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## 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 <br> Population | Pumbers <br> Below <br> Levery | Percentage <br> Below <br> Poverty <br> Level |
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| Connecticut | $3,300,416$ | 259,514 | $8 \%$ |
| Maine | $1,240,893$ | 135,501 | $11 \%$ |
| Massachusetts | $6,138,444$ | 573,421 | $9 \%$ |
| New Hampshire | $1,199,322$ | 78,530 | $7 \%$ |
| Rhode Island | $1,010,000$ | 120,548 | $12 \%$ |
| Vermont | 588,053 | 55,506 | $9 \%$ |
| New England | $13,477,128$ | $1,223,020$ | $9 \%$ |
| United States | $273,882,232$ | $33,899,812$ | $12 \%$ |

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