Mapping New England

Concentration of Poverty in New England by Cities and Towns

According to the 2000 U.S. Census (summary file 3), 9 percent of New England's population lived below the poverty level. More than 5 percent of communities had poverty levels higher than 20 percent. In Maine, 13 percent of communities had poverty levels higher than 20 percent, compared with Massachusetts, where only 2 percent of communities did. Keep in mind that the cost of living in the more densely populated urban areas is often higher than in rural areas.



	Total Population	Numbers Below Poverty Level	Percentage Below Poverty Level
Connecticut	3,300,416	259,514	8%
Maine	1,240,893	135,501	%
Massachusetts	6,138,444	573,421	9%
New Hampshire	1,199,322	78,530	7%
Rhode Island	1,010,000	120,548	2%
Vermont	588,053	55,506	9%
New England	3,477, 28	1,223,020	9%
United States	273,882,232	33,899,812	12%

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