

Providence-Warwick, RI-MA MSA

New Bedford is a part of the Providence-Warwick, RI-MA Metropolitan Statistical Area (Providence MSA) which covers eight counties in Rhode Island, including 38 of the 39 municipalities, and southeastern Massachusetts, including New Bedford. The Providence MSA is part of the Boston-Worcester-Providence, MA-RI-NH-CT Combined Statistical Area (Boston CSA).

| | New Bedford | Providence MSA | Boston CSA |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Population (2015) | 94,959 | 1,613,070 | 8,152,573 |
| Population 16 years and over | 76,278 | 1,314,610 | 6,580,309 |
| In labor force | 47,546 | 865,731 | 4,473,092 |
| Median Earnings for Full-time, Year-round Workers | | | |
| Male | 42,547 | 52,182 | 61,139 |
| Female | 36,005 | 42,849 | 48,890 |
| Educational Attainment | | | |
| Enrollment in college or graduate school | 5,292 | 134,414 | 689,184 |
| Population 25 years or older | 64,974 | 1,101,631 | 5,556,906 |
| % High school graduate or higher | 71.5% | 85.0% | 89.8% |
| % Bachelor's degree or higher | 15.9% | 29.8% | 39.5% |
| Field of Bachelor's Degree for First Major | | | |
| Total population 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree or higher | 10,426 | 364,245 | 2,378,301 |
| Science and engineering | 2,987 | 128,160 | 950,188 |
| Science and engineering related fields | 693 | 35,852 | 199,290 |
| Business | 2,264 | 64,118 | 437,643 |

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates