

MASSACHUSETTS.

Population 2,238,943.....Rep. Plur. in 1892, 26,001

Rep. vote, 202,814; Dem. 176,813; Prohib. 7,589; Pop. 3,210.

STATE CAPITAL, BOSTON.

MASSACHUSETTS is bounded north by Vermont and New Hampshire, east by the Atlantic Ocean, south by the Atlantic Ocean and by Rhode Island and Connecticut, and west by Rhode Island and New York. Its extreme length is 160 miles, and breadth from 47 to about 90 miles; land area, 8,040 square miles. The surface is greatly diversified; mountains in the extreme west, hilly and broken in the east and northeast, and in the southeast mainly low and sandy. Toward the west is the fertile Valley of the Connecticut River. The mountains are the Taconic, and the Hoosac (continuations of the Green mountain ranges of Vermont), with detached members of the White Mountains. The soil is generally somewhat sterile, but energy and intelligence have succeeded in making it very productive. The Connecticut Valley, however, can hardly be excelled for fertility. Dairy products are very extensive, as is also the yield of wool, hay, maple sugar, and honey. Corn and potatoes are very largely produced. Of grain, the crop of oats, rye, and barley is large, buckwheat moderate, and wheat (winter), small. The tobacco crop is large; live stock abundant (cattle largely in excess). More than half the fishing vessels owned in the United States belong to Massachusetts. Manufactures, however, constitute by far the largest of its industries. Not only is it the center of the American boot, shoe, leather, wool, paper and cotton trades, but all the large towns are busy seats of more or less numerous branches of manufacture. The chief seats of the ship building interests are Boston, Newburyport and Salem. The State is rich in building stone, principally granite, which is largely quarried at Rockport, Graniteville, Fall River, Monson, and Quincy; a handsome brown sandstone in the Connecticut Valley, and marble and limestone in Berkshire County; Berkshire County has also deposits of excellent iron ore. Except Rhode Island, it is the most densely peopled State. Railroads enter almost every town, and are sufficient in extent to gridiron the State with lines $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles apart if they were evenly distributed, the total length in 1887 being 3377 miles. Fall River, Lowell, New Bedford and Lawrence are, in this order, the chief cotton manufacturing centers in the country. There are 14 Counties in Massachusetts; newspapers are published in all

BARNSTABLE CO. (EX. E.) Pop. 29,172		Circ
Rep. vote in 1892, 3,883; Dem. 1,373; Pro. 150; Peo. 17.		
A peninsula 50 m. long, known as Cape Cod, and a few small islands; low and level; soil light and sandy. The inhabitants are employed in fishing and the coasting trade; cranberries are extensively cultivated; agricultural products nominal. COUNTY SEAT, Barnstable, pop. (township) 4,023.		
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Patriot— <i>for sub-editions</i> } Rep Barnstable	13,600
<i>see Catalogue</i>		
Enterprise.....	Local..... Falmouth.....	
Independent— <i>for sub-</i> } Ind Harwich.....	1,200
<i>editions see Catalogue.</i> {		
Advocate.....	Ind Provincetown.....	600
Beacon.....	Local .. " ..	1,200
Yarmouth Register.....	Ind, Rep Yarmouthport.....	1,565
BERKSHIRE CO. (W.).....Pop. 81,108		Circ
Rep. vote in 1892, 7,336; Dem. 8,897; Pro. 384; Peo. 26.		
Mountainous, hilly, and rolling; soil fertile and well watered; marble and limestone are extensively quarried for building and lime burning; iron ore mined and smelted; glass sand. Products—Dairy produce, wool, potatoes, maple sugar, hay, and tobacco; oats large; rye, barley and buckwheat moderate; wheat small; live stock numerous. Manufactures represent a large number of industries. COUNTY SEAT, Pittsfield, pop. (township) 17,281.		
Freeman.....	Rep Adams.....	1,800
Berkshire Courier.....	Rep Gt. Barrington.....	12,800
Gazette— <i>for sub-editions</i> } Ind	"	
<i>see Catalogue</i>		
Valley Gleaner.....	Ind Lee.....	1,272
Avvenire (Ital.).....	Rep North Adams.....	
Berkshire Sunday Dem-ocrat.....	Ind	2,250
Evening Herald (evg.).....	Ind	2,500
Hoosac Valley News.....	Rep	1,800
Transcript (evg.).....	Rep	
Transcript.....	Rep	3,348
Berkshire County Eagle.....	Rep Pittsfield	13,740
Berkshire Evening Eagle (evg.)— <i>see Berkshire Co. Eagle.</i>	Rep	12,485
Berkshire Sunday Record.....	Ind	12,000
Evening Journal (evg.).....	Dem.....	2,721
<i>—see Journal.</i>		
Journal.....	Dem.....	750
Sun.....	Ind, Dem.....	3,500
Sunday Morning Call.....	Ind	16,109
Williams Literary Monthly.....	Coll..... Williamstown ..	1350
Williams Weekly.....	Coll.....	1578

CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. * Sworn.
POPULATION: Census of 1890. * Estimated. † County Seat.