

MASSACHUSETTS State Resources

Birth certificate (online only)

Most records in Massachusetts, including birth, marriage, divorce and death records, are considered public records. Click on the link to find out what steps there are to get a copy of your birth certificate.

http://www.mass-doc.com/vitals_research.htm

Registry of Vital Records and Statistics

150 Mount Vernon St. 1st Floor
Dorchester, MA 02125
(617) 740-2600

RVRS administers and issues copies of vital records that occurred in Massachusetts from 1926 to the present. RVRS also provides statistics on births, deaths, fetal deaths, divorces, and marriages.

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/registry-of-vital-records-and-statistics>

MA Registry of Motor Vehicles

PO Box 55889

Boston, MA 02205

<https://www.mass.gov/topics/licenses-ids>

ACLU Voting Rights and Restrictions

<https://www.aclu.org/issues/voting-rights/voter-restoration/>

Consumer Affairs & Business Regulations

Obtain information about occupational and business licensing requirements, and access application and renewal forms and more.

www.mass.gov/ocabr/licensee/license-types/

MA Division of Employment

Charles F. Hurley Bldg., Govt. Center
19 Staniford St., 1st Fl.

Boston, MA 02114

617-626-6448

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

MassHire

The MassHire Workforce Board creates and sustains powerful connections between businesses and jobseekers through our statewide network of employment professionals.

<https://www.mass.gov/topics/masshire>

Dept of Families and Children

Visit this website to find information about state sponsored programs that support healthy families.

<http://www.mass.gov/portal/home-family-veterans/raising-a-family-in-massachusetts/>

MA Department of Children & Families

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) works in partnership with families and communities to keep children safe from abuse and neglect. In most cases, DCF is able to provide supports and services to keep children safe with parents or family members. When necessary, DCF provides foster care or finds new permanent families for children through kinship, guardianship or adoption..<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-children-families>

Mass. Family Portal Family Engagement:

The goal of Family engagement in education is to build genuine relationships over time between students, families, educators, and the community. Effective family engagement tries to eliminate barriers to participation and take place in schools, in the community, and wherever students live and learn.

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/families/>

Massachusetts Food Pantries

Find local pantries, soup kitchens, food shelves, food banks and other food help.
www.foodpantries.org/st/massachusetts

Assurance Wireless Lifeline Program

P.O. Box 5040

Charleston, IL 61920-9907

1-888-321-5880

Assurance Wireless provides eligible consumers with free monthly data, unlimited texting, free monthly minutes plus a free Smartphone. Lifeline enrollment is available to individuals who qualify based on federal or state-specific eligibility criteria. Residents of homeless shelters, nursing homes and temporary addresses may also be eligible. <https://www.assurancewireless.com/lifeline-services/what-lifeline>

Freecycle

We are a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving and getting stuff for free in their own Towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Membership is free. <https://www.freecycle.org/>

AA, NA, and Al Anon Meetings in MA

This online resource connects individuals and families to AA Meetings, NA Meetings, Al-Anon Meetings and other supportive information https://findrecovery.com/aa_meetings/ma/

Department of Health and Safety

Visit this website to find information about Health and Safety, Health Insurance and other information about Massachusetts programs. <http://www.mass.gov/portal/health-safety/>

MA Free Clinics and Health Centers

Helping to connect low-income and uninsured people with a clinic or health center in their area. These clinics offer free and discounted rates for medical and dental care. Our county listings include contact information, a listing of services including free services provided, discounted services provided and clinic operating hours. https://freeclinicdirectory.org/massachusetts_care.html

MassHealth

In Massachusetts, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

are combined into one program called MassHealth. MassHealth members may be able to get doctors' visits, prescription drugs, hospital stays, and many other important services.

<https://www.mass.gov/topics/masshealth>

Department of Public Health (DPH)

DPH keeps people healthy and communities strong. We promote the health and well-being of all residents by ensuring access to high-quality public health and healthcare services, focusing on prevention and wellness, and health equity for all.

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-public-health>

HIV and AIDS Services

The Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA), a program of the Bureau of Infectious Disease (BID), works with clinical and non-clinical community programs, people living with HIV/AIDS, and other stakeholders to advance HIV prevention and care services. <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/id/hiv-aids/>

Nat'l Foundation for Credit Counseling

800.388.2227

Free Credit Counseling! Our mission is to help all Americans gain control over their finances. For over 60 years, NFCC and its member agencies have helped people just like you pay off debt and grow in their financial capability. Our services help people overcome financial challenges at nearly every stage of life. <https://www.nfcc.org/>

CREDIT REPORT - Free!

Free credit reports authorized by federal law. Federal law allows you to get a free copy of your credit report every 12 months from each credit reporting company. www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action

Find Help

Our findhelp technology powers Americas leading social care network. Our network

features more than 300,000 free and reduced-cost programs in all 50 U.S. states, territories, and Puerto Rico, powering social care systems for hundreds of customers nationwide.

https://www.findhelp.org/find-social-services/massachusetts?ref=ab_redirect

Massachusetts 211

211 connects you with thousands of nonprofit and government services in your area. If you want personal assistance call the three-digit number 211 or 877-947-2211. A friendly voice to talk with you 24/7/365.

<https://mass211.org/>

Community Resources for Justice

355 Boylston Street

Boston, MA 02116

617-482-2520

We support men and women leaving incarceration to make positive, sustainable life transitions. <https://www.crj.org/>

MA Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Known commonly as Fuel Assistance, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills. <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-home-heating-and-energy-assistance>

Massachusetts Low Income Housing

Find low income apartments in Massachusetts along with non profit organizations that help with low income housing along with HUD apartments, public housing apartments, public housing authorities, and housing agencies.

<https://www.lowincomehousing.us/MA.html>

Massachusetts Shelters

We provide an online directory of shelters in Massachusetts.

www.shelterlist.com/state/massachusetts

Massachusetts Disability Resources

Government agencies and disability rights organizations in Massachusetts.

<https://www.olmsteadrights.org/>

Mass. Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

can help you understand how working may affect your benefits.

<https://www.mass.gov/disability-benefits>

Elders - Care and Services

Visit the MA Resources for Elders website to find information about Medicare, support centers, volunteer opportunities and more.

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/consumer-resources/consumer-information/resources-for-elders/>

Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA)

Promotes independence, empowerment, and well-being of older people, individuals with disabilities, and their families. We ensure access to the resources you need to live healthy in every community in the Commonwealth.

www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-elder-affairs

MA Department of Veterans' Services

The DVS helps connect veterans and their families to resources they need. Eligible veterans and family members may get financial assistance, peer support from the Statewide Advocacy for Veteran

Empowerment (SAVE) team, connection to the Women Veterans' Network, or burial at the Massachusetts Veteran Memorial Cemeteries in Agawam and Winchendon.

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-veterans-services>

MA Community Development

MACDC is an association of mission-driven community development organizations dedicated to creating places of opportunity where ALL people can live with dignity while participating in and benefiting from our Commonwealth's economy

<http://www.macdc.org>

Massachusetts

Resources for People Who Are Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated

GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders (GLAD LAW) generously shares this guide to resources in New England. FIERCELY DEFENDING EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!

Web: <https://www.glad.org/know-your-rights/publications/>

File: [glad-new-england-incarceration-resources-24.pdf](#)

Veterans Reentry Guide

Incarcerated Veterans Re-entry Guides contain information on resources and how to plan a successful reentry.

Web: http://www.va.gov/homeless/reentry_guides.asp

File: [09_ma.pdf](#)

Massachusetts CareerOneStop Centers

Locations all around the state!

File: [ma.pdf](#)

Boston

Coming Home Directory

Reentry resources for the greater Boston area.

Web: <https://www.cominghomedirectory.org/>

File: [boston-coming-home-directory-2024.pdf](#)

Worcester

Coming Home Directory

Coming Home Worcester PO Box 30125 Worcester, MA 01603 Coming Home Worcester, MetroWest and Additional Regions is a directory of re-entry services available to ex-offenders returning to, or currently living in the Central Massachusetts and MetroWest area.

Web: <https://www.cominghomeworcester.org/>

File: [coming-home-2024.pdf](#)