

## The Reach of the MA State EITC, Town-by-Town

In Massachusetts - one of only four states boasting the term “commonwealth” in the official state name - we seek to build a thriving state economy that delivers broadly shared prosperity to workers and their families. Unfortunately, since the 1970s, wages [have stagnated](#) for low and moderate income workers in Massachusetts and nationally, making it increasingly difficult for many hardworking parents to make ends meet and provide for their children. The state earned income tax credit (EITC) program helps push back against this troubling trend, providing a meaningful boost to the after-tax earnings of thousands of low-income working families. (For a more detailed discussion of the EITC program, its proven benefits, and the effects of proposed increases, please see [MassBudget’s factsheet](#).)

Typically, between 430,000 and 440,000 filers claim the Massachusetts state EITC each year, together receiving a total of \$125 million to \$135 million in credits annually (for further funding details, see MassBudget’s [Children’s Budget](#)).

For an interactive map that shows the share of all tax filers in each city and town who received the state EITC (using the most current data available from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (2013)), and for a table showing those data for all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns, go to the [Kids Count Data Center](#).