

Guidance for Identifying Areas of Disproportionate Impact

The following guidance is provided to assist applicants seeking to be licensed as a Marijuana Establishment under 935 CMR 500.000, which establishes the regulatory requirements for adult use marijuana in the Commonwealth. This guidance is not legal advice. If you have questions regarding the legal requirements for licensure in the Commonwealth, you are encouraged to consult an attorney.

Areas of Disproportionate Impact

You can use this guidance to determine if an address is within an “Area of Disproportionate Impact” as defined by the Cannabis Control Commission (Commission) to determine eligibility for [economic empowerment priority status and the Social Equity Program](#). Communities with a population of more than 100,000 people (Boston, Lowell, Springfield, and Worcester) will be subdivided by census tract numbers according to United States Census unemployment data.

| 29 Communities of Disproportionate Impact | | | |
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| Abington | Amherst | Boston | Braintree |
| Brockton | Chelsea | Fall River | Fitchburg |
| Greenfield | Haverhill | Holyoke | Lowell |
| Lynn | Mansfield | Monson | New Bedford |
| North Adams | Pittsfield | Quincy | Randolph |
| Revere | Southbridge | Spencer | Springfield |
| Taunton | Walpole | Wareham | West Springfield |
| Worcester | | | |

1. Determine if the address is in one of the listed 29 cities and towns designated as Areas of Disproportionate Impact.
2. If the address is in a listed city or town other than Boston, Worcester, Springfield, or Lowell, that qualifies as an Area of Disproportionate Impact.
3. If the address is in Boston, Lowell, Springfield, Worcester, use the following process to determine whether the address is in an Area of Disproportionate Impact.



4. Go to the United States Census Bureau's [GeoCoder Address Search Tool](https://bit.ly/2zzxtNn) - <https://bit.ly/2zzxtNn>.

5. Enter the street address:

The screenshot shows the United States Census Bureau's GeoCoder Address Search Tool interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Topics, Geography, Library, Data, Surveys/Programs, Newsroom, and About Us. A search form is displayed with the following fields: Street (with a red arrow pointing to it), City, State, Zip, Benchmark (set to Public_AR_Current), and Vintage (set to Current_Current). A 'FIND' button is located at the bottom of the search form. Below the search form is a footer with various links and social media icons.

6. Scroll to the bottom of the page and note the census tract number associated with the address listed on the resulting table in the 5th row of the Census Tracts section:

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LSADLOC: 00  
FUNCSTAT: N  
INTPTLAT: +42.3385513  
NAME: Suffolk County  
OBJECTID: 62  
CENTLON: -070.9857111  
COUNTYCC: H4  
COUNTYNS: 00606939  
AREALAND: 150866406  
INTPTLON: -071.0182530  
MTFCC: G4020  
COUNTY: 025
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Census Tracts:  
GEOID: 25025081302  
CENTLAT: +42.3197988  
AREAWATER: 0  
STATE: 25  
BASENAME: 813.02  
OID: 2079015692364402  
LSADC: CT  
FUNCSTAT: S  
INTPTLAT: +42.3197988  
NAME: Census Tract 813.02  
OBJECTID: 60497  
TRACT: 081302  
CENTLON: -071.0964983  
AREALAND: 329571  
INTPTLON: -071.0964983  
MTFCC: G5020  
COUNTY: 025
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- See if the tract number from the GeoCoder Address Search Tool is also on the published list of census tracts designated as Areas of Disproportionate Impact:

| Table 1. Designated Boston Census Tracts | |
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| Full Census Tract Name | 6 Digit Tract |
| Census Tract 8.03, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 803 |
| Census Tract 101.03, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 10103 |
| Census Tract 101.04, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 10104 |
| Census Tract 103, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 10300 |
| Census Tract 104.04, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 10404 |
| Census Tract 104.05, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 10405 |
| Census Tract 607, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 60700 |
| Census Tract 610, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 61000 |
| Census Tract 611.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 61101 |
| Census Tract 702, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 70200 |
| Census Tract 712.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 71201 |
| Census Tract 803, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 80300 |
| Census Tract 611.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 61101 |
| Census Tract 804.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 80401 |
| Census Tract 805, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 80500 |
| Census Tract 806.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 80601 |
| Census Tract 808.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 80801 |
| Census Tract 815, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 81500 |
| Census Tract 817, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 81700 |
| Census Tract 818, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 81800 |
| Census Tract 819, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 81900 |
| Census Tract 820, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 82000 |
| Census Tract 821, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 82100 |
| Census Tract 901, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 90100 |
| Census Tract 902, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 90200 |
| Census Tract 903, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 90300 |
| Census Tract 904, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 90400 |
| Census Tract 906, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 90600 |
| Census Tract 912, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 91200 |
| Census Tract 914, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 91400 |
| Census Tract 917, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 91700 |
| Census Tract 918, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 91800 |
| Census Tract 919, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 91900 |
| Census Tract 920, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 92000 |
| Census Tract 923, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 92300 |
| Census Tract 924, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 92400 |



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| Census Tract 1001, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 100100 |
| Census Tract 1002, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 100200 |

| Full Census Tract Name | 6 Digit Tract |
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| Census Tract 1006.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 100601 |
| Census Tract 1010.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 101001 |
| Census Tract 1011.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 101101 |
| Census Tract 1011.02, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 101102 |
| Census Tract 1102.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 110201 |
| Census Tract 1205, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 120500 |
| Census Tract 9801.01, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 980101 |
| Census Tract 9803, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 980300 |
| Census Tract 9811, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 981100 |
| Census Tract 9817, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 981700 |
| Census Tract 9818, Suffolk County, Massachusetts | 981800 |
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| Table 2. Designated Worcester Census Tracts | |
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| Full Census Tract Name | 6 Digit Tract |
| Census Tract 7302, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 730200 |
| Census Tract 7305, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 730500 |
| Census Tract 7310.02, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 731002 |
| Census Tract 7312.03, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 731203 |
| Census Tract 7312.04, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 731204 |
| Census Tract 7313, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 731300 |
| Census Tract 7314, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 731400 |
| Census Tract 7315, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 731500 |
| Census Tract 7317, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 731700 |
| Census Tract 7318, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 731800 |
| Census Tract 7323.02, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 732302 |
| Census Tract 7324, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 732400 |
| Census Tract 7327, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 732700 |
| Census Tract 7330, Worcester County, Massachusetts | 733000 |

| Table 3. Springfield Census Tracts | |
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| Full Census Tract Name | 6 Digit Tract |
| Census Tract 8001.02, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 800102 |
| Census Tract 8005, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 800500 |
| Census Tract 8006, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 800600 |
| Census Tract 8007, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 800700 |
| Census Tract 8008, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 800800 |
| Census Tract 8009, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 800900 |
| Census Tract 8011.01, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 801101 |



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| Census Tract 8014.01, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 801401 |
| Census Tract 8018, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 801800 |
| Census Tract 8019.02, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 801902 |
| Full Census Tract Name | 6 Digit Tract |
| Census Tract 8020, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 802000 |
| Census Tract 8022, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 802200 |
| Census Tract 8023, Hampden County, Massachusetts | 802300 |

| Table 4. Designated Lowell Census Tracts | |
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| Full Census Tract Name | 6 Digit Tract |
| Census Tract 3101, Middlesex County, Massachusetts | 310100 |
| Census Tract 3104, Middlesex County, Massachusetts | 310400 |
| Census Tract 3111, Middlesex County, Massachusetts | 311100 |
| Census Tract 3112, Middlesex County, Massachusetts | 311200 |
| Census Tract 3117, Middlesex County, Massachusetts | 311700 |
| Census Tract 3118, Middlesex County, Massachusetts | 311800 |
| Census Tract 3119, Middlesex County, Massachusetts | 311900 |
| Census Tract 3120, Middlesex County, Massachusetts | 312000 |
| Census Tract 3124, Middlesex County, Massachusetts | 312400 |

Questions?

If you have additional questions regarding Areas of Disproportionate Impact, please contact the Commission at Commission@CCCMass.com.

