



MILITARY RECRUITMENT 2004: MASSACHUSETTS

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The summary data and statistics are for counties with four or more recruits who enlisted in the Army, Navy, or Air Force Active Duty, or Army Reserves. Recruitment rates are based on the number of recruits per thousand of the 18-24 year-old population.

- ◆ 1,957 people were recruited to serve in the military from Massachusetts.
- ◆ County-level recruitment rates ranged from a high of 5.4 in Barnstable County to a low of 1.8 in Hampshire County.
- ◆ The largest number of the state's recruits came from Middlesex County (360), Worcester County (267), and Essex County (234).

Top 12 Counties in Massachusetts with the highest recruitment rate

Place	Number of Recruits	Recruitment Rate (per thousand youth)	Median Household Income	Child Poverty Rate (%)	Poverty Rate (%)	County Share of State Recruits (%)
U.S.	156,261	5.2	43,052	18.9	12.1	-
Massachusetts	1,957	3.3	50,587	14.4	9.9	-
Barnstable County	91	5.4	47,218	9.7	7.3	4.6
Plymouth County	202	4.7	54,391	8.6	7.1	10.3
Franklin County	26	3.9	41,556	12.8	9.5	1.3
Essex County	234	3.7	49,746	11.7	8.9	12.0
Worcester County	267	3.7	48,939	10.9	8.3	13.6
Hampden County	163	3.4	39,158	20.8	13.9	8.3
Bristol County	164	3.2	44,101	13.5	9.8	8.4
Berkshire County	43	3.2	39,737	13.6	10.0	2.2
Norfolk County	157	3.1	65,200	5.6	5.4	8.0
Middlesex County	360	2.8	62,874	7.0	6.7	18.4
Suffolk County	196	2.6	39,993	23.6	16.2	10.0
Hampshire County	51	1.8	46,422	8.2	8.4	2.6

Notes: Analysis was derived from data for fiscal year 2004 supplied by branches of the armed forces through FOIA requests as submitted by Peacework Magazine. Only counties that have 4 or more recruits are included. The Army, Navy and Air Force Active Duty and Army Reserves are included. Other parts of the armed forces are not included due to data limitations as provided (or not provided) by the armed forces. The recruitment rate is the number of recruits per thousand of 18-24 year-olds, population numbers from Census 2004 Population Estimates. Median household income, poverty rates, and child poverty rates are 2002, which is the most recent year available at county-level from the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates program.

Recruitment data including zip codes, schools, counties and states are available on the NPP Database at:

<http://database.nationalpriorities.org>