

Fig. 12: Comparisons of Health Indicators in Western Massachusetts

Health Indicator*	Berkshire	Franklin	Hampshire	Massachusetts
Population (1)	130,000	71,000	155,000	6,500,000
Population/Sq.Mi.(1)	145	102	288	810
Income per Capita (1)	\$21,807	\$20,672	\$21,685	\$25,952
% in Poverty (1)	12.5%	12.1%	10.9%	10.1%
Population white, non-Hispanic(1)	92.1%	92.9%	88.3%	79.2%
Mortality Ranking	10/14	7/14	2/14	n/a
Premature death (age adj.) (YPLL-75/100,000) (2)	6,068	5,943	4,573	5,681
Morbidity Ranking (2)	11/14	7/14	6/14	n/a
Adult Smoking Rate (2)	20%	19%	16%	18%
Adult Obesity Rate (2)	23%	22%	22%	22%
Cancer Death Rate (5)	195	182.1	182	190.9
Diabetes Hosp. Discharge Rate(3)	141.9	151.4(4)	151.4(4)	132.5
Binge Drinking (2)	16%	17%	16%	17%
Motor Vehicle Crashes (2)	14	9	8	8
Chlamydia Rate (2)	219	164	152	251
Lyme Disease (3)	66.4	27.3(4)	27.3(4)	24.7
Teen Birth Rate (2)	25	21	7	22
Low Birth Weight (2)	8%	7%	6%	8%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000) (3)	5.5	5.6 ₄	5.6 ₄	4.9
High School Grad. (2)	79%	69%	87%	80%
College Graduation (2)	30%	32%	42%	37%
Children in Poverty (2)	15%	14%	11%	13%
Violent Crime Rate (2)	438	387	257	445
ER - Fall Related Injuries (3)	3,992	2,913 ₄	2,913 ₄	2,750
Ozone Air Pollution (2)	11	3	12	10
Asthma ER visits (3)	824	761 ₄	761 ₄	577

*Data taken from (1) Census, 2008, (2) County Health Rankings, 2010, (3) MDPH, 2007, (4) Western Mass, (5) NCI, 2010