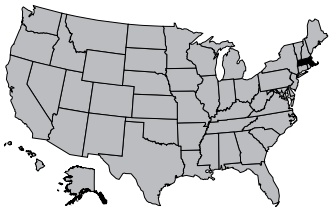
Massachusetts



All statistics are based on parental reports.

Indicator	Explanation	National %	State %
HEALTH STATUS			
Child Health Status	percent of children in excellent or very good health	84.4	**88.3**
Oral Health Status	percent of children with excellent or very good oral health	70.7	**79.5**
Injury	percent of children aged 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	10.4	**11.2**
Breastfeeding	percent of children aged 0-5 who were ever breastfed	75.5	**80.0**
Risk of Developmental or Behavioral Problems	percent of children aged 4 months to 5 years determined to be at moderate or high risk based on parents' specific concerns	26.4	**22.1**
Social Skills	percent of children aged 6-17 who exhibit two or more positive social behaviors	93.6	**96.8**
Missed School Days	percent of children aged 6-17 who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year	5.8	**7.7**
HEALTH CARE			
Current Health Insurance	percent of children currently insured	90.9	**97.3**
Insurance Coverage Consistency	percent of children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	15.1	**5.7**
Preventive Health Care	percent of children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	88.5	**96.6**
***Preventive Dental Care**	percent of children with a preventive dental visit in the past year	78.4	**83.8**
***Developmental Screening**	percent of children aged 10 months to 5 years receiving a standardized screening for developmental or behavioral problems	19.5	**16.4**
Mental Health Care	percent of children aged 2-17 with problems requiring counseling who received mental health care	60.0	**66.6**
***Medical Home**	percent of children who received care within a medical home	57.5	**66.2**
SCHOOL AND ACTIVITIES			
***School Engagement**	percent of children aged 6-17 who are adequately engaged in school	80.5	**86.1**
Repeating a Grade	percent of children aged 6-17 who have repeated at least one grade	10.6	**10.0**
Activities Outside of School	percent of children aged 6-17 who participate in activities outside of school	80.7	**88.1**
***Screen Time**	percent of children aged 1-5 who watched more than one hour of TV or video during a weekday	54.4	**52.5**
CHILD'S FAMILY			
Reading to Young Children	percent of children aged 0-5 whose families read to them every day	47.8	**64.2**
***Singing and Telling Stories to Young Children**	percent of children aged 0-5 whose families sing or tell stories to them every day	59.1	**69.1**
Religious Services	percent of children who attend religious services at least weekly	53.7	**37.2**
Mother's Health	of children who live with their mothers, the percentage whose mothers are in excellent or very good physical and emotional health	56.9	**65.4**
Father's Health	of children who live with their fathers, the percentage whose fathers are in excellent or very good physical and emotional health	62.7	**68.5**
Smoking in the Household	percent of children who live in households where someone smokes	26.2	**21.7**
Child Care	percent of children aged 0-5 whose parents made emergency child care arrangements last month and/or a job change for child care reasons last year	30.7	**38.2**
CHILD AND FAMILY'S NEIGHBORHOOD			
***Neighborhood Amenities**	percent of children who live in neighborhoods with a park, sidewalks, a library, and a community center	48.2	**56.1**
***Neighborhood Conditions**	percent of children who live in neighborhoods with poorly kept or dilapidated housing	14.6	**8.6**
Supportive Neighborhoods	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	83.2	**83.3**
Safety of Child in Neighborhood	percent of children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	86.1	**91.5**

**New or revised indicator for 2007. Indicator cannot or should not be compared with 2003 findings.*