

MASSACHUSETTS STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION

CHARITABLE GAMES

23

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG
TREASURER & RECEIVER GENERAL

MARK WILLIAM BRACKEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In 2023, gross revenues and net receipts available to licensees from Charitable Gaming increased for the third consecutive year. Net receipts for the calendar year surpassed the total from 2019 for the first time since the pandemic.

While the number of Charitable Gaming licensees decreased from 75 to 68, gross revenues were \$9.0 million higher than 2022 (23 percent increase). Licensees reported a total of over \$46.9 million in gross revenues, comprised of \$21.8 million from raffles, \$14.4 million from Beano games, \$10.6 million from charity game ticket sales, and \$23,130 from bazaars (casino nights).

Proceeds from Charitable Gaming positively impact communities throughout the Commonwealth in many ways. Students receive scholarships, families in need receive holiday food and gift baskets, senior citizens celebrate holidays, veterans are honored and assisted, and many youth activities are supported.

While generating revenue for many charitable causes, Bingo provides an important social component for some citizens. The Lottery is proud to assist the Commonwealth in offering an enjoyable social activity that provides a mechanism for organizations to support local causes

The Lottery would like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers and patrons throughout the Commonwealth who have contributed to the continuation of Charitable Gaming in 2023. Their tireless commitment has helped ease some of the financial pressure felt by many charitable organizations across Massachusetts. We are hopeful that 2024 will provide additional opportunities for our Charitable Gaming partners and the patrons who enjoy participating in these activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MWB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark William Bracken
Executive Director

Comprehensive Statement of Receipts & Expenses From Licensees & Permittees

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Gross Receipts

Bingo Games _____ \$ 14,480,983

Charity Game Tickets _____ 10,629,559

Raffles _____ 21,861,153

Bazaars (Casino Functions) _____ 23,130

Total Gross Receipts _____ \$ 46,994,825

Expenses

Bingo prizes _____ \$ 10,405,629

Charity Game Ticket prizes (estimated) _____ 6,377,735

Bingo taxes _____ 734,085

Appropriated as follows:

Three-fifths to the General Fund

Two-fifths to the Lottery for expenses of controlling Bingo

Any unappropriated balance goes to Local Aid Fund

Cost of Charity Game Tickets to licensees _____ \$ 1,062,956

Appropriated as follows:

Maximum 50% allowed expenses for purchasing and selling tickets.

Any money not so expended (but at least 50%) goes to Local Aid Fund.

Bingo operating expenses _____ \$ 2,867,700

Raffle prizes & expenses _____ 8,519,528

Raffle taxes _____ 1,095,811

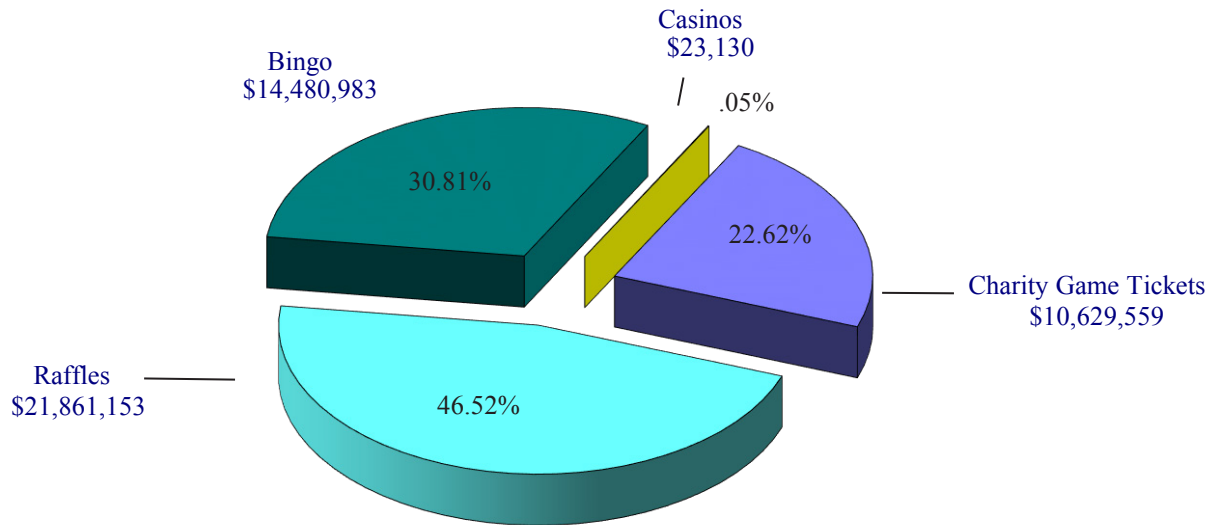
Bazaar "Casino Function" prizes & expenses _____ 8,910

"Casino Function" taxes _____ 1,157

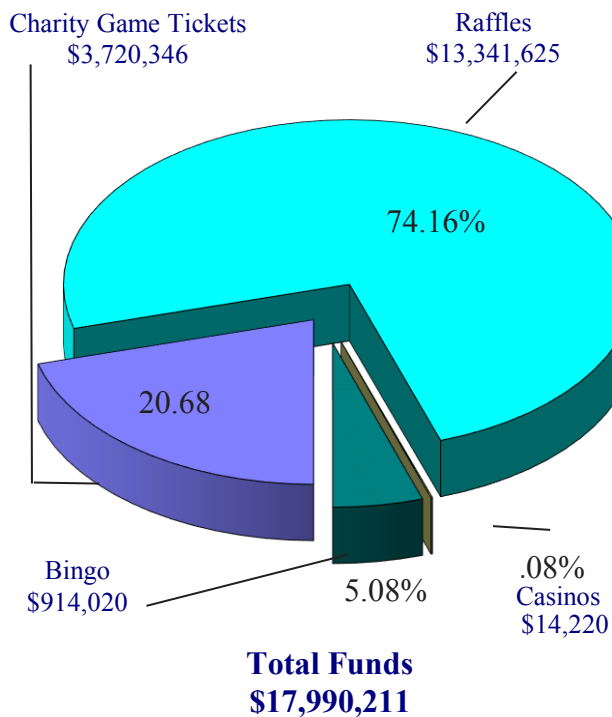
Total Expenses _____ \$ 31,073,511

Net Receipts Available to Charities _____ \$15,921,314

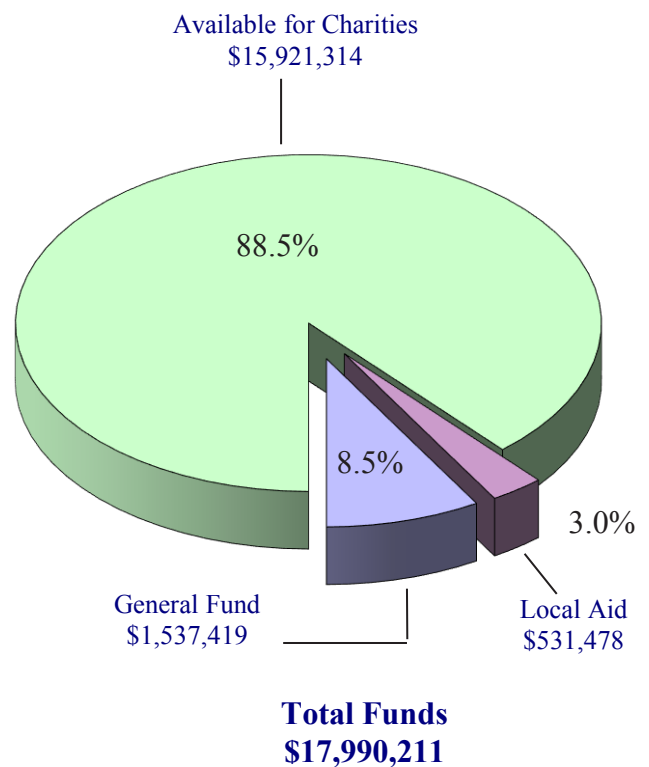
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Source of Funds Available to Organizations (Net Receipts)



Recipients of Funds from Organizations (Net Receipts)



Summary of Bingo Receipts By County

County	Population**	Number of Licensees	Gross Bingo Receipts	Per Capita Spending	5% Tax	Bingo Net Profit (Loss)	Charity Games Profit (Loss)	Total Profit (Loss) Bingo & Charity Games
BARNSTABLE	215,888	5	\$382,385	\$24.60	\$19,119	(\$55,587)	\$158,707	\$103,120
BERKSHIRE	131,219	4	\$369,763	\$41.40	\$18,489	(\$47,169)	\$104,385	\$57,216
BRISTOL	548,285	5	\$1,462,320	\$34.66	\$81,752	\$97,430	\$255,168	\$352,598
DUKES	16,535	1	\$22,456	\$34.02	\$1,123	(\$130)	\$0	(\$130)
ESSEX	743,159	3	\$737,973	\$36.52	\$36,899	(\$92,023)	\$187,037	\$95,014
FRANKLIN	71,372	1	\$94,765	\$35.37	\$4,738	(\$16,572)	\$20,929	\$4,357
HAMPDEN	463,490	15	\$3,491,797	\$35.16	\$175,483	\$474,533	\$473,190	\$947,723
HAMPSHIRE	158,080	1	\$71,780	\$40.90	\$3,589	(\$7,830)	\$8,678	\$848
MIDDLESEX	1,503,085	10	\$2,321,472	\$39.01	\$116,444	\$71,213	\$608,246	\$679,459
NANTUCKET	10,172	0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NORFOLK	670,850	4	\$1,075,171	\$39.28	\$53,759	\$50,237	\$271,879	\$322,116
PLYMOUTH	494,919	8	\$2,117,193	\$42.38	\$106,258	(\$105,508)	\$581,943	\$476,435
SUFFOLK	722,023	2	\$673,881	\$40.18	\$33,694	\$81,095	\$200,207	\$281,303
WORCESTER	798,552	9	\$1,660,029	\$32.83	\$82,738	\$191,859	\$318,497	\$510,356
TOTAL BY COUNTIES	6,547,629	68	\$14,480,983	\$36.34	\$734,085	\$641,547	\$3,188,868	\$3,830,415

** These figures were taken from the 2020 U.S. Census.

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Summary of Bingo Receipts By City & Town

City/Town*	Population**	Number Of Licensees	Gross Bingo Receipts	Per Capita Spending	5% Tax	Bingo Net Profit (Loss)	Charity Games Profit (Loss)	Total Profit From Bingo And Charity Games
Abington	15,985	1	\$314,792	\$49.38	\$15,740	\$33,806	\$44,209	\$78,015
Agawam	28,438	1	\$186,296	\$35.53	\$9,315	\$726	\$23,856	\$24,582
Ashland	16,593	2	\$157,263	\$42.57	\$7,863	(\$32,486)	\$29,678	(\$2,808)
ATTLEBORO	43,593	1	\$354,237	\$30.63	\$26,348	\$3,625	\$90,538	\$94,163
Auburn	16,188	1	\$380,286	\$45.80	\$18,750	\$44,420	\$44,105	\$88,525
Billerica	40,243	1	\$408,700	\$40.27	\$20,435	(\$7,995)	\$174,799	\$166,803
BOSTON	617,594	1	\$34,360	\$30.73	\$1,718	\$2,296	\$7,071	\$9,367
CHICOPEE	55,298	7	\$2,094,937	\$32.74	\$105,640	\$331,035	\$265,637	\$596,672
Eastham	4,956	1	\$96,232	\$31.04	\$4,812	(\$28,655)	\$44,092	\$15,437
FALL RIVER	88,857	1	\$160,659	\$38.84	\$8,033	(\$13,550)	\$29,113	\$15,563
Falmouth	31,531	1	\$73,749	\$30.73	\$3,687	(\$11,131)	\$14,725	\$3,594
Franklin	31,635	1	\$229,636	\$39.15	\$11,482	\$6,279	\$67,030	\$73,309
GARDNER	20,228	2	\$350,820	\$35.56	\$17,541	(\$11,500)	\$94,135	\$82,635
Greenfield	17,456	1	\$94,765	\$35.37	\$4,738	(\$16,572)	\$20,929	\$4,357
Hinsdale	2,032	1	\$34,148	\$47.43	\$1,707	(\$1,687)	\$2,791	\$1,104
Hudson	19,063	1	\$200,523	\$37.30	\$10,026	(\$2,447)	\$61,446	\$58,999
Lee	5,943	1	\$26,111	\$34.72	\$1,306	\$5,686	\$6,109	\$11,796
LEOMINSTER	40,759	1	\$323,895	\$35.51	\$16,195	\$54,090	\$83,177	\$137,268
Ludlow	21,103	3	\$677,809	\$34.72	\$33,890	\$96,041	\$119,964	\$216,005
LYNN	90,329	1	\$163,061	\$32.66	\$8,153	(\$44,449)	\$80,198	\$35,750
MALDEN	59,450	1	\$316,518	\$36.21	\$15,826	\$45,239	\$64,596	\$109,835
Middleborough	23,116	1	\$148,456	\$41.02	\$7,364	\$2,263	\$29,461	\$31,724
NEWTON	85,146	1	\$117,232	\$35.89	\$5,862	\$5,362	\$18,309	\$23,671
NORTH ADAMS	13,708	1	\$154,506	\$40.39	\$7,726	(\$32,726)	\$46,135	\$13,409
NORTHAMPTON	28,549	1	\$71,780	\$40.90	\$3,589	(\$7,830)	\$8,678	\$848
Northbridge	15,707	1	\$132,811	\$32.60	\$6,641	(\$8,157)	\$49,083	\$40,926
Norton	19,031	1	\$460,153	\$37.12	\$23,008	\$63,642	\$87,930	\$151,572

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Norwood	28,602	1	\$114,564	\$33.39	\$5,728	(\$19,834)	\$26,132	\$6,298
Palmer	12,140	2	\$275,169	\$38.82	\$13,758	\$26,333	\$38,335	\$64,668
PEABODY	51,251	2	\$574,912	\$38.45	\$28,746	(\$47,574)	\$106,839	\$59,265
Pembroke	17,837	1	\$311,358	\$39.71	\$15,562	(\$57,460)	\$120,504	\$63,044
PITTSFIELD	44,737	1	\$154,999	\$43.06	\$7,750	(\$18,442)	\$49,349	\$30,907
Provincetown	2,942	1	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	(\$55)	\$0	(\$55)
QUINCY	92,271	1	\$511,144	\$50.23	\$25,557	\$82,990	\$136,467	\$219,456
REVERE	51,755	1	\$639,521	\$49.63	\$31,976	\$78,799	\$193,137	\$271,935
Sandwich	20,675	1	\$86,055	\$24.94	\$4,303	(\$33,623)	\$55,050	\$21,426
SOMERVILLE	75,754	1	\$354,029	\$39.77	\$17,700	\$1,319	\$82,398	\$83,717
Southwick	9,502	1	\$49,091	\$27.36	\$2,455	\$2,266	\$933	\$3,199
Spencer	11,688	1	\$94,957	\$34.40	\$4,748	\$3,938	\$12,151	\$16,088
SPRINGFIELD	153,060	1	\$208,495	\$53.46	\$10,425	\$18,132	\$24,465	\$42,597
TAUNTON	55,874	1	\$147,231	\$31.30	\$7,362	(\$29,823)	\$26,561	(\$3,263)
Tewksbury	28,961	2	\$433,344	\$35.46	\$22,039	\$17,892	\$100,969	\$118,861
Tisbury	3,949	1	\$22,456	\$34.02	\$1,123	(\$130)	\$0	(\$130)
Wareham	21,822	2	\$341,426	\$38.53	\$17,072	(\$11,759)	\$73,168	\$61,408
Watertown	31,915	1	\$333,864	\$44.59	\$16,693	\$44,329	\$76,051	\$120,380
West Bridgewater	6,916	2	\$725,308	\$46.07	\$36,729	(\$21,846)	\$219,284	\$197,438
Westborough	18,272	1	\$4,567	\$22.84	\$228	\$1,229	\$0	\$1,229
Westport	15,532	1	\$340,041	\$35.42	\$17,002	\$73,536	\$21,026	\$94,562
Weymouth	53,743	1	\$219,827	\$34.35	\$10,991	(\$19,198)	\$42,250	\$23,052
Whitman	14,489	1	\$275,852	\$39.69	\$13,793	(\$50,511)	\$95,318	\$44,807
WORCESTER	181,045	2	\$372,693	\$26.60	\$18,635	\$107,839	\$35,847	\$143,685
Yarmouth	23,793	1	\$126,349	\$36.31	\$6,317	\$17,877	\$44,841	\$62,718
GRAND TOTALS	2,481,056	68	\$14,480,983	\$36.34	\$734,085	\$641,547	\$3,188,868	\$3,830,415

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Cities & Towns That Voted In Favor of Bingo But Are Not Playing

CITY/TOWN*	POP.**	CITY/TOWN*	POP.**	CITY/TOWN*	POP.**
Acushnet	10,303	Chatham	6,125	Gosnold	75
Adams	8,485	Chelmsford	33,802	Grafton	17,765
Alford	494	CHELSEA	35,177	Granby	6,240
AMESBURY	16,283	Cheshire	3,235	Granville	1,566
Amherst	37,819	Chester	1,337	Great Barrington	7,104
Andover	33,201	Chesterfield	1,222	Groton	10,646
Arlington	42,844	Clarksburg	1,702	Groveland	6,459
Ashburnham	6,081	Clinton	13,606	Hadley	5,250
Ashby	3,074	Cohasset	7,542	Halifax	7,518
Ashfield	1,737	Colrain	1,671	Hamilton	7,764
Athol	11,584	Conway	1,897	Hampden	5,139
Avon	4,356	Cummington	872	Hancock	717
Ayer	7,427	Dalton	6,756	Hanover	13,879
Barnstable	45,193	Danvers	26,493	Hanson	10,209
Barre	5,398	Dartmouth	34,032	Hardwick	2,990
Becket	1,779	Dedham	24,729	Harwich	12,243
Bedford	13,320	Deerfield	5,125	Hatfield	3,279
Belchertown	14,649	Dennis	14,207	HAVERHILL	60,879
Bellingham	16,332	Dighton	7,086	Hawley	337
Belmont	24,729	Douglas	8,471	Heath	706
Berkley	6,411	Dracut	29,457	Hingham	22,157
Berlin	2,866	Dudley	11,390	Holbrook	10,791
Bernardston	2,129	Duxbury	15,059	Holden	17,346
BEVERLY	39,502	East Bridgewater	13,794	Holland	2,481
Blackstone	9,026	East Brookfield	2,183	Holliston	13,547
Blandford	1,233	East Longmeadow	15,720	HOLYOKE	39,880
Boxborough	4,996	EASTHAMPTON	16,053	Hopedale	5,911
Bourne	19,754	Easton	23,112	Hopkinton	14,925
Boylston	4,355	Edgartown	4,067	Hubbardston	4,382
Braintree	35,744	Egremont	1,225	Hull	10,293
Brewster	9,820	Erving	1,800	Huntington	2,180
Bridgewater	26,563	Essex	3,504	Ipswich	13,175
Brimfield	3,609	EVERETT	41,667	Kingston	12,629
BROCKTON	93,810	Fairhaven	15,873	Lakeville	10,602
Brookfield	3,390	Fitchburg	40,318	Lancaster	8,055
Brookline	58,732	Florida	752	Lanesborough	3,091
Buckland	1,902	Foxborough	16,865	LAWRENCE	76,377
Burlington	24,498	Framingham	68,318	Leicester	10,970
CAMBRIDGE	105,162	Freetown	8,870	Lenox	5,025
Canton	21,561	Georgetown	8,183	Leverett	1,851
Carver	11,509	Gill	1,500	Lexington	31,394
Charlton	12,981	Gloucester	28,789	Leyden	711
Charlemont	1,266	Goshen	1,054	Littleton	8,924

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Cities & Towns That Voted in Favor of Bingo But Are Not Playing

CITY/TOWN*	POP.**	CITY/TOWN*	POP.**	CITY/TOWN*	POP.**
LOWELL	106,519	North Reading	14,892	Shirley	7,211
Lunenburg	10,086	Northborough	14,155	Shrewsbury	35,608
Lynnfield	11,596	Northfield	3,032	Shutesbury	1,771
Manchester-by-the-Sea	5,136	Norwell	10,506	Somerset	18,165
Mansfield	23,184	Oak Bluffs	4,527	South Hadley	17,514
Marblehead	19,808	Oakham	1,902	Southampton	5,792
Marion	4,907	Orange	7,839	Southborough	9,767
MARLBOROUGH	38,499	Orleans	5,890	Southbridge	16,719
Marshfield	25,132	Otis	1,612	Sterling	7,808
Mashpee	14,006	Oxford	13,709	Stockbridge	1,947
Mattapoissett	6,045	Paxton	4,806	Stoneham	21,437
Maynard	10,106	Pelham	1,321	Stoughton	26,962
Medfield	12,024	Pepperell	11,497	Stow	6,590
MEDFORD	56,173	Peru	847	Sturbridge	9,268
Medway	12,752	Petersham	1,234	Sudbury	17,659
MELROSE	26,983	Phillipston	1,682	Sunderland	3,684
Mendon	5,839	Plainfield	648	Sutton	8,963
Merrimac	6,338	Plainville	8,264	Swampscott	13,787
METHUEN	47,255	Plymouth	56,468	Swansea	15,865
Middlefield	521	Plympton	2,820	Templeton	8,013
Middleton	8,987	Princeton	3,413	Tolland	485
Milford	27,999	Randolph	32,112	Townsend	8,926
Millbury	13,261	Raynham	13,383	Truro	2,003
Millis	7,891	Reading	24,747	Tyngsborough	11,292
Millville	3,190	Rehoboth	11,608	Tyringham	327
Milton	27,003	Richmond	1,475	Upton	7,542
Monroe	121	Rochester	5,232	Uxbridge	13,457
Monson	8,560	Rockland	17,489	Wakefield	24,932
Montague	8,437	Rowe	393	Wales	1,838
Nahant	3,410	Rowley	5,856	Walpole	24,070
Nantucket	10,172	Royalston	1,258	WALTHAM	60,632
Natick	33,006	Russell	1,775	Ware	9,872
New Ashford	228	Rutland	7,973	Warren	5,135
NEW BEDFORD	95,072	SALEM	41,340	Warwick	780
New Braintree	999	Salisbury	8,283	Washington	538
New Marlborough	1,509	Sandisfield	915	Wayland	12,994
New Salem	990	Saugus	26,628	Webster	16,767
Newbury	6,666	Savoy	692	Wellesley	27,982
NEWBURYPORT	17,416	Scituate	18,133	Wellfleet	2,750
Norfolk	11,227	Seekonk	13,722	Wendell	848
North Andover	28,352	Sharon	17,612	West Boylston	7,669
North Attleboro	28,712	Sheffield	3,257	West Brookfield	3,701
North Brookfield	4,680	Shelburne	1,893	WESTFIELD	41,094

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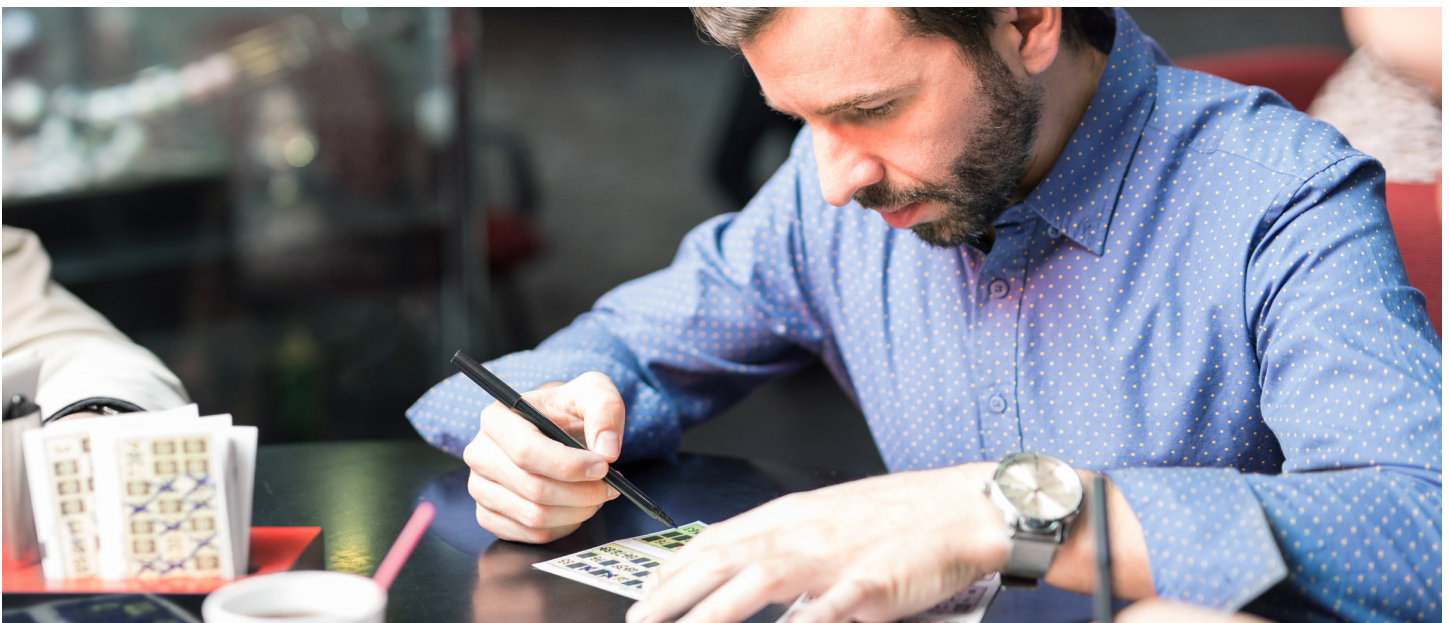
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Cities & Towns That Voted in Favor of Bingo But Are Not Playing

CITY/TOWN*	POP.**
West Springfield	28,391
West Stockbridge	1,306
Westford	21,951
Westminster	7,277
Westwood	14,618
Whately	1,496
Wilbraham	14,219
Williamsburg	2,482
Williamstown	7,754
Wilmington	22,325
Winchendon	10,300
Winchester	21,374
Windsor	899
Winthrop	17,497
WOBURN	38,120
Worthington	1,156
Wrentham	10,955
TOTAL	3,897,930

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Towns That Voted Against Bingo

TOWN	POPULATION**
Acton	21,924
Aquinnah	311
Bolton	4,897
Boxford	7,965
Carlisle	4,852
Chilmark	866
Concord	17,668
Dover	5,589
Dunstable	3,179
Harvard	6,520
Lincoln	6,362
Longmeadow	15,784
Monterey	961
Montgomery	838
Mount Washington	167
Needham	28,886
Rockport	6,952
Sherborn	4,119
Topsfield	6,085
Wenham	4,875
West Newbury	4,235
West Tisbury	2,740
Westhampton	1,607
Weston	11,261
	168,643

**Population figures from the 2020 U.S. Census

Types of Organizations Conducting Bingo

Church or Religious	22
Fraternal	32
Veterans Organization Chartered By Congress of the United States or included in Clause (12) of Section Five of Chapter 40 of the General Laws	8
Non-Profit Athletic Association	2
Other	4
TOTAL	68

Games by Occasion Day

Monday	10
Tuesday	10
Wednesday	11
Thursday	16
Friday	10
Saturday	3
Sunday	8
TOTAL	68

\$3,400.00 Charitable Games License fees of \$50.00 per annum for 2023
(All license fees to the Commission, subject to appropriation).



History of Legislative Authority

Bingo (Beano) was legalized in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on September 29, 1971. Effective September 4, 1973, Chapter 729 of the Acts of 1973 transferred responsibility for control of the operation of Bingo from the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety to the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission. By authority conferred in Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws, Rules and Regulations controlling Bingo were adopted on March 1, 1974 and amended in October 1974, July 1980, November 1991, March 1994 and October 2000.

Effective January 1, 1978, Chapter 219 of the Acts of 1977 transferred responsibility for collection of the five percent Bingo and Raffle/Bazaar (Casino Functions) Tax from the Department of Revenue to the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission. By authority conferred in Section 39A of Chapter 10 of the General Laws, Rules and Regulations Controlling Certain Raffle and Bazaar Permits were adopted earlier and amended in December 1980.

Senior Citizens' Recreational Bingo

Effective March 16, 1984, Chapter 619, Acts of 1983 allowed for the conduct of Recreational Bingo at Senior Citizens' or Golden Age Clubs for the recreation of members. This law requires said organizations apply for an identification number from the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission.

During 2023, the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission had on file 309 identification numbers issued for Senior Citizens' Recreational Bingo. Qualified organizations are provided certificates at no cost.

CHARITABLE GAMING CONTACT INFORMATION

Massachusetts State Lottery at 781-849-5555 (main line); use the following extensions:

Bingo/Charity Games Audits, Financial Reports and Financial Inquiries, Raffles, Casino Functions

Administration - Extension 5527, 5274 & 5292

Auditing - Extension 5527, 5274 & 5292

Accounting - Extension 5527, 5274 & 5292

Bingo Game Operations, Charity Game Tickets, Senior Citizen Recreational Bingo - Extension: 5292

Worcester Region: 339-235-6751



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Lottery District Office
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Lawrence, MA 01801
(978) 975-2674

NEW BEDFORD

Lottery District Office
200 Theodore H. Rice Boulevard
New Bedford, MA 02740
(508) 985-9892

WEST SPRINGFIELD

Lottery District Office
383 Memorial Avenue, Century Plaza
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WORCESTER

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Worcester, MA 01606
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