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2000 CENSUS RESPONSE RATES

TOWN	RESPONSE RATE (%)
ACUSHNET	71
ATTLEBORO	65
BERKLEY	69
CARVER	67
DARTMOUTH	65
DIGHTON	72
FAIRHAVEN	70
FALL RIVER	63
FREETOWN	63
LAKEVILLE	61
MANSFIELD	64
MARION	61
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MIDDLEBOROUGH	66
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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS 2004

Registered Voters

Voter Turnout

Statewide	4,094,718	2,927,455
Acushnet	7,163	1,246
Attleboro	23,462	3,710
Berkley	3,902	349
Carver	7,832	845
Dartmouth	18,943	2,922
Dighton	4,007	572
Fairhaven	10,348	1,771
Fall River	49,611	8,090
Freetown	5,533	786
Lakeville	6,499	767
Mansfield	13,167	1,954
Marion	3,640	643
Mattapoisett	4,618	763
Middleborough	12,943	1,511
New Bedford	51,351	8,548
North Attleborough	18,496	4,297
Norton	9,940	1,257
Plainville	4,998	1,477
Raynham	8,186	912
Rehoboth	7,133	443
Rochester	3,298	372
Seekonk	8,545	829
Somerset	12,296	2,263
Swansea	11,830	1,458
Taunton	32,093	3,621
Wareham	13,270	1,829
Westport	10,190	1,539

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363,294

54,774

% Who Voted

15.1

Source: Election Division, Secretary of State's Office

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NON-INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Groups	Location	Telephone Number
Center for Health & Human Services	COA- Acushnet	(508) 996-3147 x 176
Southcoast Wellness Center	250 Faunce Corner Rd., Dartmouth	(508) 999-2171
Southcoast Mobile		(508) 679-7131
New Bedford Family Planning	651 Orchard St., Suite 11, New Bedford	(508) 984-5333
Women's Health Network	St. Anne's Hospital	(508) 675-5686
American Cancer Society		(888) 648-4880 3-289
Council on Aging	Westport	
Cardiopulmonary Rehab	1135 GAR Hwy, Somerset	(508) 679-7076

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Groups	Location	Telephone Number
Beacon Hospice	45 No. Main St., Fall River	(508) 324-1900
Hospice Outreach	502 Bedford St., Fall River	(508) 673-1589
Southcoast Hospice	28 Sconticut Rd., Fairhaven	(508) 984-0200 x1002

SUPPORT GROUPS

Groups	Location	Telephone Number
Charlton Memorial Hospital Retirees Association	Fall River	(508) 961-5270
Hospice Care Infant Loss	4380 No. Main. St., Fall River	(508) 822-1447
Hospice Outreach Bereavement	502 Bedford St., Fall River	(508) 673-1589
St. Anne's Hospital Oncology Teen Violence Cardiac Care & Rehab Diabetes Kidswise & Safe Sitter	Fall River	(508) 674-5600
Women's Center Child & Adolescent Trauma Latency Age Sexual Abuse	New Bedford	(508) 996-3343
Oncology Center Cancer	480 Hawthorn Pl, N Dartmouth	(508) 970-5858
South Coast Health System Asthma, cardiac, diabetes Ostomy, bereavement	Fall River & New Bedford	
Hospice Care of Greater Taunton Bereavement	244 No. Main St., Raynham	(508) 822-1447
Multiple Sclerosis Society	Onset, Wareham	(800) 493-9255

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COMMUNITY AND CHURCH LOCAL RESOURCES UPDATE 3/04/02

CENTRAL BAPTIST "LOVE IN ACTION" FOOD PANTRY

Nickerson Avenue Middleborough (508) 947-1189

Serving Middleborough and Lakeville. Contact Judy Forant church secretary. Hours Mon. 4-5 PM & Wed. 10:30-11:30 AM (not open on school snow days & Mon. holidays) Accesses 2nd Harvest through Boston Food Bank.

CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL FOOD PANTRY

2 Webster Street Middleborough (508) 947-1256

Serving Middleborough and Lakeville - Pantry hours Mon. 9 - 11AM (not open on school snow days & Mon. holidays) Contact Rev. DePra/or church sec. during office hrs 8:30AM - 11:30AM

MULLEIN HILL BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY

111 Highland Road Lakeville

(508) 947-2898

Call and ask for Evelyn Carver.

STS MARTHA & MARY FOOD PANTRY

Bedford Street Lakeville

(508) 947-2107

Call Kathleen Giberti for services.

SOUTH MIDDLEBOROUGH METHODIST

(508) 947-6131 & (508) 947-2612

Open Saturday mornings for clothing. Contact Rev. Thelma Nauth.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CLOTHING CLOSET

86 Highland Road Lakeville (508) 947-4149

Hours 11AM - 4PM Last Saturday of each month.

MIDDLEBOROUGH WIC (508) 946-0632 open to all in southeastern MA area

Mon & Tues. 8:30 - 4:30 & Th. 11:30 - 7:30 Food vouchers for women, infants, and children

PARISH OUTREACH (Community Based)

340 Centre Street Middleborough (508) 947-5526

Serving MIDDLEBOROUGH ONLY Contact Lucie Brochu - Provides emergency food vouchers, clothing vouchers, some health & beauty aids, some emergency bill payments,

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. Town of MIDDLEBOROUGH

20 Centre Street (508) 946-2408

Contact office for community services

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE Town of MIDDLEBOROUGH

20 Center Street (508) 946-2048

Hours Mon.- Th. 9AM - 10AM & 4PM -5PM; Hours Fri 9AM - 10AM & 3PM - 4PM. Clinics Mon. & Wed. for blood pressure, lead screening and tuberculosis. More - contact for details. Contact for emergency food vouchers & emergency help paying bills.

NORTHEAST HEALTH SERVICES

THE MIDDLEBOROUGH COUNSELLING CENTER

94 South Main Street Middleborough (508) 947-6100

or **(508) 880-6666**

Psychological counselling, contact for appointment hours.

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES INC. (508) 947-0131

Southeast Alternative School 502.5 placement for High School age children

CONWAY HOUSE E. Grove Street (508) 946-8505

Provides temporary housing for women and their under 18 children in training program to enter the work force referred from Brockton Dept. of Transitional Assistance Call Brockton (508) 895-7000 for information.

COA (Council on Aging) & FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

558 Plymouth Street Middleborough

(508) 946-2490

Contact Jeannette Littlefield, Andrea Priest for emergency elder services; other services include - food pantry for elders, meals on wheels, congregate meals at COA; Emergency transportation on a case by case basis.

COA (Council On Aging) & FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

294 Bedford Street Lakeville (508) 947-7224

Hours 7:30AM to 4PM Mon. - Fri. Contact Marilyn Mansfield, for emergency elder services; other services - Salvation Army emergency food vouchers case by case basis, meals on wheels, town fuel assistance program, local transportation within Lakeville and Middleborough for elderly and non-elderly hadicapt; Out of town medical for elderly only.

MASS. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH 100 Rhode Island Road

Lakeville (800) 531 2229

or local **(508) 947-1231**

Provides emergency housing thru "For Families" when referred by welfare office, housing assistance program, WIC, friends or relative of others helped already.

GENERAL EMERGENCY

Fire Emergency 911

Police Emergency 911

Ambulance Emergency 911

Poison Control Center (800) 682-9211

TTY: (617) 355-6089

HOTLINES

CDC National AIDS and STD Hotline* (800) 344-7432

Child At Risk Hotline* (800) 792-5200

Domestic Violence Hotline (877) 785-2020

Department of Social Services (DSS) (508) 531-9500

Child Find Missing Hotline (800) 426-5678

Childhood Lead Poisoning Hotline (800) 532-9571

National Runaway Hotline* (800) 621-4000

Parental Stress Hotline* (800) 632-8188

Parents Helping Parents (800) 882-1250

Samaritan Suicide Hotline* (508) 548-8900

Tough Love Hotline (800) 333-1069

* Indicates 24 hour coverage

ABUSE

BOSTON ALLIANCE FOR GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH

(800) 422-2459 - www.bagly.org

CHILD AT RISK HOTLINE (800) 792-5200

Takes reports of abuse and neglect and take care of any child that is being abused or neglected or is at risk for either when DSS is not available.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE (877)785-2020

Help women and men find services and shelter

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION CENTER (508) 583-6498

A vital information service in southeastern MA, often have most up to date info.

MASS. SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION TO CHILDREN (508) 824-1574

WOMAN'S PLACE CRISIS CENTER (508) 588-2041

RAPE CRISIS CENTER 877-301-HELP Fall River

NEW HOPE 1-(800) 323-HOPE (4673) en Espanol
1-(800) 688-4889

24 hours, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, safety planning, support groups, individual counseling.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

BOSTON ALLIANCE FOR GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH

(800) 422-2459 - www.bagly.org

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN

(508) 823-2937

Helps working parents of pre schoolers pay for child care.

CHILD CARE WORKS 1-(800) 338-1717

Guardians can apply for childcare voucher and childcare referrals are available

OFFICE OF CHILD CARE SERVICES (508) 947-1133

Parents can call and find out if a childcare agency is licensed and ask if there have been complaints against the child care agency and what the complaints were.

CRISIS CENTERS

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FINANCIAL AID

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN (508) 823-2937

Helps working parents of pre schoolers pay for childcare.

MA DEPT. OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE (508) 823 2571

Food stamp applications, and financial assistance to families with children and others who are disabled.

HEALTH CARE

BOSTON ALLIANCE FOR GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH

(800) 422-2459 - www.bagly.org

FAMILY PLANNING (508) 823-6924

Family Planning

STD Testing for Women!

MASSACHUSETTS EATING DISORDER ASSOCIATION

(617) 558-1771

MASSHEALTH 1-(800) 841-2900

Provides access to medical benefits for families, disabled individuals, and elders in the community who meet eligibility requirements.

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD):

1-(800) 633-6233

OFFICE OF CHILD CARE SERVICES (508) 947-1133

Parents can call and find out if a childcare agency is licensed and ask if there have been complaints against the child care agency and what the complaints were.

SMOKE CHECK 823-5400 x1810

Free Smoking Cessation for individuals or in group sessions

Small fee for nicotine replacement treatment

SMOKER'S QUITLINE 1-(800) 879-8678 *en Espanol:

1-(800) 833-5256 - www.trytostop.org

A free, confidential service by the American Cancer Society.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE HOTLINE 1-(800) ALCOHOL

Referral to alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs.

Transportation provided if necessary.

TAUNTON HIGH STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE

DECISIONS (SADD):(508) 821-1125

HIV/AIDS

CDC NATIONAL AIDS and STD HOTLINE

1-(800) 342-AIDS 24 hours

*en Espanol: 1-(800) 344-7432

CDC NATIONAL AIDS and STD HOTLINE

1-(800) 344-2666

STD CLINIC BROCKTON (508) 584-1200

Free testing and counseling. (donations welcome) M & Th. 4:30-6:15 PM

THE YO-LINE AIDS HOTLINE (800) 788-1234

Hours M-F 3 PM-9 PM

FREE TAUNTON WALK IN CLINIC

Community Counseling of Bristol County 59 Broadway (Front) (508) 884-8264

HIV Testing Hours: Tues. 9:00 AM-12:00, Wed. 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Free Anonymous HIV Testing for ages 13+

Pre and Post test counseling

Free Hepatitis C Testing: F 9:30-12:30 PM

For another time call Patricia Medeiros (508) 822-1311

Testing is free and confidential

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS (AA):(508) 775-7080

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA):(617) 884-7709

BOSTON ALLIANCE FOR GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH
(800) 422-2459 - www.bagly.org

LEGAL SERVICES

LCSSI PLYMOUTH AREA OFFICE (508) 746-2777 or
1-(800) 585-4933

TAFDC, MassHealth, Food Stamps, Emergency Assistance to the Elderly, Disabled and Children, Unemployment Compensation, Emergency Assistance, Fuel Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Veterans Services

CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER (781) 581-1977

Deals with parental rights, children's rights, juvenile delinquent, care and protection, and special education.

MENTAL HEALTH

BOSTON ALLIANCE FOR GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH
(800) 422-2459 - www.bagly.org

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES (508) 821-7777

Provides a vast array of mental health and general health services. Call to inquire about a specific service.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (508) 977-3000

Hearing Impaired TTD/TTY: **(508) 285-8096**

24 Hour Crisis Line: **(508) 285-9400**

Comprehensive mental health services for adults and children.

NORTHEAST HEALTH SERVICES

THE MIDDLEBOROUGH COUNSELLING

CENTER (508) 947 6100 or (508) 880 6666

Psychological counselling, contact for appointment hours.

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS (AA):(508) 775-7080

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) (617) 884-7709

ALATEEN/ALANON 1-(800) 344-2666

Gives information and meeting times/places.

RESPECT (508) 226-8286

Program for males who abuse

PARENTING FOR TEENS (UNDER 20)

TAUNTON YOUNG PARENT PROGRAM 1 (800) 526 8400

FOR MORE INFORMATION If you are a teen and pregnant or parenting call for information

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

CASE MANAGEMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (508) 947 1231

Help for parents to direct them to services for complicated health needs, financial aid in purchasing limited home care services

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS (508) 823 9416

With referral from Dept. of Mental Health or Dept. of Mental Retardation provides residential or individual support to adults living independently.

EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRAL DIRECTORY

1 (800) 905 TIES (or 8437)

Home visits to assist parents of children with possible development disabilities prepare for kindergarten – speech, late development etc.

MENTOR, INC. (508) 824 1355

Works with mentally retarded individuals; provide foster care for mentally retarded adults and children.

PERSONAL PURSUITS

- CONTINUING EDUCATION

[Bristol Community College](#)
[Bridgewater State College](#)
[UMASS at Dartmouth](#)
[Fisher College](#)
[Lloyd Center](#)
[Coastal Villages Cooperative](#)
[Soule Homestead Education Center](#)
[Buttonwood Park Zoo](#)

- SPECIAL INTEREST /SPORTS

[Wildlife Conservation](#)
[BirdWatching](#)
[Dietitics/ Nutrition](#)
[Baker Books - Local History](#)
[Camping/Outdoors](#)
[Folk Dancing](#)

- OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES

[Coastal Villages Cooperative](#)
[Teen Link](#)
[Gays & Lesbians \(PRIDE\)](#)
[Women's Center \(MA Safe Houses\)](#)
[Seniors/Elderly Services](#)
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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

UNITED WAY

[Greater Attleboro/Taunton Area](#)
[Greater Fall River Area](#)
[Greater New Bedford Area](#)

JAYCEES

[Greater Taunton Area](#)

LIONS

[Greater Attleboro Area](#)
[Westport](#)

ROTARY

[Attleboro](#)

OTHER

[Heart of Taunton](#)
[Portuguese/American Club](#)
[Audubon Society](#)
[Ten Mile River Watershed Alliance](#)

COMMUNITIES ONLINE

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