

Best places to live in Massachusetts.

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Massachusetts is interesting because it is technically not a state at all. days we are unlike Kentucky, [Pennsylvania](#) and [Virginia](#)... Massachusetts is a commonwealth. Hey how *What on Earth is the difference between a state and a commonwealth?* Great question. Technically speaking... a commonwealth is a politically organized body of people under one government while a state is a territory controlled and governed by a particular nation. A great big thank you to [Only In Your State](#) for the lovely definition.

The state *or commonwealth rather* of Massachusetts is home to many of America's wonderful inventions like... the birth control pill and the TV dinner. Not to mention, there is a lot of exciting action that has happened in Massachusetts as well. The largest cash heist happened in Boston and so did one of the biggest art thefts — *a theft valued at \$100,000.*

Anyway, if you are reading this right now, you're considering moving to Massachusetts. And, if you're considering moving to Massachusetts, you're probably looking for the best places to live in Massachusetts. Luckily for you, you've come to the right place.

We recommend two places in Massachusetts to call home. They are all quite a bit different from one another, but we think there is certainly a city on this list for everyone. Let's jump right in.

1. Boston, Massachusetts, one of the oldest cities in the United States isn't afraid to innovate.

Boston is as American as American gets. Yet, ironically, the iconic East coast city was named after a small town in England... most of Boston's early settlers were from Boston, England.

Naturally, with Boston being so gosh darn old, it's a city that comes with many firsts. The United States very first lighthouse was built in Boston. And, while the structure is long gone, falling victim to crashing waves, gravity and time... the second oldest lighthouse in the United States can be seen on Little Brewster Island, right off the coast of Boston.

While lighthouses aren't nearly as instrumental in sea travel as they once were, these structures remind Boston residents of its rich roots with the sea — centuries ago early Bostonians had to cross it to create a life for themselves in the now booming metropolis.

But, Boston's relationship with the sea is one that is wildly complicated and ever-changing. As sea levels are quickly rising, innovative thinkers in Boston are thinking of doing the unthinkable. They're thinking of [turning Boston into a Venice of sorts](#). That's interesting but not something you have to think about right away. Though, if you are considering moving there... it'd be pretty cool to drive a boat to work one day.

The city of Boston itself is one that is very diverse. [Nearly half of the city of Boston is “non-white”](#) and [there are actually 74 different languages spoken in the city's public schools](#). This beautiful diversity gives residents exposure to a wide array of cultures, ethnicities, languages and food. The beauty in Boston is that it is a melting pot.

It's an attractive city, a lot of people are moving there and those born there aren't moving away... these factors have made [Boston one of the most densely populated cities in the United States](#). This probably goes without saying but with density comes a high cost of living. It's by no means cheap to live in Boston.

In fact, if you live there you should expect to cough up over \$2,000 for a one bedroom and an arm and a leg for a home — a whopping [\\$200,000 will buy you a 371 square foot home](#) in Boston. Wowza.

Fortunately, unlike other US cities that will kill you on rent and salary, Boston couples its high cost of living with high salaries. [The average salary in Boston is \\$71,000](#). That's not too shabby.

And, [with massive fortune 500 companies like General Electric, State Street Corp and American Tower all being headquartered in Boston](#)... you will have no trouble finding a position at a stellar organization.

Not to mention, Boston's startup scene is thriving, too. [TechCrunch published a stunning article last year](#) about how Boston's startup scene is on pace to overtake NYC's... that's saying something considering the big apple is one of the hottest

startup beds in the nation. Venture investment in the Boston Metro area hit \$5 billion last year (yes, that's billion with a "B").

So, whether you're looking to start a company or work for a company, you will have plenty of lovely options to choose from in Boston.

And, finally, Boston's high cost of living definitely comes with a higher quality of life. You will never run out of things to do in Boston. They have world-renowned sports teams in the Red Sox and the Celtics and there is always something going on between its bustling nightlife, museums and incredible restaurant scene.

So, who is Boston for?

If you are looking to live in a big city, Boston is your only option in Massachusetts. With that said, it's a really *really* good option. If you're wanting to move to a state with multiple big city options, check out [Texas](#) or [Arizona](#). However, moving to Boston is going to come with a much higher cost of living than the other names on our list of best places to live in Massachusetts. This is something to keep in mind. If you're wanting to do Massachusetts on a budget, Boston might not be the place for you.

2. Cambridge, just a stone's throw away from Boston.

While Boston's population sits at a little under 700,000 people, it's second most popular city is much *much* smaller. The beautiful city of Cambridge, Massachusetts clocks in at just over 100,000 residents.

For those who want to live near Boston without living in Boston, we can't think of a better option than Cambridge. The city is literally just a 20-minute drive away from Boston.

So, you can live up the Boston life anytime you want, without having to battle the underwhelming things that come along with living in the East Coast giant... the higher cost of living and crazy traffic.

Additionally, Cambridge in and of itself is just a dang cool city. In many ways, it's everything that Boston isn't. As we mentioned, it's small. But, more than this, it's

ridiculously hip. Two of the world's most respectable universities exist in Cambridge. You may have heard of them... Harvard and MIT?

And, with Cambridge being a college town it has a youthful, creative and hip energy that is tough to find in it's much larger sibling.

With this hipness comes great live music at [The Cantab Lounge](#), [Club Passim](#) and the [Ryles Jazz Club](#) and some of the best comedy in the United States. Louis CK, Eugene Mirman and Mike Birbiglia all got their start in Cambridge of all places.

In addition, this goes for both Boston and Cambridge, the fall, winter and spring months are absolutely lovely in this part of Massachusetts. With that said, you have to earn them.

You will be doing a lot of snow shoveling during the winter months and this can certainly be brutal. But, thankfully, come warmer months you will adore jogging along the Charles River or jumping on a sailboat and jetting down it.

And, finally, Cambridge is certainly cheaper than Boston. While you can expect to pay a pretty penny for a place in Boston, [Cambridge is slightly more reasonable with the average rent costing a little under \\$1,400 a month](#). We know. We know. This certainly isn't cheap. But, we would argue with Cambridge's walkability and perhaps easier living, the price is worth it.

So, who is Cambridge for?

Cambridge is for the individual that wants to take on Boston... but at a distance. It's a city for people that value walkability, ease of living and perhaps community over the big city hustle and bustle. With that said, choosing Cambridge comes with some perks, too. It boasts a higher average salary than Boston at about [\\$80,000](#) and a slightly cheaper cost of living. So, your money is going to go a bit further in this East coast gem.

So, where is the best place to live in Massachusetts?

Okay, so we just gave you two great places to call home in Massachusetts.

Now, for the much bigger question... *who wears the crown?* The big boisterous Boston or the much smaller and cunning Cambridge?

This is a tough decision for us because we see the lovely aspects of both. Although, if you were to make us choose, we'd probably have to go with Boston because... well, it's Boston. It's one of the most American things about America, despite the fact that it was named after a town in England.

With that said, if Boston is just too big for you, we highly recommend Cambridge. At just twenty minutes away, you're practically living in Boston anyway. So, you'll get the best of both worlds.

Regardless of what you decide, be it Boston or Cambridge, don't hesitate to give us a call. We will get you moved into your new home in a jiffy. And, if you're looking at other cities besides the ones on this list, [be sure to check out our service areas](#) before packing your boxes. There is a good chance we offer moving services there, too.

By The Bellhops Team.

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whipped the same guy, my brother almost shot my stepdad and ruined his truck, my sister died in a car accident with her boyfriend in the driver seat... she died not him. My other sister and her partner have gotten into it so many times (part of the reason she stabbed our brother)... even the baby was almost shot one time as she was in the same room. My grandmother was shoved so hard defending against a man that the wall was ruined and her back was completely black and blue. Not to mention she was involved in a hit and run that left her in a wheelchair for a while once again, by a man. My sister and uncle got an altercation he strangled her and bruised her eyes by trying to gouge them out, not including a busted nose. But once again, she held her own. He wasn't in great shape either, and she was in extremely bad situations with her partner as well. And even though me and him (uncle) got into it as well we are on good terms... he helped teach us how to defend ourselves when we were young. Even he got into a knife fight with a couple of guys when we were young. Me and my sister once got into it, it was getting slightly out of hand whoever was on the floor was getting their face kicked, everything kicked and when we were split up she smacked the shit out of her boyfriend and said it was his fault. I've held my own against guys trying something with my nephew, brother, and myself (ranging from a pastor to an ex footballer & baseballer).

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