# Massachusetts Democracy Profile

## Quick Facts About Massachusetts

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<td>Total Voting Eligible Population</td>
<td>5,072,901 (United States Election Project)</td>
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<td>Total Turnout in 2020 Election</td>
<td>3,658,005 (United States Election Project)</td>
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<td>Number of House Seats in 2022</td>
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## Massachusetts’ Democracy Tally

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# Massachusetts' Democracy and Election Laws and Policies

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## Who Votes

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<td>Registration Deadlines</td>
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<td>Membership in Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)</td>
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<td>Restrictions on Voter Registration Drives</td>
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<td>Voter Preregistration</td>
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**KEY**
- ✔ Indicates state law or policy
- ✗ Indicates local laws or policies and/or partial law
- ✗ Indicates no law or policy
- ❄ Indicates no law or policy
- Enumeration not applicable

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<td>Partisanship of State Primary Election Systems</td>
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<td>Voter Registration Rates</td>
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<td>All-Mail Voting States</td>
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