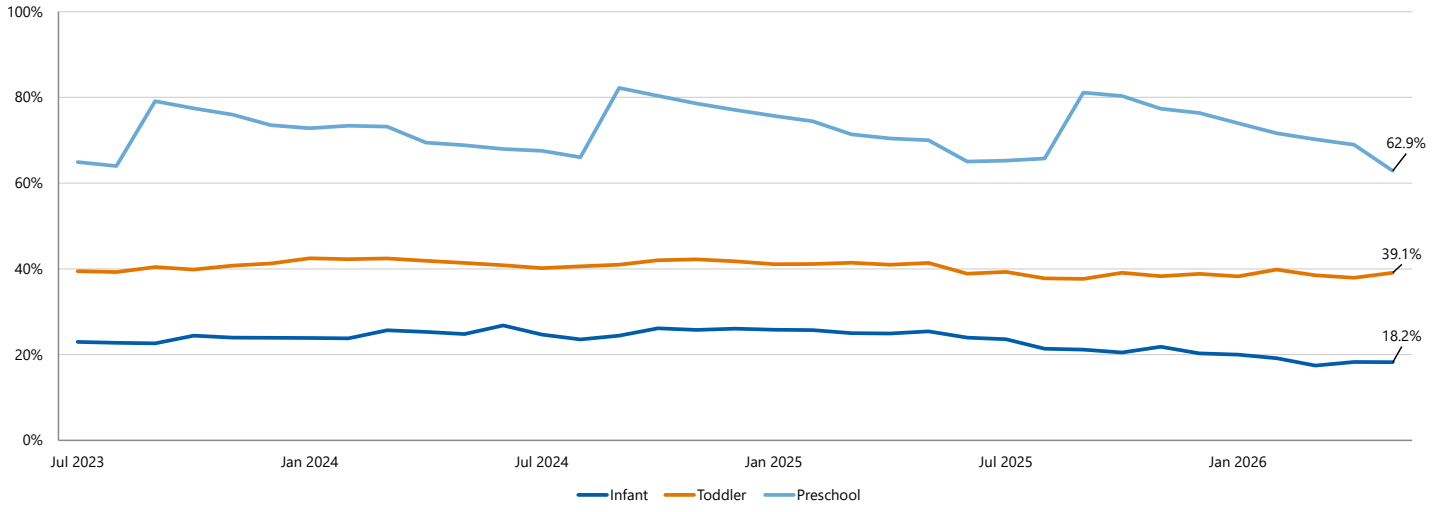
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WORCESTER: ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT IN FORMAL EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE BY AGE GROUP, MAY 2026



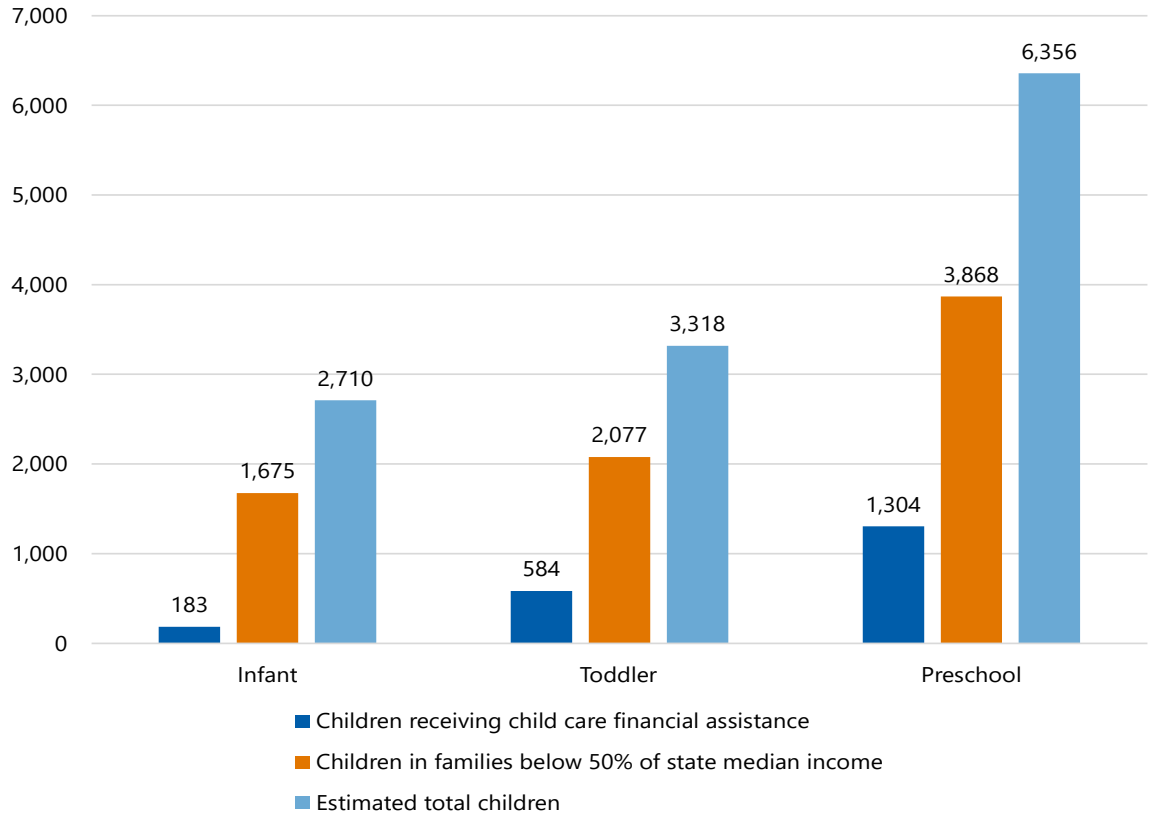
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WORCESTER: SHARE OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN FORMAL EARLY EDUCATION BY AGE GROUP, 2023-2026



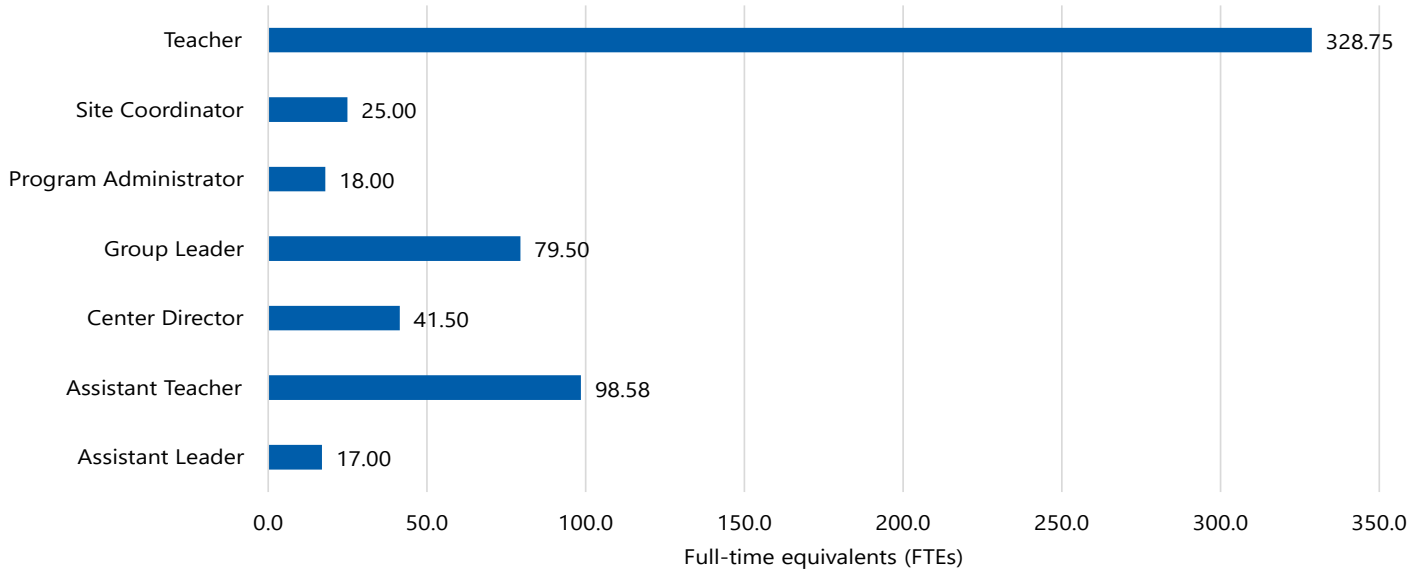
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WORCESTER: NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CCFA), MAY 2026



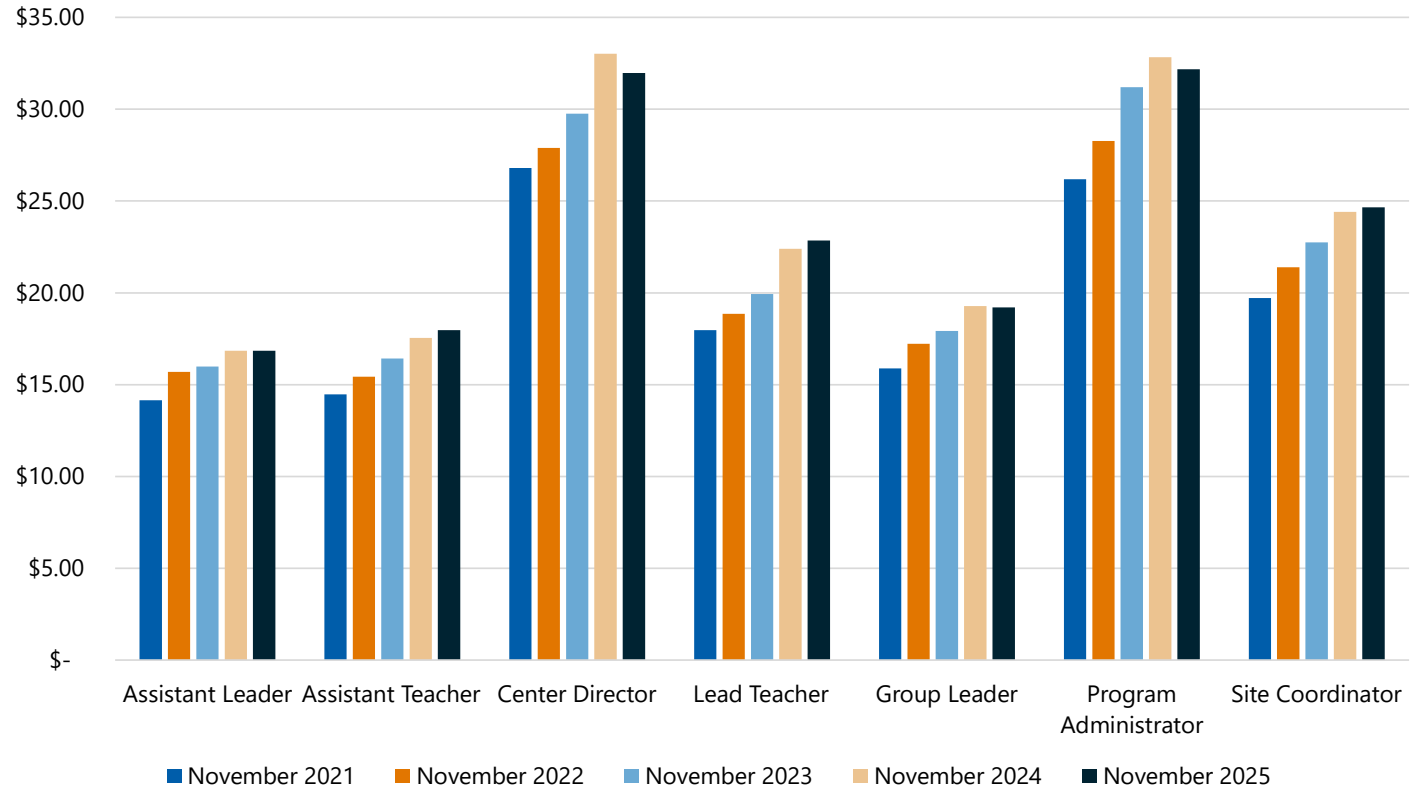
Source: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

WORCESTER: CENTER-BASED EARLY EDUCATION AND SCHOOL AGE STAFFING COUNT BY ROLE, MAY 2026



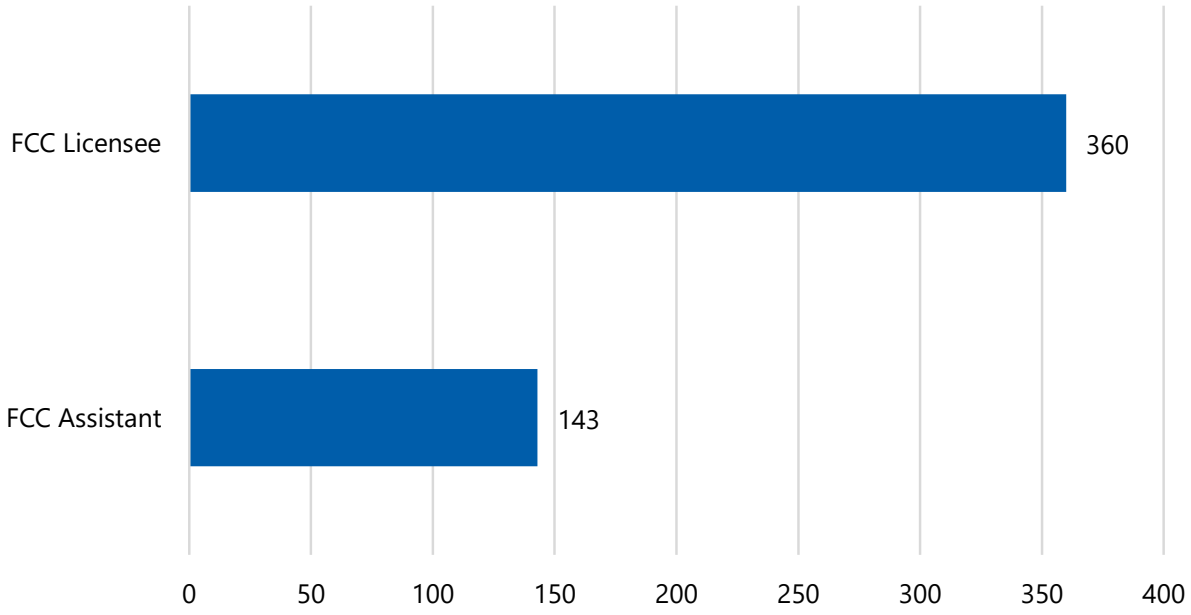
Source: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care
Center-based staffing is reported in full-time equivalents (FTEs), not individual employees. Decimal values reflect combined full-time-equivalent workloads from full-time, part-time, and staff who divide their time among roles.

WORCESTER: EARLY EDUCATOR AVERAGE PAY BY POSITION, NOVEMBER 2021–NOVEMBER 2025



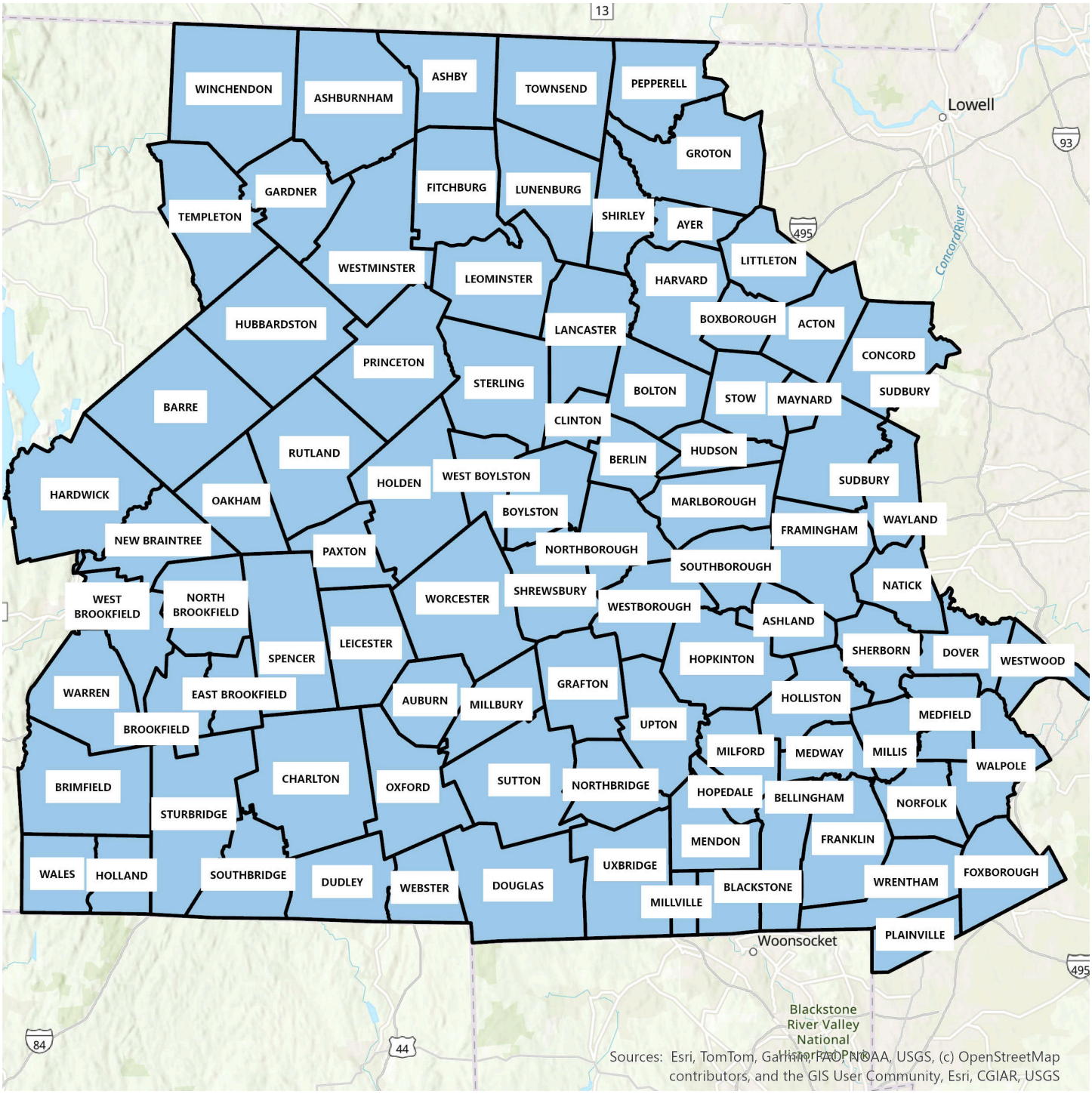
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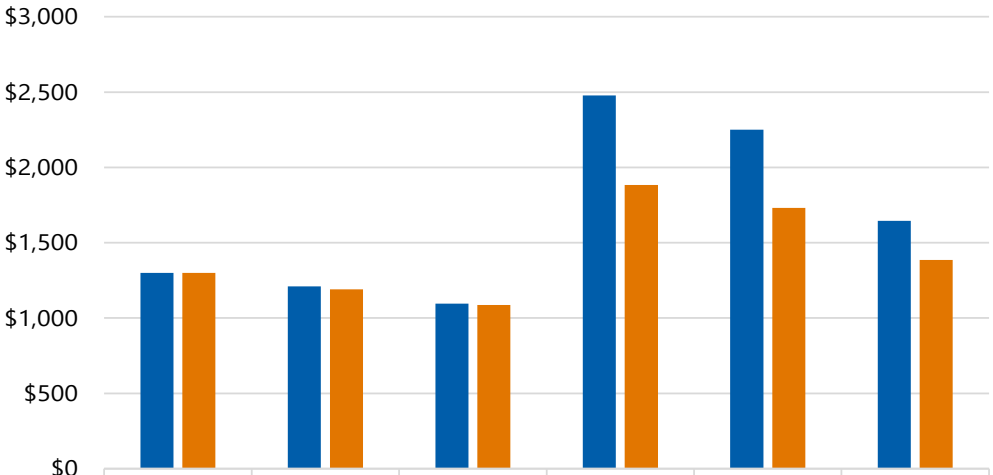
Source: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE'S CENTRAL SUBSIDY REGION



Source: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

MEDIAN MONTHLY TUITION BY CHILD CARE PROGRAM AND AGE GROUP: STATEWIDE VS EEC CENTRAL SUBSIDY REGION, AUGUST 2026



	Family Child Care: Infant	Family Child Care: Toddler	Family Child Care: Preschool	Center-Based Care: Infant	Center-Based Care: Toddler	Center-Based Care: Preschool
Statewide	$1,299	$1,210	$1,096	$2,477	$2,250	$1,645
EEC Central Subsidy Region	$1,299	$1,191	$1,086	$1,884	$1,732	$1,386

Source: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

WORCESTER: INFANTS ON THE CHILD CARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CCFA) WAITLIST, MAY 2016–APRIL 2026



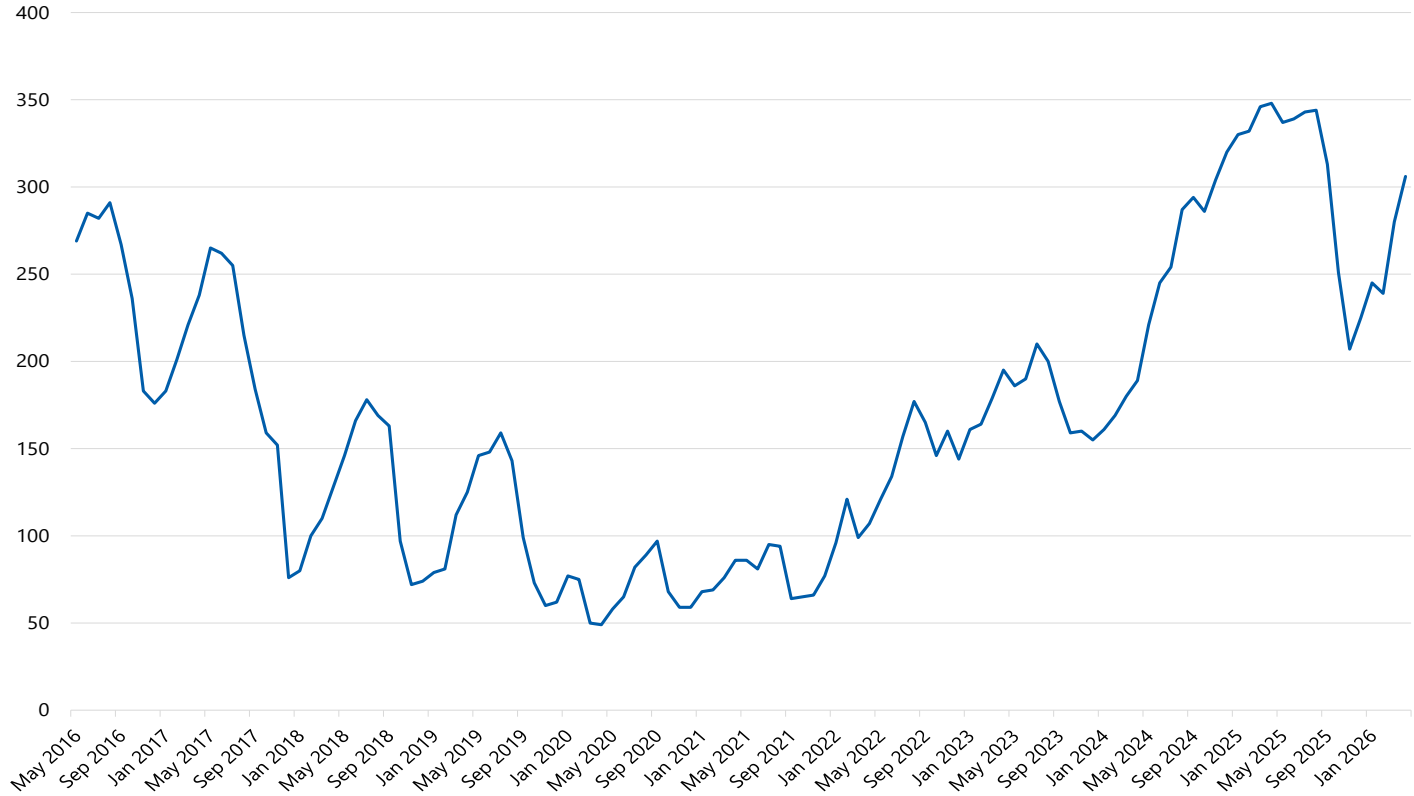
Source: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). EEC helps Massachusetts families pay for child care and out-of-school time programs through federal and state childcare financial assistance programs (CCFA). CCFA eligibility is based on who is in your family, income, and certain expenses. "Eligibility" means who can and cannot get the benefit. Infant age range is birth to 15 months

WORCESTER: TODDLERS ON THE CCFA WAITLIST, MAY 2016–APRIL 2026



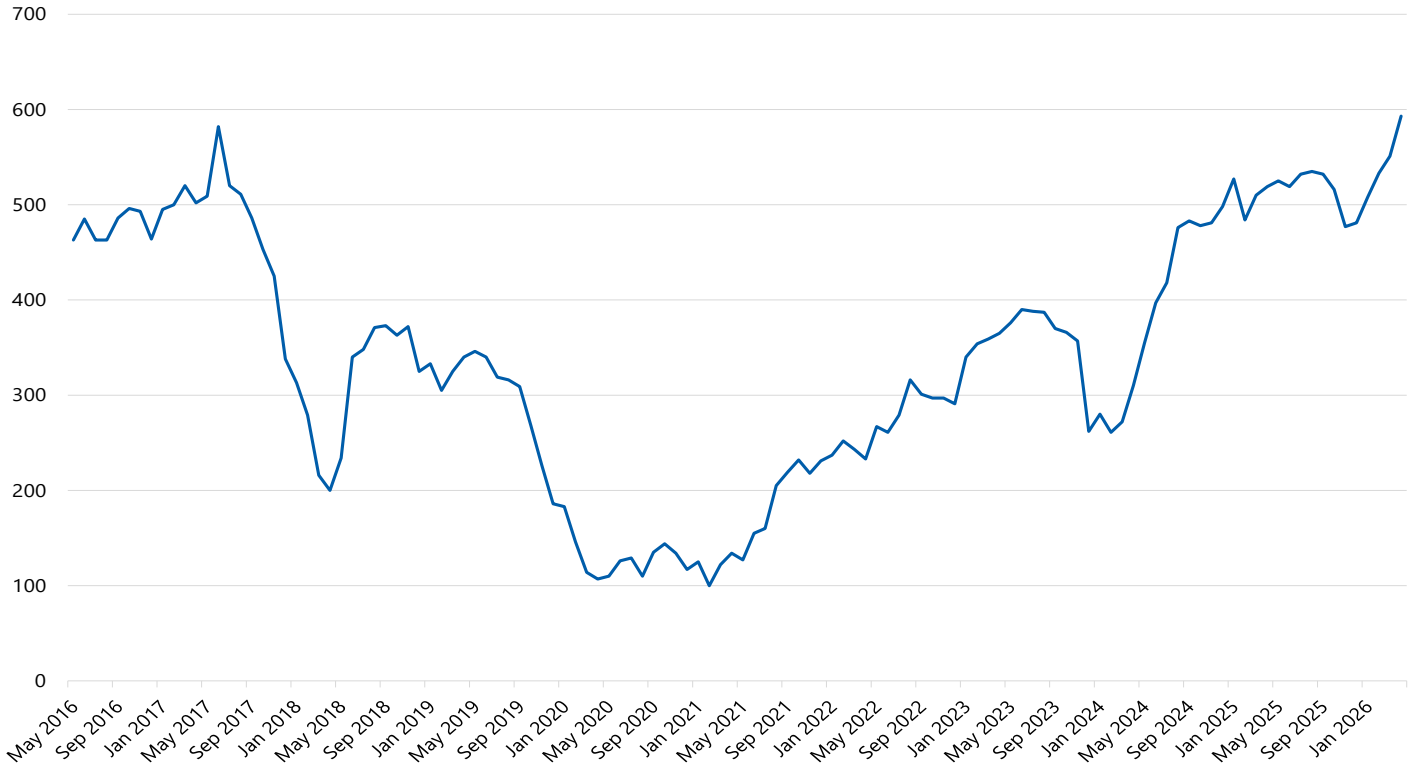
Source: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care
Toddler age range is 15 months to 33 months

WORCESTER: PRESCHOOL CHILDREN ON THE CCFA WAITLIST, MAY 2016–APRIL 2026



Source: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care
Preschool age range is 33 months to kindergarten

WORCESTER: SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ON THE CCFA WAITLIST, MAY 2016–APRIL 2026



Source: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care
School age range is 5 years to 14 years

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