Massachusetts

Nickname: The Wolverine State
Motto: Ense Petit Placidam Sub Liberee Quietem (By the Sword We Seek Peace, but Peace Only under Liberty)
Song: "I Am Standing by the Blue and Gray"
Flower: Mayflower
Bird: Chickadee
Tree: American Elm
Entered the Union: February 6, 1888
Capital: Boston

STATISTICS

Land Area (square miles).......................... 8,700
Rank in Nation.............................................. 45th
Population................................................. 6,587,536
Rank in Nation.............................................. 14th
Density per square mile................................. 444.5
Capital City................................................. Boston
Population.................................................. 617,594
Rank in State.................................................. 1st
Largest City.................................................. Boston
Number of Representatives in Congress.............. 9
Number of 2012 Electoral Votes.......................... 11
Number of Geographic Counties........................ 14*
Number of County Governments.......................... 5
Number of Consolidated Governments..................... 2
Number of Municipal Governments.................................. 5
Number of Consolidated Governments.............. 45
Number of School Districts.............................. 82
Number of Special Districts............................. 423

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Legislative Body................................................. General Court
President of the Senate..................................Therese Murray
Clerk of the Senate........................................William F. Welch
Speaker of the House....................................Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker Pro Tempore.................................Patricia A. Haddad
Clerk of the House........................................Steven T. James

Number of Senatorial Districts.........................40
Number of Representative Districts...............160

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Governor................................................Deval Patrick
Lieutenant Governor..................................Brian Calley
Secretary of the Commonwealth....................William F. Galvin
Attorney General........................................Martha Coakley
Treasurer ....................................................Steven Grossman
Auditor.......................................................Suzanne Bump
Comptroller...............................................Martin J. Benison
Governor’s Present Term................................1/2007 – 1/2015
Number of Elected Officials in the Executive Branch...6
Number of Members in the Cabinet................10

JUDICIAL BRANCH

Supreme Judicial Court................................Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland
Intermediate appellate courts.............................7
Municipal Court...........................................1

STATE INTERNET ADDRESSES

Official State Website........................................http://www.mass.gov
Governor’s Website........................................http://www.mass.gov/governor
Legislative Website......................................http://www.malegislature.gov
Judicial Website............................................http://www.mass.gov/courts

*Seven counties have been abolished and are only geographic in nature.