

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.

30 Communities of Disproportionate Impact			
Abington	Amherst	Boston	Braintree
Brockton	Chelsea	Fall River	Fitchburg
Greenfield	Haverhill	Holyoke	Lawrence
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 30 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. The top navigation bar includes links for TOPICS, GEOGRAPHY, LIBRARY, DATA, SURVEYS/PROGRAMS, NEWSROOM, and ABOUT US. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains sections for "FIND LOCATIONS USING..." OPTION, "FIND GEOGRAPHIES USING..." OPTION, and "ABOUT DATA...". The right column is titled "Find Address Results" and contains input fields for Street, City, State, Zip, Benchmark (set to Public_AR_Current), and Vintage (set to Current_Current). A red arrow points to the Street input field. At the bottom of the page, there 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:

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

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



- 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	
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



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

Full Census Tract Name	6 Digit Tract
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

Table 2. Designated Worcester Census Tracts	
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 7320.01, Worcester County, Massachusetts	732001
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	
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
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	
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.

