Common App in Massachusetts

First-Year Application Data
2020–2021

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360,162 Applications submitted

49,550 Unique applicants

873 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 919)

Destination of Applications

56% Out-of-State
44% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by Massachusetts applicants
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45% Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

22% Applications submitted with a test score
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Applicants by Race/Ethnicity:
- Asian 8%
- Latinx 12%
- Nonresident Alien 1%
- Two or More Races 4%
- White 64%
- 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:
- 71% Not first-generation
- 29% 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
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- Merrimack College
- Boston College
- University of Connecticut
- University of Vermont
- Tufts University
- Framingham State University

In-State Applications to MA Institutions

- Merrimack College
- University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Boston University
- University of Massachusetts Boston
- Northeastern University
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 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

+7% State annual change in applications

-1% State annual change in applicants
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2020–2021
Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+7% State annual change in applications

-1% State annual change in applicants

+17% Total annual change in applications

+9% Total annual change in applicants