



Cities are in capital letters. \* Indicates County Seat.

There are 14 Counties, with 39 cities and 312 towns.

There are sixteen communities that have applied for, and been granted, city forms of government, though they wish to be known as "The Town of". They are: *AGAWAM, AMESBURY, BARNSTABLE, BRAINTREE, BRIDGEWATER, EASTHAMPTON, FRANKLIN, GREENFIELD, METHUEN, PALMER, RANDOLPH, SOUTHBRIDGE, WATERTOWN, WEST SPRINGFIELD, WEYMOUTH* and *WINTHROP*. They are in *Italics*.

The geographic center of Massachusetts is the Town of Rutland, Worcester County.

Oldest Town: Plymouth - 1620

Oldest City: Boston - 1822

Newest Town: East Brookfield - 1920

Newest City: GARDNER - 1923

Smallest by population: Town of Gosnold - 75, City of North Adams - 13,708

Largest by population: Town of Framingham - 68,318, City of Boston - 617,594



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# MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS

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