



# BJA

Bureau of Justice Assistance  
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# STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFILE

## MASSACHUSETTS



### HIGHLIGHTS

In Massachusetts, Byrne JAG state funding has assisted with numerous innovative initiatives and supports:

- Transitional and supportive employment programs in the city of Chelsea through Roca, a statewide nonprofit organization. Roca's evidence-based employment program engages high-risk and system-involved youth ages 17 to 24 in long-term skill building and behavioral change. JAG funds support the stage-based employment training, industry recognized certification, subsidized employment, and eventual job placement services.
- Network of victims' advocates in 20 courts throughout the state. JAG funds, blended with those from the Massachusetts Office of Victims Assistance, support court advocate training for helping victims navigate the paperwork associated with obtaining restraining orders, protective orders, and child support orders.
- Massachusetts' Statistical Analysis Center (SAC), as it supports the creation of a statewide youth gang records management system. SAC efforts focus on ensuring accurate data collection and appropriate back-end features.
- Four drug, gang, and violent crime task forces throughout the state.
- Multiple crime prevention projects in the city of Malden, including a teen dating violence prevention and awareness initiative through the YWCA and a teen violence reduction initiative through the YMCA.

Source: National Criminal Justice Association

### STATE ADMINISTERING AGENCY (SAA)

Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

Daniel Bennett, Secretary

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/>

### BJA INVESTMENTS

In Fiscal Year 2014, BJA provided more than \$16 million\* in state and local funds to Massachusetts.

Justice Assistance Grant Program—State Formula	\$3,898,445
Justice Assistance Grant Program—27 Local Awards	\$1,947,304
Other Direct Discretionary Funds	\$10,733,888

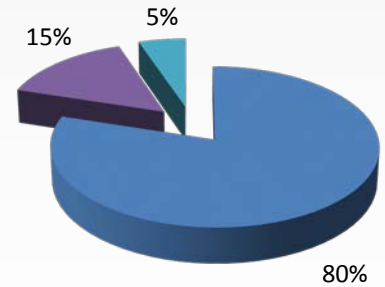
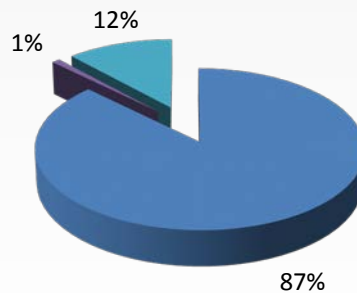
Source: Bureau of Justice Assistance

\*This amount does not include funding for national training and technical assistance programs that benefit all states and territories.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICERS

Law Enforcement Agencies: 331

Sworn Officers: 16,293



■ City ■ County ■ Tribal ■ State ■ Other

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Report \(2013\)](#)

- More than 80% of the 331 law enforcement agencies in Massachusetts have 50 or fewer sworn officers.
- Nearly 52% of sworn officers work for agencies with 100 or more officers.

### OFFICER FATALITIES AND ASSAULTS

Between 2004 and 2013, 4 officers were feloniously killed (1 in 2013) and 11 officers were accidentally killed in the line of duty. In 2013, 64 officers were assaulted (0.13% of all officers assaulted in the United States).

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

**Total Population:** 6,692,824  
**Population Under 18:** 1,393,946  
**Population Over 65:** 989,312

Source: [U.S. Census \(2013 est.\)](#)

**State Investigative Agency:**

Massachusetts State Police  
 Colonel Richard D. McKeon,  
 Superintendent

**Local Governments:** 857

Source: [U.S. Census \(2012\)](#)

**Federally Recognized Tribes:** 2

Source: [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

**U.S. Attorney's Office:**

Carmen Milagros Ortiz—*District of  
 Massachusetts, Boston*

Source: [U.S. Department of Justice](#)

**Homeland Security Agency:**

Executive Office of Public Safety and  
 Security

Patrick McMurray, Undersecretary of  
 Homeland Security

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss>

**Drug Courts:** 21

Source: [National Drug Court Resource  
 Center](#)

**CRIME TRENDS**

According to the FBI Annual Report, nationwide violent crime in 2013 decreased more than 4% from the 2012 estimates. Below are the current crime trends for Massachusetts:

Crime	2012	2013	%
<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>26,953</b>	<b>27,667</b>	<b>2.65</b>
Murder and Manslaughter	121	137	13.22
Forcible Rape*	1,642	4,807	N/A
Robbery	6,552	6,706	2.35
Aggravated Assault	18,638	18,106	-2.85
<b>Property Crime</b>	<b>143,089</b>	<b>137,285</b>	<b>-4.06</b>
Burglary	34,540	30,735	-11.02
Larceny-Theft	99,317	97,428	-1.90
Motor Vehicle Theft	9,232	9,122	-1.19

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

\*Agencies within this state submitted rape data according to both the revised Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) definition of rape and the legacy UCR definition of rape.

**ARREST DATA**

In 2013, total arrests (135,362) decreased 1.58% from 2012. Violent-crime arrests decreased 1.93% (10,512), and property-related arrests increased 4.33% (19,719).

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

**COURT STRUCTURE**

**Court of Last Resort:** Supreme Judicial Court

**Intermediate Appellate:** Appeals Court

**General Jurisdiction:** Superior Court

**Limited Jurisdiction:** District Court; Probate and Family Court; Juvenile Court; Housing Court; Boston Municipal Court

Source: [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(2011\)](#)

**CORRECTIONS**

**Prisoner Admissions:** 2,567

**Prisoner Releases:** 2,855

**Total Prisoners:** 10,950

Source: [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(2013\)](#)

**Major Correctional Facilities:** 19

**Recidivism Rate\*:** 35.0%

**Top Offenses:** Person, drug, sex (FY 2014)

Source: [Massachusetts Department of Correction](#)

\*A recidivist is any criminally sentenced inmate released to the street from a Massachusetts Department of Correction facility during 2011 who is reincarcerated for a new sentence or violation of parole or probation to a Massachusetts state or county facility or to a federal facility within 3 years of his or her release.

**REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS® (RISS)**

The New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), a RISS Center, serves Massachusetts. There are 400 Massachusetts criminal justice agencies that are members of NESPIN.

Source: [Regional Information Sharing Systems](#)