

MASSACHUSETTS STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION

# CHARITABLE GAMES

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG  
TREASURER & RECEIVER GENERAL

MARK WILLIAM BRACKEN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





In 2024, Charitable Gaming licensees throughout the Commonwealth reported a total of \$45.2 million in gross revenues, comprised of \$19.3 million from raffles, \$15.1 million from Beano games, \$10.6 million from charity game ticket sales, and \$68,329 from bazaars (casino nights). While this reflects a \$1.77 million decrease in gross revenues compared to 2023, Beano games saw a 4.7 percent increase in revenue, making up 33.5 percent of the total gross receipts for 2024.

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 sports 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 2024. Their tireless commitment and devotion has helped ease some of the financial burden faced by countless charitable organizations across Massachusetts. We are hopeful that 2025 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', followed by a horizontal line.

Mark William Bracken  
Executive Director

# Comprehensive Statement of Receipts & Expenses From Licensees & Permittees

January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

## Gross Receipts

Bingo Games \_\_\_\_\_ \$15,164,993

Charity Game Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,670,418

Raffles \_\_\_\_\_ \$19,315,320

Bazaars (Casino Functions) \_\_\_\_\_ \$68,329

**Total Gross Receipts \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 45,219,060**

## Expenses

Bingo prizes \_\_\_\_\_ \$12,014,682

Charity Game Ticket prizes (estimated) \_\_\_\_\_ \$6,402,251

Bingo taxes \_\_\_\_\_ \$757,959

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

Cost of Charity Game Tickets to licensees \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,067,042

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.

Bingo operating expenses \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,700,633

Raffle prizes & expenses \_\_\_\_\_ \$8,469,947

Raffle taxes \_\_\_\_\_ \$972,364

Bazaar "Casino Function" prizes & expenses \_\_\_\_\_ \$26,381

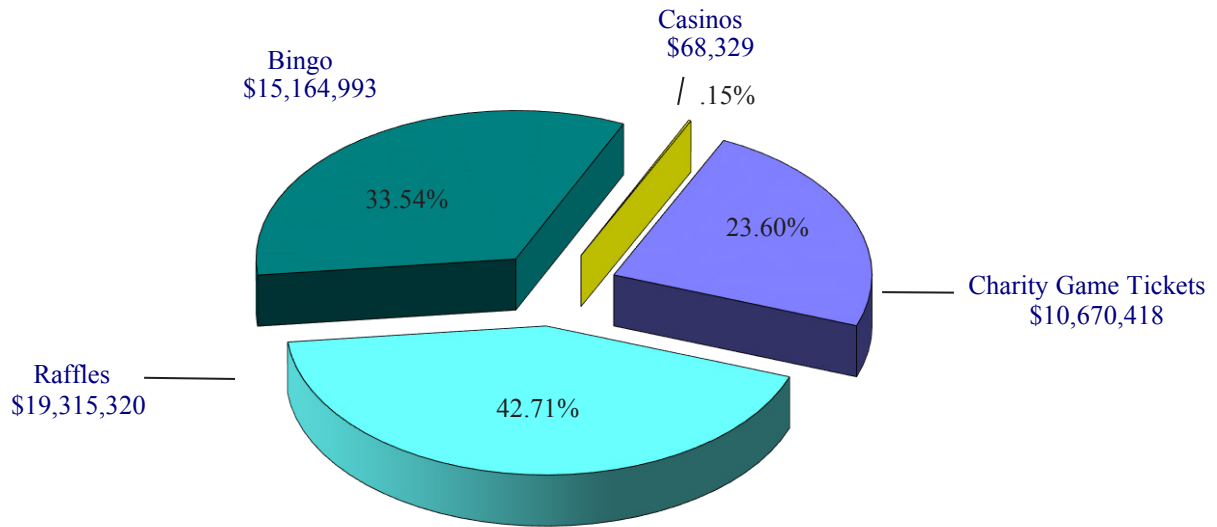
"Casino Function" taxes \_\_\_\_\_ \$3,416

**Total Expenses \_\_\_\_\_ \$32,414,675**

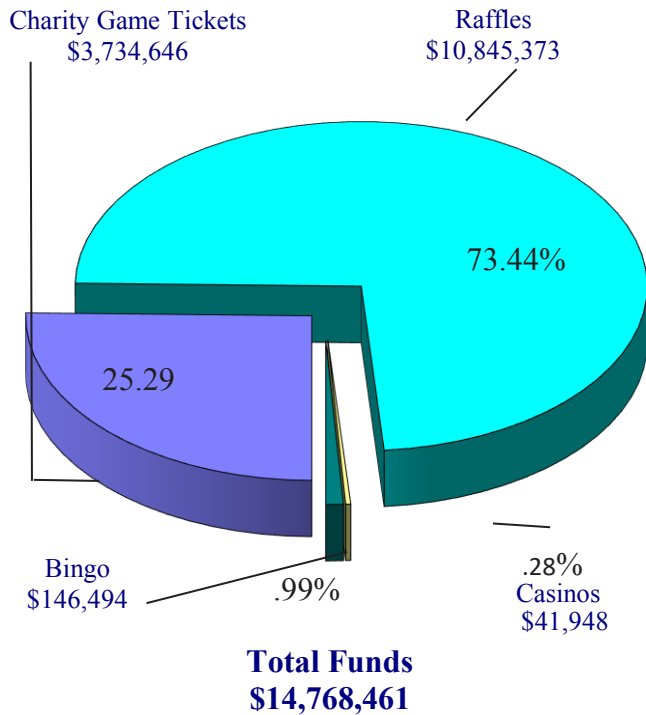
**Net Receipts Available to Charities \_\_\_\_\_ \$12,804,385**



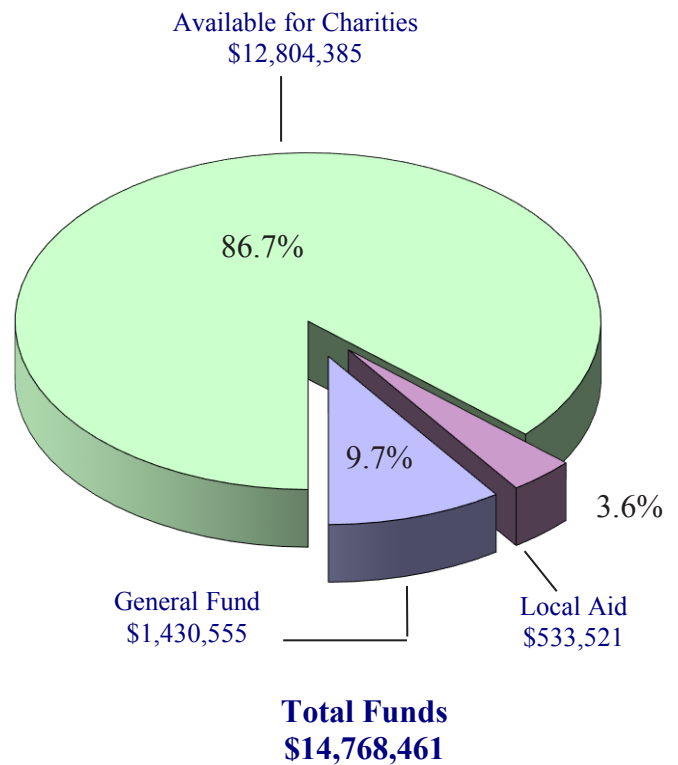
**Total Gross Receipts: \$45,219,060**



**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	228,996	4	\$282,624	\$23.85	\$14,131	(\$82,623)	\$110,229	\$27,605
BERKSHIRE	129,026	4	\$384,055	\$39.26	\$19,203	(\$42,898)	\$105,636	\$62,738
BRISTOL	579,200	5	\$1,646,051	\$38.68	\$82,303	\$113,968	\$301,568	\$415,536
DUKES	20,600	1	\$19,274	\$32.12	\$962	\$101	\$0	\$101
ESSEX	809,829	3	\$744,047	\$39.65	\$37,202	(\$190,472)	\$186,548	(\$3,924)
FRANKLIN	71,029	1	\$107,381	\$34.09	\$5,369	(\$24,321)	\$22,360	(\$1,960)
HAMPDEN	465,825	15	\$3,667,712	\$37.11	\$183,343	\$364,109	\$481,467	\$845,576
HAMPSHIRE	162,308	0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MIDDLESEX	1,632,002	10	\$2,410,426	\$37.65	\$120,528	\$8,323	\$641,165	\$649,488
NANTUCKET	14,255	0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NORFOLK	725,981	4	\$1,114,611	\$41.23	\$55,731	\$50,728	\$278,396	\$329,124
PLYMOUTH	530,819	8	\$2,326,137	\$47.91	\$116,307	(\$190,717)	\$572,006	\$381,289
SUFFOLK	797,936	2	\$772,886	\$37.50	\$38,644	\$75,817	\$186,214	\$262,030
WORCESTER	862,111	9	\$1,689,791	\$37.27	\$84,237	\$147,533	\$315,536	\$463,070
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,029,917</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$15,164,993</b>	<b>\$43.09</b>	<b>\$757,959</b>	<b>\$229,548</b>	<b>\$3,201,125</b>	<b>\$3,430,673</b>

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

NOTE: THESE FIGURES WERE DERIVED FROM UNAUDITED ANNUAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY LICENSED BINGO ORGANIZATIONS

## 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	17,062	1	\$264,244	\$45.96	\$13,212	(\$62,088)	\$35,475	(\$26,614)
Agawam	28,692	1	\$190,873	\$37.06	\$9,498	(\$10,981)	\$31,814	\$20,833
Ashland	18,832	2	\$156,954	\$44.20	\$7,854	(\$2,431)	\$41,185	\$38,753
ATTLEBORO	46,461	1	\$416,725	\$39.74	\$20,836	\$1,048	\$104,833	\$105,880
Auburn	16,889	1	\$387,813	\$45.63	\$19,138	\$49,283	\$46,380	\$95,663
Billerica	42,119	1	\$403,927	\$41.25	\$20,196	(\$18,720)	\$128,699	\$109,979
BOSTON	675,647	1	\$13,875	\$28.73	\$694	\$242	\$2,633	\$2,875
Chelmsford	36,392	1	\$128,722	\$23.45	\$6,436	(\$8,950)	\$54,017	\$45,067
CHICOPEE	55,560	7	\$2,225,822	\$35.14	\$111,294	\$281,066	\$280,249	\$561,316
Eastham	5,752	1	\$104,726	\$30.36	\$5,236	(\$34,846)	\$42,196	\$7,350
FALL RIVER	94,000	1	\$162,055	\$37.58	\$8,103	(\$16,446)	\$22,553	\$6,107
Falmouth	32,517	1	\$85,719	\$38.00	\$4,286	(\$18,942)	\$19,014	\$71
Franklin	33,261	1	\$232,849	\$43.12	\$11,642	\$9,638	\$62,330	\$71,968
GARDNER	21,287	3	\$389,941	\$35.06	\$19,497	(\$21,143)	\$101,279	\$80,137
Greenfield	17,768	1	\$107,381	\$34.09	\$5,369	(\$24,321)	\$22,360	(\$1,960)
Hinsdale	1,919	1	\$27,219	\$37.80	\$1,361	(\$2,820)	\$2,320	(\$500)
Hudson	20,092	1	\$207,853	\$39.73	\$10,393	(\$12,420)	\$62,343	\$49,923
Lee	5,788	1	\$29,908	\$33.68	\$1,495	\$9,483	\$6,940	\$16,423
LEOMINSTER	43,782	1	\$334,586	\$34.49	\$16,729	\$50,667	\$76,761	\$127,428
Ludlow	21,002	3	\$734,929	\$38.25	\$36,747	\$67,388	\$101,253	\$168,641
LYNN	101,253	1	\$186,323	\$34.47	\$9,316	(\$55,189)	\$85,443	\$30,254
MALDEN	66,263	1	\$297,001	\$35.53	\$14,850	\$38,854	\$67,970	\$106,824
Middleborough	24,245	1	\$182,747	\$46.29	\$9,137	(\$13,204)	\$40,471	\$27,267
NEWTON	88,923	1	\$109,612	\$34.53	\$5,481	\$6,068	\$13,979	\$20,047
NORTH ADAMS	12,961	1	\$176,194	\$45.06	\$8,810	(\$32,549)	\$48,863	\$16,314
Northbridge	16,335	1	\$114,155	\$32.76	\$5,708	(\$15,151)	\$37,757	\$22,606
Norton	19,202	1	\$459,731	\$37.71	\$22,987	\$66,747	\$90,257	\$157,005

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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
Norwood	31,611	1	\$123,236	\$33.07	\$6,162	(\$10,171)	\$23,897	\$13,725
Palmer	12,448	2	\$243,869	\$38.64	\$12,193	\$21,699	\$36,469	\$58,168
PEABODY	54,481	2	\$557,724	\$42.24	\$27,886	(\$135,283)	\$101,105	(\$34,178)
Pembroke	18,361	1	\$390,559	\$49.13	\$19,528	(\$20,669)	\$92,202	\$71,532
PITTSFIELD	43,927	1	\$150,734	\$40.48	\$7,537	(\$17,011)	\$47,513	\$30,501
Provincetown	3,664	1	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
QUINCY	101,636	1	\$554,134	\$53.80	\$27,707	\$92,847	\$145,487	\$238,334
REVERE	62,186	1	\$759,011	\$46.28	\$37,951	\$75,574	\$183,581	\$259,155
Sandwich	20,259	1	\$92,179	\$27.05	\$4,609	(\$28,835)	\$49,019	\$20,184
SOMERVILLE	81,045	1	\$365,279	\$43.92	\$18,264	\$13,309	\$78,357	\$91,666
Southwick	9,232	1	\$38,256	\$27.60	\$1,913	(\$1,679)	\$1,316	(\$364)
Spencer	11,992	1	\$85,057	\$35.53	\$4,253	(\$511)	\$9,403	\$8,892
SPRINGFIELD	155,929	1	\$233,962	\$53.97	\$11,698	\$6,616	\$30,366	\$36,982
TAUNTON	59,408	1	\$157,496	\$34.94	\$7,875	(\$24,315)	\$28,024	\$3,709
Tewksbury	31,342	2	\$435,068	\$34.48	\$21,754	(\$26,125)	\$105,424	\$79,299
Tisbury	4,815	1	\$19,274	\$32.12	\$962	\$101	\$0	\$101
Wareham	23,303	2	\$413,341	\$47.97	\$20,667	(\$11,318)	\$90,519	\$79,201
Watertown	35,329	1	\$306,011	\$44.93	\$15,301	\$18,739	\$89,191	\$107,930
West Bridgewater	7,707	2	\$800,605	\$53.56	\$40,030	(\$28,567)	\$215,881	\$187,314
Westborough	21,567	1	\$11,416	\$23.16	\$571	\$3,049	\$0	\$3,049
Westport	16,339	1	\$450,044	\$43.41	\$22,502	\$86,934	\$55,901	\$142,835
Weymouth	57,437	1	\$204,392	\$34.94	\$10,220	(\$41,586)	\$46,683	\$5,097
Whitman	15,121	1	\$274,642	\$38.84	\$13,732	(\$54,870)	\$97,459	\$42,588
WORCESTER	206,518	1	\$366,823	\$58.69	\$18,341	\$81,339	\$43,957	\$125,295
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,649,661</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$15,164,993</b>	<b>\$43.09</b>	<b>\$757,959</b>	<b>\$229,548</b>	<b>\$3,201,125</b>	<b>\$3,430,673</b>

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CITY/TOWN*	POP.**	CITY/TOWN*	POP.**	CITY/TOWN*	POP.**
Acushnet	10,559	Chatham	6,594	Grafton	19,664
Adams	8,166	CHELSEA	40,787	Granby	6,110
Alford	486	Cheshire	3,258	Granville	1,538
AMESBURY	17,366	Chester	1,228	Great Barrington	7,172
Amherst	39,263	Chesterfield	1,186	Groton	11,315
Andover	36,569	Clarksburg	1,657	Groveland	6,752
Arlington	46,308	Clinton	15,428	Hadley	5,325
Ashburnham	6,315	Cohasset	8,381	Halifax	7,749
Ashby	3,193	Colrain	1,606	Hamilton	7,561
Ashfield	1,695	Conway	1,761	Hampden	4,966
Athol	11,945	Cummington	829	Hancock	757
Avon	4,777	Dalton	6,330	Hanover	14,833
Ayer	8,479	Danvers	28,087	Hanson	10,639
Barnstable	48,916	Dartmouth	33,783	Hardwick	2,667
Barre	5,530	Dedham	25,364	Harwich	13,440
Becket	1,931	Deerfield	5,090	Hatfield	3,352
Bedford	14,383	Dennis	14,674	HAVERHILL	67,787
Belchertown	15,350	Dighton	8,101	Hawley	353
Bellingham	16,945	Douglas	8,983	Heath	723
Belmont	27,295	Dracut	32,617	Hingham	24,284
Berkley	6,764	Dudley	11,921	Holbrook	11,405
Berlin	3,158	Duxbury	16,090	Holden	19,905
Bernardston	2,102	East Bridgewater	14,440	Holland	2,603
BEVERLY	42,670	East Brookfield	2,224	Holliston	14,996
Blackstone	9,208	East Longmeadow	16,430	HOLYOKE	38,238
Blandford	1,215	EASTHAMPTON	16,211	Hopedale	6,017
Boxborough	5,506	Easton	25,058	Hopkinton	18,758
Bourne	20,452	Edgartown	5,168	Hubbardston	4,328
Boylston	4,849	Egremont	1,372	Hull	10,072
Braintree	39,143	Erving	1,665	Huntington	2,094
Brewster	10,318	Essex	3,675	Ipswich	13,785
Bridgewater	28,633	EVERETT	49,075	Kingston	13,708
Brimfield	3,694	Fairhaven	15,924	Lakeville	11,523
BROCKTON	105,643	Fitchburg	41,946	Lancaster	8,441
Brookfield	3,439	Florida	694	Lanesborough	3,038
Brookline	63,191	Foxborough	18,618	LAWRENCE	89,143
Buckland	1,816	Framingham	72,362	Leicester	11,087
Burlington	26,377	Freetown	9,206	Lenox	5,095
CAMBRIDGE	118,403	Georgetown	8,470	Leverett	1,865
Canton	24,370	Gill	1,551	Lexington	34,454
Carver	11,645	Gloucester	29,729	Leyden	734
Charlton	13,315	Goshen	960	Littleton	10,141
Charlemont	1,185	Gosnold	70	LOWELL	115,554

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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.**
Lunenburg	11,782	Northborough	15,741	Shirley	7,431
Lynnfield	13,000	Northfield	2,866	Shrewsbury	38,325
Manchester-by-the-Sea	5,395	NORTHAMPTON	29,571	Shutesbury	1,717
Mansfield	23,860	Norwell	11,351	Somerset	18,303
Marblehead	20,441	Oak Bluffs	5,341	South Hadley	18,150
Marion	5,347	Oakham	1,851	Southampton	6,224
MARLBOROUGH	41,793	Orange	7,569	Southborough	10,450
Marshfield	25,825	Orleans	6,307	Southbridge	17,740
Mashpee	15,060	Otis	1,634	Sterling	7,985
Mattapoietts	6,508	Oxford	13,347	Stockbridge	2,018
Maynard	10,746	Paxton	5,004	Stoneham	23,244
Medfield	12,799	Pelham	1,280	Stoughton	29,281
MEDFORD	59,659	Pepperell	11,604	Stow	7,174
Medway	13,115	Peru	814	Sturbridge	9,867
MELROSE	29,817	Petersham	1,194	Sudbury	18,934
Mendon	6,228	Phillipston	1,726	Sunderland	3,663
Merrimac	6,723	Plainfield	633	Sutton	9,357
METHUEN	53,059	Plainville	9,945	Swampscott	15,111
Middlefield	385	Plymouth	61,217	Swansea	17,144
Middleton	9,779	Plympton	2,930	Templeton	8,149
Milford	30,379	Princeton	3,495	Tolland	471
Millbury	13,831	Randolph	34,984	Townsend	9,127
Millis	8,460	Raynham	15,142	Truro	2,454
Millville	3,174	Reading	25,518	Tyngsborough	12,380
Milton	28,630	Rehoboth	12,502	Tyringham	427
Monroe	118	Richmond	1,407	Upton	8,000
Monson	8,150	Rochester	5,717	Uxbridge	14,162
Montague	8,580	Rockland	17,803	Wakefield	27,090
Nahant	3,334	Rowe	424	Wales	1,832
Nantucket	14,255	Rowley	6,161	Walpole	26,383
Natick	37,006	Royalston	1,250	WALTHAM	65,218
New Ashford	250	Russell	1,643	Ware	10,066
NEW BEDFORD	101,079	Rutland	9,049	Warren	4,975
New Braintree	996	SALEM	44,480	Warwick	780
New Marlborough	1,528	Salisbury	9,236	Washington	494
New Salem	983	Sandisfield	989	Wayland	13,943
Newbury	6,716	Saugus	28,619	Webster	17,776
NEWBURYPORT	18,289	Savoy	645	Wellesley	29,550
Norfolk	11,662	Scituate	19,063	Wellfleet	3,566
North Andover	30,915	Seekonk	15,531	Wendell	924
North Attleboro	30,834	Sharon	18,575	West Boylston	7,877
North Brookfield	4,735	Sheffield	3,327	West Brookfield	3,833
North Reading	15,554	Shelburne	1,884	WESTFIELD	40,834

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

CITY/TOWN*	POP.**
West Springfield	28,835
West Stockbridge	1,343
Westford	24,643
Westminster	8,213
Westwood	16,266
Whately	1,607
Wilbraham	14,613
Williamsburg	2,504
Williamstown	7,513
Wilmington	23,349
Winchendon	10,364
Winchester	22,970
Windsor	831
Winthrop	19,316
WOBURN	40,876
Worthington	1,193
Wrentham	12,178
Yarmouth	25,023
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,199,355</b>

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## Towns That Voted Against Bingo

TOWN	POPULATION**
Acton	24,021
Aquinnah	439
Bolton	5,665
Boxford	8,203
Carlisle	5,237
Chilmark	1,212
Concord	18,491
Dover	5,923
Dunstable	3,358
Harvard	6,851
Lincoln	7,014
Longmeadow	15,853
Monterey	1,095
Montgomery	819
Mount Washington	160
Needham	32,091
Rockport	6,992
Sherborn	4,401
Topsfield	6,569
Wenham	4,979
West Newbury	4,500
West Tisbury	3,555
Westhampton	1,622
Weston	11,851
	180,901

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## 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	7
Non-Profit Athletic Association	2
Other	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>

## Games by Occasion Day

Monday	12
Tuesday	10
Wednesday	10
Thursday	15
Friday	9
Saturday	4
Sunday	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>

\$3,500.00 Charitable Games License fees of \$50.00 per annum for 2024  
(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 2024, the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission had on file 325 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





## Massachusetts State Lottery Contact Information

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### **BRAINTREE**

Lottery District Office  
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Braintree, MA 02184  
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### **LAWRENCE**

Lottery District Office  
Stadium Plaza  
160 Winthrop Avenue  
Lawrence, MA 01843  
(978) 975-2674

### **NEW BEDFORD**

Lottery District Office  
200 Theodore Rice Boulevard  
New Bedford, MA 02745  
(508) 985-9892

### **WEST SPRINGFIELD**

Lottery District Office  
383 Memorial Avenue, Century Plaza  
West Springfield, MA 01089  
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### **WORCESTER**

Lottery District Office  
135 Gold Star Boulevard  
Worcester, MA 01606  
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