

**Massachusetts Municipal Government: Fast Facts**

**Did you know?** Massachusetts has 351 municipal governments: 302 are Town government forms and 49 city government forms. Massachusetts and the other five New England states are the only places in the United States where you find town meeting forms of government.

<b>Municipal Form of Government:</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Open Town Meeting	262	74.6%
Mayor-Council	41	11.7%
Representative Town Meeting	39	11.1%
Town Council	5	1.4%
Council- Manager	4	1.1%
<b>Board Size:</b>		
Three	169	48.1%
Five	131	37.3%
Eleven	21	6.0%
Nine	20	5.7%
Other	10	2.9%
<b>Type of Chief Executive:</b>		
Town Administrator	141	40.2%
Town Manager	48	13.7%
No Chief Executive	46	13.1%
Administrative Assistant/Other	46	13.1%
Mayor	45	12.8%
Executive Secretary	25	7.1%

<b>Municipal Form of Government</b>	<b>Less than 5,000</b>	<b>5,000 to 9,999</b>	<b>10,000 to 25,000</b>	<b>25,000 to 50,000</b>	<b>More than 50,000</b>
Open Town Meeting	100.0%	95.1%	54.4%	3.3%	0.0%
Rep Town Meeting	0.0%	4.1%	29.4%	36.7%	13.0%
Town Council	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	10.0%	0.0%
Council-Manager	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.4%
Mayor-Council	0.0%	0.8%	13.2%	50.0%	69.6%
<b>Type of Chief Executive</b>					
	<b>Less than 5,000</b>	<b>5,000 to 9,999</b>	<b>10,000 to 25,000</b>	<b>25,000 to 50,000</b>	<b>More than 50,000</b>
No Chief Executive	35.2%	6.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative Assistant/Other	27.8%	9.0%	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Executive Secretary	9.3%	8.2%	4.4%	6.7%	0.0%
Town Administrator	26.9%	60.7%	50.0%	10.0%	4.3%
Town Manager	0.9%	14.8%	25.0%	33.3%	8.7%
Mayor	0.0%	0.8%	13.2%	50.0%	87.0%
<b>Form of Government</b>					
<b>Type of Chief Executive</b>	<b>Open Town Meeting</b>	<b>Rep Town Meeting</b>	<b>Town Council</b>	<b>Council Manager</b>	<b>Mayor Council</b>
No Chief Executive	17.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative Assistant/Other	16.8%	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Executive Secretary	8.0%	10.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Town Administrator	45.8%	51.3%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Town Manager	11.8%	33.3%	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mayor	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%