



## Massachusetts Town Government Comparative by Population

- *LARGER TOWN POPULATIONS FROM COMM OF MASS WEBSITE*
- *POP TOTALS FROM 2010 CENSUS W/SOME UPDATED GROWTH \**

<u>Town / City</u>	<u>Government</u>	<u>Pop 2010</u>	<u>Est 2018</u>
Andover	Open Town Meeting	33,200	
Chicopee	Mayor / council	35,300	
Braintree	Mayor / council	35,700	
Amherst	Rep. town meeting	37,800	
Marlboro	Mayor / council	38,500	
Beverly	Mayor / council	39,500	
Billerica	Rep. town meeting	40,200	
Salem	Mayor / council	41,300	
Everett	Mayor/Council/Alderman	41,700	
Arlington	Rep. town meeting	42,800	
Attleboro	Mayor / council	43,600	
Barnstable	City Council/Town Mgr	45,100	
Methuen	Mayor / council	47,100	
Peabody	Mayor / council	51,200	
Revere	Mayor / council	51,700	
Weymouth	Mayor / council	53,700	
Medford	Mayor / council	56,100	
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<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	<b>REP. TOWN MTG</b>	<b>56,400</b>	<b>60,500</b>
Taunton	Mayor / council	56,800	
Brookline	Rep. town meeting	58,700	62,000
Malden	Mayor / council	59,500	
Waltham	Mayor / council	60,600	
Haverhill	Mayor / council	60,900	
Fitchburg	Mayor / council	68,300	
Framingham	Mayor / council	68,300	69,900
Somerville	Mayor/Alderman	75,700	
Lawrence	Mayor / council	76,400	
Newton	Mayor / council	85,100	
Fall River	Mayor / council	88,100	
Quincy	Mayor / council	92,200	
Brockton	Mayor / council	93,800	
New Bedford	Mayor / council	96,072	
Lowell	Mayor/Town Mgr/Council	106,100	
Springfield	Mayor / council	153,100	
Worcester	Mayor/Town Mgr/Council	181,600	
Cambridge	Mayor / council	1,051,000	

**The only town size comparable to Plymouth that hasn't changed their gov't form is Brookline, which has 240 town mtg reps [vs Plymouth 135] 16 precincts [vs 15]**

**100 appointments [vs 380] tax rate \$9.46 [vs \$16.81]**

**Towns much smaller than Plymouth have changed to a more efficient and effective style including Amesbury, Bridgewater, Franklin, Gloucester, but especially notable LESS THAN 20,000 population such as - East Longmeadow, East Hampton, Gardner, Greenfield, Newburyport, Southbridge, and Winthrop and *even smaller North Adams and Palmer [ <15,000]***

- **There are 4 types of approved governments among Mass Cities and towns namely:**
  - **Mayor- Council**
  - **Mayor-Council, Alderman**
  - **Council- Manager**
  - **Mayor, Town Manager- Council; councils can be any number of members most often 9 - 12 members representing all parts of town and some at-large members ALL ELECTED .**

