Common App in Massachusetts

First-Year Application Data
2021–2022

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389,519 Applications submitted

51,102 Unique applicants

932 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 982)

Destination of Applications

- 55% Out-of-State
- 45% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by Massachusetts applicants
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47% Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

31% Applications submitted with a test score
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Applicants by Race/Ethnicity
- Asian 8%
- Latinx 13%
- Nonresident Alien 1%
- Two or More Races 4%
- White 62%
- Black or African American 8%
- Native American 0%
- Pacific Islander 0%
- Unknown 3%

Applicants by Sex
- 45% Male
- 55% Female

Applicants by First-Generation Status
- 67% Not first-generation
- 33% First-generation
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Top receiving institutions nationally from applicants in Massachusetts (descending)

- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Northeastern University
- University of Massachusetts Boston
- University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Boston University
- University of New Hampshire
- Bridgewater State University
- Merrimack College
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Vermont
- Boston College
- University of Connecticut
- Suffolk University
- Westfield State University

In-State Applications to MA Institutions

- Merrimack College
- University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Boston University
- University of Massachusetts Boston
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Northeastern University
- Bridgewater State University
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Applications

- 10,000
- 15,000
- 20,000
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Top applying counties in Massachusetts (descending)

- Middlesex County
- Norfolk County
- Worcester County
- Essex County
- Plymouth County
- Suffolk County
- Bristol County
- Hampden County
- Barnstable County
- Hampshire County
- Berkshire County
- Franklin County
- Dukes County
- Nantucket County
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Year-over-year comparisons

+8% State annual change in applications

+3% State annual change in applicants

Applications

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Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+8% State annual change in applications
+15% Total annual change in applications

+3% State annual change in applicants
+8% Total annual change in applicants