

Prevention Status Reports—Summary for Massachusetts | 2013

The Prevention Status Reports (PSRs) highlight—for all 50 states and the District of Columbia—the status of public health policies and practices designed to prevent or reduce 10 important health problems or concerns. Below is a summary of Massachusetts’s PSR ratings for 2013.

PSR Policies and Practices by Topic	2013 PSR Rating
Excessive Alcohol Use	
State beer tax	Red
State distilled spirits tax	Yellow
State wine tax	Red
Commercial host (dram shop) liability law	Green
Local authority to regulate alcohol outlet density	Green
Food Safety	
Speed of pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) testing of reported <i>E. coli</i> O157 cases	Green
Completeness of PFGE testing of reported <i>Salmonella</i> cases	Green
Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs)	
State health department participation in statewide HAI prevention efforts	Green
Heart Disease and Stroke	
Implementation of electronic health records	Yellow
Pharmacist collaborative drug therapy management policy	Green
HIV	
State Medicaid reimbursement for routine HIV screening	Green
State HIV testing laws	Green
Reporting of CD4 and viral load data to state HIV surveillance program	Green
Motor Vehicle Injuries	
Seat belt law	Red
Child passenger restraint law	Yellow
Graduated driver licensing system	Red
Ignition interlock law	Yellow
Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity	
Secondary schools not selling less nutritious foods and beverages	Yellow
State nutrition standards policy for foods and beverages sold or provided by state government agencies	Yellow
Inclusion of nutrition and physical activity standards in state regulations of licensed childcare facilities	Red
State physical education time requirement for high school students	Red
Average birth facility score for breastfeeding support	Green
Prescription Drug Overdose	
State pain clinic law	Red
Prescription drug monitoring programs following selected best practices	Yellow
Teen Pregnancy	
Expansion of state Medicaid family planning eligibility	Yellow
Tobacco Use	
State cigarette excise tax	Green
Comprehensive state smoke-free policy	Green
Funding for tobacco control	Red



PSR Rating System*

Green	The policy or practice is established in accordance with supporting evidence and/or expert recommendations.
Yellow	The policy or practice is established in partial accordance with supporting evidence and/or expert recommendations.
Red	The policy or practice is either absent or not established in accordance with supporting evidence and/or expert recommendations.

*The rating systems for the Excessive Alcohol Use (<http://www.cdc.gov/stltpublichealth/psr/alcohol/>) and Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (<http://www.cdc.gov/stltpublichealth/psr/npao/>) reports varied slightly. For details, please visit their respective pages on the PSR website. A more detailed explanation of the PSR rating system is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/stltpublichealth/psr/>.

More Information

For more information about public health activities in Massachusetts, visit the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website (<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/>). For additional resources and to view reports for other states, visit the CDC website (<http://www.cdc.gov/stltpublichealth/psr/>).

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