

## Policy profile

MBTA community	Yes	Housing Choice at a Glance – MAPC
MBTA Compliance Status	Interim Compliance	Multi-Family Zoning Requirement for MBTA Communities   Mass.gov
Community Preservation Act (2023)	Yes	CPA State Map   Community Preservation Coalition
Affordable housing trust (2024)	No	Affordable Housing Trust   Essex MA
Multi-family zoning (2024)	Yes, special permit	TOWN OF ESSEX (essexma.org)
Mixed-use zoning (2024)	No	TOWN OF ESSEX (essexma.org)
Accessory dwelling units permitted (2024)	No	TOWN OF ESSEX (essexma.org)
Inclusionary zoning (2024)	No	TOWN OF ESSEX (essexma.org)
Smart growth overlay district (2024)	No	Layout (mass.gov)
Housing choice community (2024)	No	Housing Choice Designation   Mass.gov
Subsidized housing inventory percentage (2023)	2.58%	Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI)   Mass.gov
BHP	Yes	Housing Essex MA

## Housing Profile

Renter households with moderate cost burden (2016-20)	36.4%	DataTown (shinyapps.io)
Renter households with severe cost burden (2016-20)	26.4%	DataTown (shinyapps.io)
Owner households with moderate cost burden (2016-20)	15.9%	DataTown (shinyapps.io)
Owner households with severe cost burden (2016-20)	20.7%	DataTown (shinyapps.io)
Proportion of single family, attached homes (2016-20)	12.4%	DataTown (shinyapps.io)
Median value of owner-occupied housing units (2022)	\$674,900	Essex, MA - Profile data - Census Reporter
Median gross rent (2016-20)	\$1,556	Essex town, Essex County, Massachusetts - Census Bureau Profile
Permitted relative to proportional share of housing needed	57.6%	Greater Boston Housing Report Card Interactive Tools   Boston Indicators
Renter-occupied housing (2016-20)	17.7%	DataTown (shinyapps.io)

## Population profile

Population (2022)	1,880	Essex, MA - Profile data - Census Reporter
Population per square mile (2022)	913	Essex, MA - Profile data - Census Reporter
Proportion white alone, not Hispanic or Latino (2022)	99.0%	Essex, MA - Profile data - Census Reporter
Median household income (2022)	\$143,615	Essex, MA - Profile data - Census Reporter
Poverty rate (2022)	9.4%	Essex, MA - Profile data - Census Reporter

## Government profile

Chief Municipal Officer	Administrator	Town Administrator   Essex MA
District or At-large Council	At-large	Board of Selectmen   Essex MA
Policy Board	Select Board (3)	Board of Selectmen   Essex MA
Legislative Body	Open Town Meeting	Town Meeting   Essex MA