



FY2023 METCO Program Report

Report on the impact of the grant program on student outcomes, the expenditure of funds by districts, and the extent to which the services rendered by the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Program support the goals of the grant program.
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Dear Members of the General Court:

I am pleased to submit the FY2023 METCO Program Report to the Legislature pursuant Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022, line item 7010-0012.

The purpose of the state-funded METCO program is to expand educational opportunities, increase diversity, and reduce racial isolation for students in urban and suburban communities, by fostering the opportunity for children from Boston and Springfield to attend public schools in neighboring communities in order for students to develop a deeper understanding of one another in an integrated public-school setting. The METCO program provides the opportunity for students in participating school districts to experience the advantages of learning and working in a racially and ethnically diverse setting. The statute that authorizes the METCO program is M.G.L, Chapter 76, Section 12A – The Racial Imbalance Act.

The METCO program has historically enrolled approximately 3,200 students per school calendar year. METCO, Inc. and participating METCO districts have continued to maintain and enhance their programming around student enrollment, school culture, and transportation in support of students, staff, and families. In FY2023, METCO, Inc., the identified vendor of the Boston METCO program, created a pilot program for school districts participating in the METCO program to develop a continuum of practice to assess a district's progress in integration; to audit curriculum to ensure cultural representation; and to implement restorative discipline practices to provide a culturally and linguistically responsive education for all students, in line with their strategic multi-year Antiracism Road Map.

Within this report you will find an overview of the METCO program, including a description of the services provided by METCO, Inc.; a report on METCO student outcomes; school and district grant expenditures; transportation services; and student demographics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Johnston", written in a cursive style.

Russell D. Johnston



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Introduction

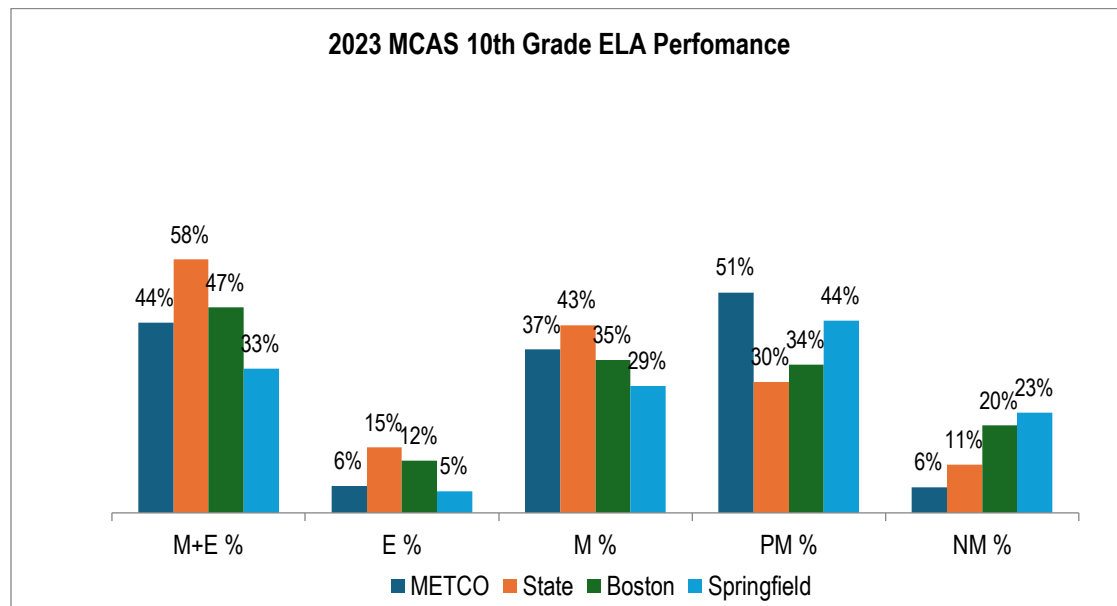
The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education respectfully submits this Report to the Legislature: FY2023 METCO Program Report pursuant to Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022, line item 7010-0012:

“For grants to cities, towns and regional school districts for payments of certain costs and related expenses for the program to eliminate racial imbalance, established under section 12A of chapter 76 of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be made available for payment for services rendered by the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO), Inc. and Springfield public schools; provided further, that all grant applications submitted to and approved by the department of elementary and secondary education shall include a detailed line item budget specifying how such funds shall be allocated and expended; provided further, that not later than February 1, 2023,...”

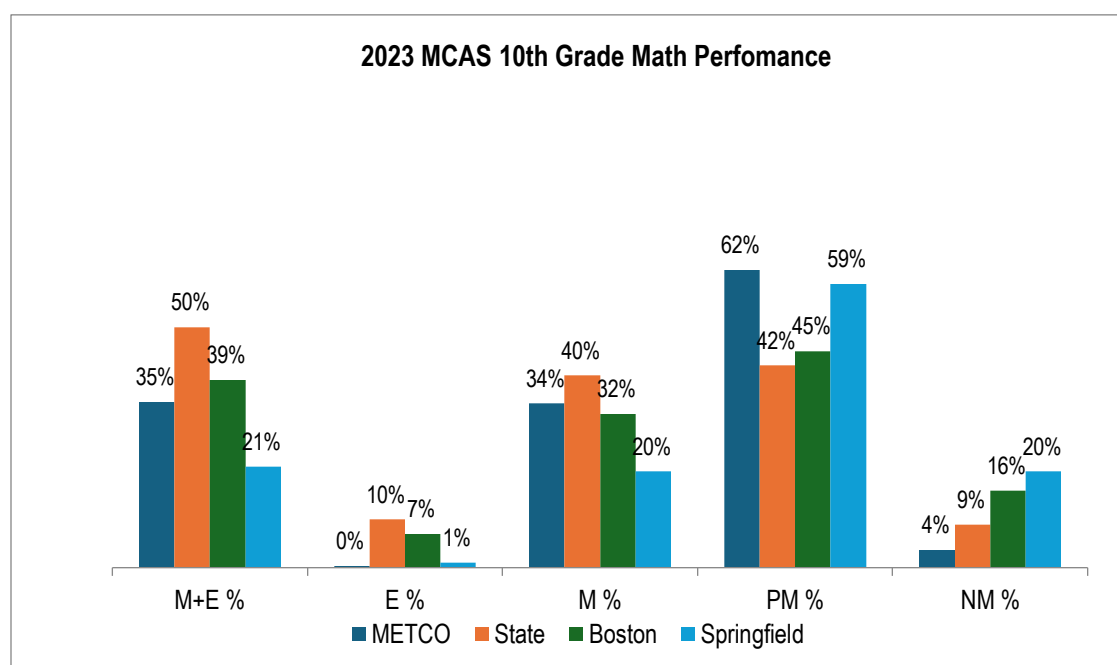
METCO Student Outcomes

2023 Next Generation MCAS Tests Results

The following charts reflect METCO student performance as compared to the state, Boston Public Schools, and Springfield Public Schools in Grade 10 ELA and Mathematics. The performance abbreviations in the charts below are as follows: M= Meets Expectations; E= Exceeds Expectations; P= Proficient; N= Needs Improvement.

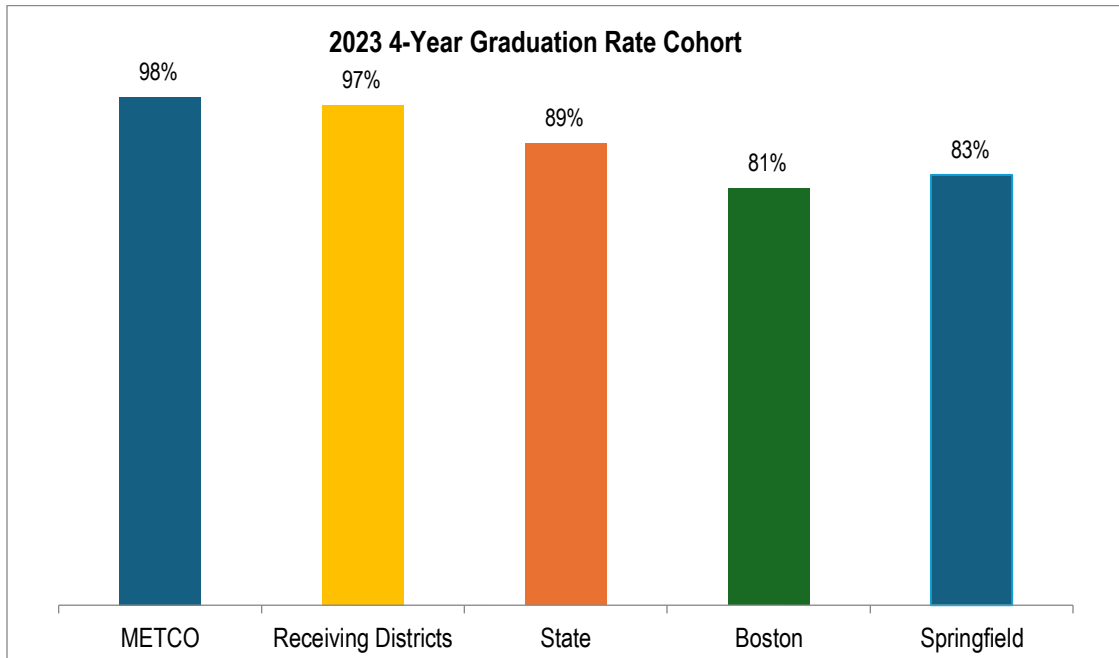


Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2022 MCAS Assessment file

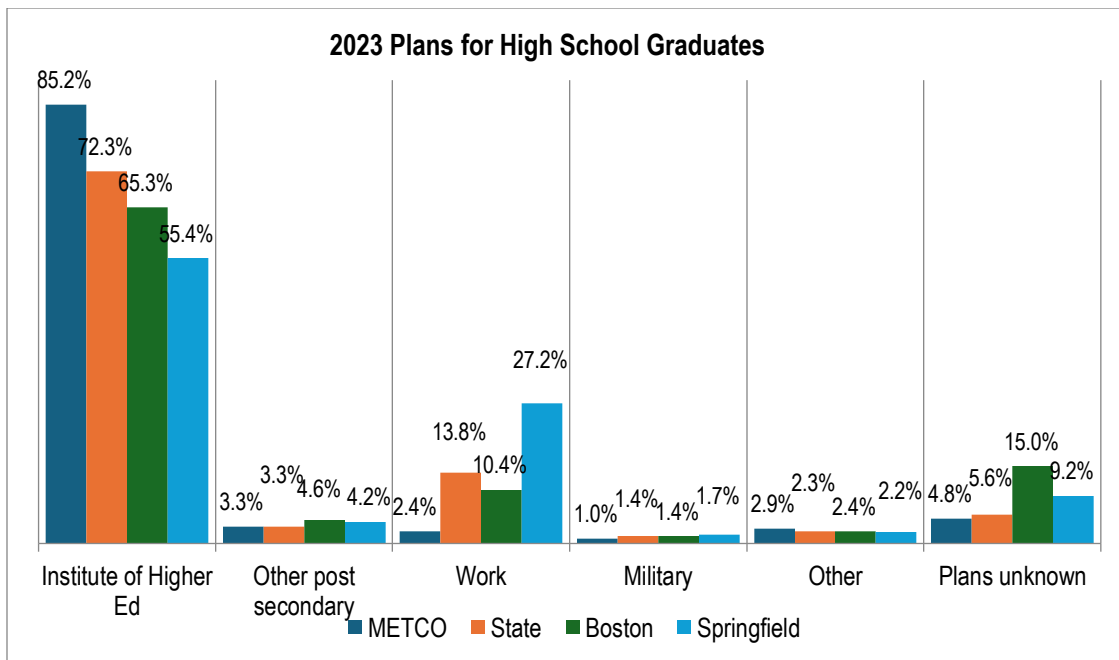


Graduation Rates and Post-Graduation Plans

The following charts reflect 2023 METCO student post-graduation plans as compared to the state, Boston Public Schools, and Springfield Public Schools.



Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Student Information Management System (SIMS)



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School Districts Expenditure of Funds on METCO-Related Programming

The following data derives from EdGrants¹, the Department's online grant information system. The chart below is a snapshot of actual school district expenditure of funds during the 2022-2023 school year.

METCO District	Admin	Professional	Support	Stipends	Fringe	Contractual	Supplies	Travel	Other	Indirect	Equipment	FY23 District Allocation
Arlington	\$111,731	\$72,770	\$82,900	\$3,047	\$0	\$30,131	\$14,710	\$27,981	\$124,850	\$0	\$0	\$468,120
Bedford	\$162,607	\$30,000	\$72,029	\$0	\$0	\$61,003	\$4,648	\$6,435	\$370,081	\$0	\$0	\$706,803
Belmont	\$114,053	\$208,865	\$114,843	\$661	\$41,325	\$3,019	\$3,350	\$262,056	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$748,172
Braintree	\$58,385	\$0	\$19,886	\$544	\$7,044	\$0	\$3,128	\$3,825	\$97,618	\$0	\$0	\$190,430
Brookline	\$115,688	\$808,556	\$414,973	\$75,000	\$0	\$198,531	\$42,584	\$76,674	\$172,141	\$50,182	\$0	\$1,954,329
Cohasset	\$107,332	\$0	\$41,713	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$217,495	\$0	\$0	\$366,540
Concord	\$90,000	\$38,542	\$333,248	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$229,557	\$0	\$0	\$691,347
Concord-Carlisle	\$93,000	\$131,250	\$71,720	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,930	\$0	\$170,206	\$0	\$0	\$469,106
Dover-Sherborn	\$89,036	\$0	\$42,473	\$10,910	\$0	\$31,850	\$183	\$4,600	\$160,830	\$0	\$0	\$339,882
East Longmeadow	\$0	\$175,207	\$9,425	\$0	\$0	\$30,718	\$500	\$0	\$128,805	\$0	\$0	\$344,655
Foxborough	\$44,737	\$84,890	\$32,968	\$0	\$0	\$4,508	\$1,228	\$5,480	\$79,411	\$0	\$0	\$253,221
Hampden Wilbraham	\$0	\$68,679	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$62,108	\$0	\$0	\$130,787
Hingham	\$111,000	\$0	\$168,583	\$0	\$0	\$37,480	\$5,241	\$9,997	\$72,950	\$0	\$0	\$405,251
Lexington	\$145,382	\$421,646	\$310,446	\$26,928	\$0	\$4,461	\$1,372	\$598	\$748,114	\$0	\$0	\$1,658,947
Lincoln	\$126,125	\$163,181	\$25,270	\$0	\$0	\$41,640	\$97	\$0	\$280,939	\$0	\$0	\$637,252
Lincoln-Sudbury	\$64,382	\$0	\$85,066	\$33,422	\$3,000	\$45,835	\$42,087	\$2,412	\$301,915	\$0	\$0	\$578,119
Longmeadow	\$0	\$76,618	\$42,766	\$3,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$147,233	\$0	\$0	\$275,617
Lynnfield	\$69,204	\$0	\$11,146	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$139,728	\$0	\$0	\$220,077
Marblehead	\$85,050	\$0	\$41,317	\$13,750	\$1,988	\$34,265	\$21,705	\$205	\$289,750	\$0	\$0	\$488,030
Melrose	\$96,173	\$165,196	\$76,258	\$0	\$0	\$52,395	\$12,633	\$1,180	\$539,894	\$0	\$0	\$943,729
Natick	\$95,782	\$130,907	\$0	\$0	\$3,287	\$0	\$631	\$1,442	\$179,722	\$0	\$0	\$411,772
Needham	\$246,492	\$217,685	\$463,122	\$1,750	\$0	\$23,354	\$3,278	\$2,247	\$487,767	\$15,632	\$0	\$1,461,326
Newton	\$145,804	\$1,508,571	\$203,574	\$0	\$102,324	\$81,737	\$23,855	\$33,597	\$1,094,416	\$0	\$0	\$3,193,878
Reading	\$284,764	\$0	\$0	\$14,637	\$0	\$6,455	\$0	\$0	\$412,091	\$0	\$0	\$717,947
Scituate	\$190,000	\$78,201	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,949	\$5,600	\$198,040	\$0	\$0	\$515,790
Sharon	\$115,000	\$0	\$68,400	\$0	\$0	\$81,581	\$10,500	\$9,000	\$230,997	\$0	\$0	\$515,478
Southwick Tolland Granville	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,087	\$0	\$16,233	\$4,540	\$0	\$93,694	\$0	\$0	\$138,554
Springfield	\$46,501	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,804	\$0	\$1,184	\$0	\$0	\$1,481	\$0	\$60,970
Sudbury	\$99,178	\$0	\$177,506	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$166,529	\$0	\$0	\$463,213
Swampscott	\$86,833	\$0	\$60,385	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$209	\$1,713	\$270,372	\$0	\$0	\$419,512
Wakefield	\$95,000	\$0	\$201,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$56,000	\$2,289	\$9,932	\$69,071	\$0	\$0	\$438,292
Walpole	\$116,513	\$0	\$54,406	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,769	\$3,000	\$123,238	\$0	\$0	\$300,926
Wayland	\$176,965	\$389,460	\$23,606	\$24,898	\$0	\$51,725	\$6,402	\$5,726	\$395,385	\$0	\$0	\$1,074,167
Wellesley	\$113,892	\$261,607	\$175,316	\$2,000	\$55,759	\$0	\$1,727	\$1,050	\$629,144	\$0	\$0	\$1,240,495
Weston	\$68,605	\$836,463	\$385,000	\$7,927	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$4,650	\$2,120	\$0	\$0	\$1,309,765
Westwood	\$84,569	\$44,785	\$99,036	\$19,848	\$0	\$80,723	\$12,917	\$4,506	\$164,567	\$0	\$0	\$510,951
TOTALS	\$3,649,784	\$5,913,079	\$3,948,380	\$267,409	\$226,531	\$1,001,643	\$234,645	\$483,906	\$8,850,778	\$67,295	\$0	\$24,643,450

¹ <http://www.doe.mass.edu/Grants/edgrants.html>

Transportation Services

MHQ contracted with two (2) vendors (First Student and Eastern Bus) to provide bus transportation for METCO students traveling to and from 8 of the thirty-three receiving Boston METCO school districts.² The remaining 25 Boston METCO districts oversee their own transportation contracts.

METCO, Inc. provides contract and bid services in accordance with Chapter 30B, MGL and monitors the terms of the bid specifications and contracts to assess quality performance of the vendor to each contracted school district. Bus vendors are expected to supply quality service and are monitored for fiscal and operational compliance. METCO, Inc. meets and communicates with respective bus company management personnel when necessary. The management services provided by METCO, Inc. includes daily monitoring of service for both morning and afternoon commutes, working with school district business managers and METCO Directors to review invoices (when requested) and address inquiries when they arise. It is important to note that contracted districts receive monthly invoices for services performed and issue payment directly to the vendors including deductions for penalties. The transportation manager at METCO, Inc. may be consulted when requested/warranted to assist assessment of penalties to be deducted from invoices. METCO, Inc. provides planning and routing for contracted districts as well as consultation with other METCO Directors. The Transportation Manager of METCO, Inc. stays abreast of local, state, and national trends and concerns in the school bus industry in order to provide optimum service to districts.

Like the majority of Boston METCO districts, the four receiving Springfield METCO districts oversee their own transportation contracts and are responsible for monitoring student transportation service.³

² Arlington, Belmont, Braintree, Dover-Sherborn, Lincoln, Lincoln/Sudbury, Sudbury, and Walpole.

³ East Longmeadow, Hampden Wilbraham, Longmeadow, and Southwick-Tolland.

Appendix: Demographic Report 2022-2023

Org Code	District Name	Total	Female	Male	Black/ African American	Asian	Hispanic	Multi-race	Native American	Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander	White	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0010	Arlington	73	35	38	54	0	17	2	0	0	0	3	6	6	3	11	8	0	4	7	9	6	4	6
0023	Bedford	80	43	37	56	0	22	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	10	4	6	6	9	4	12	7	8	9
0026	Belmont	87	44	43	66	0	11	7	0	0	3	6	6	6	9	9	10	6	8	5	5	7	2	8
0040	Braintree	28	15	13	14	1	9	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	3	3	2	4	4	2	2	1
0046	Brookline	293	158	135	172	8	77	34	0	0	2	20	21	24	17	26	35	28	23	20	18	25	15	21
0065	Cohasset	45	27	18	33	0	5	5	0	0	2	2	2	4	6	4	4	4	1	4	2	4	4	4
0067	Concord	71	31	40	44	0	24	3	0	0	0	6	6	10	9	9	5	8	10	8	0	0	0	0
0078	Dover	10	5	5	6	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0087	East Longmeadow	43	20	23	13	0	23	6	0	0	1	3	2	0	6	5	2	5	7	2	2	3	4	2
0099	Foxborough	35	19	16	18	0	15	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	2	7	9	5	4
0131	Hingham	45	21	24	30	0	10	1	0	0	4	6	5	0	1	3	6	2	3	5	3	3	6	2
0155	Lexington	220	129	91	158	1	55	4	0	0	2	11	14	17	19	17	17	23	21	22	20	13	21	5
0157	Lincoln	89	47	42	50	6	29	4	0	0	0	3	6	8	12	19	13	12	12	4	0	0	0	0
0159	Longmeadow	41	23	18	20	0	18	2	0	0	1	4	4	3	2	4	5	4	4	1	6	2	2	0
0164	Lynnfield	45	21	24	25	0	17	3	0	0	0	2	2	4	3	4	3	1	4	5	5	7	4	1
0168	Marblehead	45	19	26	37	0	8	0	0	0	0	0		1	2	5	3	2	5	6	2	3	8	8
0178	Melrose	111	57	54	81	0	26	3	0	0	1	4	2	1	4	8	9	11	3	9	18	13	19	10
0198	Natick	50	23	27	29	0	15	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	5	8	7	7	5	7
0199	Needham	185	103	82	85	9	81	10	0	0	0	13	11	13	22	18	12	22	15	15	14	9	12	9
0207	Newton	413	224	189	222	26	122	31	0	1	11	26	31	47	29	36	32	39	34	34	34	30	20	21
0246	Reading	104	50	54	75	2	22	2	3	0	0	1	1	5	10	11	10	10	10	15	14	7	8	2
0264	Scituate	60	29	31	39	0	20	1	0	0	0	6	2	6	3	5	2	6	8	8	8	3	2	1
0266	Sharon	65	34	31	33	4	21	6	0	1	0	0	3	5	6	4	6	5	5	7	7	4	7	6
0269	Sherborn	12	3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0288	Sudbury	69	43	26	43	0	23	3	0	0	0	8	8	2	12	7	9	8	8	7	0	0	0	0
0291	Swampscott	49	28	21	35	0	13	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	8	4	12	5	7
0305	Wakefield	69	41	28	47	4	18	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	6	2	8	7	7	7	7	8	8	4
0307	Walpole	33	19	14	21	0	9	2	1	0	0	0	1	4	4	4	2	7	4	2	0	2	1	2
0315	Wayland	134	70	64	88	4	16	20	0	1	5	5	3	6	5	13	17	12	10	14	20	12	7	10
0317	Wellesley	153	80	73	96	5	31	16	0	1	4	7	7	11	9	18	9	19	19	13	14	13	6	8
0330	Weston	159	80	79	97	2	37	18	0	1	4	12	15	13	11	13	12	12	14	12	10	14	10	11
0335	Westwood	77	40	37	33	2	38	4	0	0	0	5	5	2	6	6	4	9	7	8	6	6	5	8
0640	Concord-Carlisle	48	27	21	35	1	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	14	14	12	
0655	Dover-Sherborn	22	14	8	17	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	3	4	4
0680	Hampden-Wilbraham	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
0695	Lincoln-Sudbury	89	46	43	51	3	32	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	25	19	19
0766	Southwick-Tolland-Granville	16	8	8	10	0	4	2	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	1
Grand Total		3169	1677	1492	1946	79	885	203	7	5	44	160	173	209	235	277	270	282	270	269	300	274	237	213