

Stats of the State of Massachusetts

Massachusetts Birth Data 2014

STATE

RANK*

U.S.**

Percent of Births to Unmarried Mothers (2014) ¹	33.2	42 nd	40.3 ²
Cesarean Delivery Rate (2014)	31.7	21 st	32.2
Preterm Birth Rate (2014)	8.6	39 th	9.6
Teen Birth Rate (2013) ‡	12.1	50 th	26.5
Low Birthweight Rate (2013)	7.5	31 st	8.0

¹ Unpublished data.

² Excludes data from U.S. territories

‡Number of live births per 1,000 females aged 15-19.

U.S. LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2013

TOTAL DEATHS

DEATH RATE***

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1. Heart Disease	12,023	141.5	43 rd	169.8
2. Cancer	12,858	159.6	31 st	163.2
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	2,572	31.7	46 th	42.1
4. Accidents	2,393	32.5	45 th	39.4
5. Stroke	2,354	27.7	47 th (tie)	36.2
6. Alzheimer's Disease	1,699	19.4	38 th (tie)	23.5
7. Diabetes	1,142	14.1	50 th	21.2
8. Influenza/Pneumonia	1,551	18.0	16 th (tie)	15.9
9. Kidney Disease	1,261	15.1	18 th	13.2
10. Suicide	572	8.2	48 th	12.6

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Other Massachusetts Mortality Data (2013)

	STATE DEATHS	STATE RATE**	U.S. DEATHS	U.S. RATE***
Firearm Deaths	213	3.1	33,636	10.4
Homicide	144	2.2	16,121	5.2
Drug Poisoning Deaths	1,081	16.0	43,982	13.8

Other Massachusetts Data

	STATE	U.S.
Infant Mortality Rate (2013, deaths per 1,000 live births)	4.15	5.96
People Without Health Insurance Percentage (2014)	2.6	11.5
Marriage Rate (2011)	7.5	6.8
Divorce Rate (2011)	3.3	3.6†

* Rankings are from highest to lowest.

** Rates for the U.S. include the District of Columbia and (for births) U.S. territories. Refer to notes in publication tables for more detail.

*** Death rates are age-adjusted. Refer to source notes below for more detail.

†Excludes data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota.

n/a - Data not available

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Sources:

Health Insurance data come from [Health Insurance Coverage: Early Release of Estimates From the National Health Interview Survey, 2014](#); 2014 birth data come from [National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 64, No. 6, Supplemental Tables](#); 2013 teen birth data come from [National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 64, No. 1](#); leading cause of death data, including firearm, homicide, and drug poisoning mortality data, and infant mortality data come from *National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 64, No. 2*; and **rankings and rates are based on 2013 age-adjusted death rates**. States are categorized from highest rate to lowest rate. Although adjusted for differences in age-distribution and population size, rankings by state do not take into account other state specific population characteristics that may affect the level of mortality. When the number of deaths is small, rankings by state may be unreliable due to instability in death rates. For more information on age-adjustment, refer to [this report](#). Unmarried births, low birthweight births, and marriage and divorce data come from unpublished tables from the [Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC](#).