

**2026**  
**Western WORCESTER COUNTY, MA HMFA (HUD Metro FMR Area)**  
 MassHousing WORKFORCE HOUSING (Opportunity Fund) PROGRAM  
**INCOME AND RENT LIMITS**  
 (Effective Date: 05/1/2026 for 2026)

<b>INCOME LIMITS</b> [For HUD's Assisted Housing Programs; Multifamily Tax Subsidy Projects - "MTSP" and MassHousing's Workforce Housing (WFH) Program]									
<i>Percentage Change from 2025:</i> <span style="color: red;">-0.29%</span>									
Western WORCESTER CO Area MEDIAN: <span style="color: blue;">\$102,000</span>									
	<b>1 PERSON</b>	<b>2 PERSON</b>	<b>3 PERSONS</b>	<b>4 PERSONS</b>	<b>5 PERSONS</b>	<b>6 PERSONS</b>	<b>7 PERSONS</b>	<b>8 PERSONS</b>	
STANDARD Adjustment for Family Size:	\$71,400	\$81,600	\$91,800	\$102,000	\$110,160	\$118,320	\$126,480	\$134,640	
Percent of Median:	70%	80%	90%	100%	108%	116%	124%	132%	
<b>50% of MEDIAN "VERY LOW INCOME" <sup>1</sup></b>									
HUD-Published Limits:	<span style="color: blue;">\$46,100</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$52,700</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$59,300</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$65,850</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$71,150</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$76,400</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$81,700</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$86,950</span>	
<b>60% of MEDIAN - "MTSP" (Multifamily Tax Subsidy Projects) - LIHTC Limits</b>									
HUD-Published Limits:	<span style="color: blue;">\$55,320</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$63,240</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$71,160</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$79,020</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$85,380</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$91,680</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$98,040</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$104,340</span>	
<small>120% of 50% (60%/50%) [Round to \$10.]</small>									
<b>70% of MEDIAN - NEF Ch. 40B</b>									
Lower of Published 80% or 70% (140% of 50%):	\$64,540	\$73,780	\$83,020	\$92,190	\$99,610	\$106,960	\$114,380	\$121,730	
<small>140% of 50% (70%/50%) [Round to \$10.]</small>	\$64,540	\$73,780	\$83,020	\$92,190	\$99,610	\$106,960	\$114,380	\$121,730	
<small>EOHLC Homeownership (70% of 80% Converted to 100%):</small>	\$64,531	\$73,763	\$82,994	\$92,181	\$99,575	\$106,969	\$114,319	\$121,713	
<b>70% of MEDIAN "WORKFORCE HOUSING" - MassHousing Program Limits</b>									
Per Program Formula	<span style="color: blue;">\$64,550</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$73,800</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$83,050</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$92,200</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$99,650</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$107,000</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$114,400</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$121,750</span>	
<small>140% of 50% (70%/50%) [Roundup to \$50.]</small>				<small>Dollar Change from 2025: \$5,300</small>					
				<small>Percentage Change from 2025: <sup>5</sup> 6.10%</small>					
<b>80% of MEDIAN "LOW INCOME" <sup>2</sup> - (For HUD's Assisted Housing Programs &amp; MassHousing Statutory Minimum in certain cities and towns)<sup>3</sup></b>									
HUD-Published Section 8 Limits:	<span style="color: blue;">\$73,750</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$84,300</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$94,850</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$105,350</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$113,800</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$122,250</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$130,650</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$139,100</span>	
<b>80% of MEDIAN "WORKFORCE HOUSING"<sup>4</sup> - MassHousing Program Limits</b>									
Greater of HUD Published 80% or Uncapped 80%:	<span style="color: blue;">\$73,800</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$84,350</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$94,900</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$105,400</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$113,850</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$122,250</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$130,750</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$139,150</span>	
<small>Uncapped = 160% of 50% (80%/50%) [Roundup to \$50.]</small>				<small>Dollar Change from 2025: \$6,100</small>					
				<small>Percentage Change from 2025: <sup>5</sup> 6.14%</small>					
<b>"WORKFORCE HOUSING" - MassHousing Program Limits</b>									
<b>90% of MEDIAN</b>									
<small>180% of 50% (90%/50%) [Roundup to \$50.]</small>	<span style="color: blue;">\$83,000</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$94,900</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$106,750</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$118,550</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$128,100</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$137,550</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$147,100</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$156,550</span>	
<b>100% of MEDIAN</b>									
<small>Lesser of 200% of 50% (100%/50%) or actual 100%:</small>	<span style="color: blue;">\$92,200</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$105,400</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$118,600</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$131,700</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$142,300</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$152,800</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$163,400</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$173,900</span>	
<small>Or Greater of when actual 100% is &lt; 90%/50% [Roundup to \$50.]</small>									
<b>110% of MEDIAN</b>									
<small>220% of 50% (110%/50%) [Roundup to \$50.]</small>	<span style="color: blue;">\$101,450</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$115,950</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$130,500</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$144,900</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$156,550</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$168,100</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$179,750</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$191,300</span>	
<b>120% of MEDIAN</b>									
<small>240% of 50% (120%/50%) [Roundup to \$50.]</small>	<span style="color: blue;">\$110,650</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$126,500</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$142,350</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$158,050</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$170,800</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$183,400</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$196,100</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$208,700</span>	
<b>130% of MEDIAN</b>									
<small>260% of 50% (130%/50%) [Round to \$50.]</small>	<span style="color: blue;">\$119,900</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$137,050</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$154,200</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$171,250</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$185,000</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$198,650</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$212,450</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$226,100</span>	
<b>140% of MEDIAN</b>									
<small>280% of 50% (140%/50%) [Round to \$50.]</small>	<span style="color: blue;">\$129,100</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$147,600</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$166,050</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$184,400</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$199,250</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$213,950</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$228,800</span>	<span style="color: blue;">\$243,500</span>	

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**NOTE 1:**

50% of Median "Very Low Income" Limits (VLIL): The VLIL published by HUD reflect certain adjustments to the preliminary 4-Person 50% of median family income in the applicable MSA or HUD Metro FMR Area (HMFA) required by statute or HUD policy, including the cap on year-to-year increases described in Note 5 below. For more information, see:

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**NOTE 2:**

80% of Median "Low Income" Limits (LIL): The LIL published by HUD are set at 1.6 times the 50% "Very Low Income" Limits, but are capped by HUD at the U.S. median family income, subject to adjustment in "high housing cost" areas. In 2026 the "high housing cost" exception **does NOT** apply in the [Western WORCESTER COUNTY, MA HMFA](#). The limits are further subject to HUD's cap on year-to-year increase described in Note 5 below.

**NOTE 3:**

**MassHousing Statutory Requirement:** Applicable for units used to meet MassHousing's statutory affordability requirements in cities or towns with housing authorities operating federally-assisted public housing. By statute, all developments financed by MassHousing must set aside at least 20% of units for "persons and families whose annual income is equal to or less than the maximum amount which would make them eligible for units owned or leased by the housing authority in the city or town in which the project or the residence for which the mortgage loan is sought is located or, in the event that there is no housing authority, that amount which is established as the maximum for eligibility for low-rent units" by EOHLIC. Under current HUD regulations, the maximum income eligibility for federally-assisted housing authority units is equal to the Section 8/Public Housing Low Income (80%) Limits published by HUD. Also see below statutory rent limit note related to utility allowances.

**NOTE 4:**

80% AMI MassHousing Workforce Housing Program: Only applicable for units which are not used to satisfy the MassHousing statutory 20% set-aside requirement (Note 3). MassHousing calculates the 80% AMI income and rent limits for Workforce Housing units that are not used to satisfy the statutory set-aside requirement without regard to the caps and adjustments used by HUD to calculate its Section 8/Public Housing Low Income (80%) Limits. Per HUD standards, the very low-income limits (usually based on 50 percent of MFI - See Note 1) are the basis for all other income limits including all Workforce Housing limits.

**NOTE 5:**

5-Percent Rule, Ceilings & Floor Adjustment, and 10% Cap (As stated by HUD's FY 2024 Income Limits Documentation System): "Since FY 2010, HUD has not allowed income limits to decrease by more than five percent, and not allowed income limits to increase by the greater of five percent or twice the annual change in national median family income. Pursuant to Federal Register [Notice FR-6436-N- 01](#), for FY 2024 and beyond, HUD is modifying this rule such that the ceiling can never exceed ten percent." Because, as calculated by HUD, twice the increase in national median family income for **FY2026** is **greater than 10%**, under this modified rule, the **income limit increase in all areas is capped at 10.0%**.

*When WFH Program income & rent limits decline, existing MassHousing WFH developments, placed in service or receiving funding commitments prior to **5/1/2026**, may be subject to the special EOHLIC "Hold Harmless" Income Limits Policy for developments that do not include federal subsidies (the "EOHLIC HOLD HARMLESS Policy"). Contact MassHousing for additional information in this regard.*

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**AFFORDABLE RENT LIMITS (Including MTSP)**

Calculation of Rent: (Based on 1.5 Persons / BR)	STUDIO			1 BEDROOM		2 BEDROOM		3 BEDROOM		4 BEDROOM		5 BEDROOM	
	1 Person Limit / 12 x 30% - Round Down	1 Pers.+ 2 Pers. Limit / 2 / 12 x 30% - Round Down	3 Person Limit / 12 x 30% - Round Down	4 Pers.+ 5 Pers. Limit / 2 / 12 x 30% - Round Down	6 Person Limit / 12 x 30% - Round Down	7 Pers.+ 8 Pers. Limit / 2 / 12 x 30% - Round Down	8 Pers.+ 9 Pers. Limit / 2 / 12 x 30% - Round Down	10 Pers.+ 11 Pers. Limit / 2 / 12 x 30% - Round Down	12 Pers.+ 13 Pers. Limit / 2 / 12 x 30% - Round Down	14 Pers.+ 15 Pers. Limit / 2 / 12 x 30% - Round Down	16 Pers.+ 17 Pers. Limit / 2 / 12 x 30% - Round Down	18 Pers.+ 19 Pers. Limit / 2 / 12 x 30% - Round Down	20 Pers.+ 21 Pers. Limit / 2 / 12 x 30% - Round Down
<b>30% of 50% of MEDIAN "VERY LOW INCOME"</b>													
RENTS (Per Published Limits):	\$1,152	\$1,235	\$1,482	\$1,712	\$1,910	\$2,108							
<b>30% of 60% of MEDIAN - "MTSP" (Multifamily Tax Subsidy Projects) - LIHTC Rent Limits</b>													
RENTS (Per Published Limits):	\$1,383	\$1,482	\$1,779	\$2,055	\$2,292	\$2,529							
<b>30% of 70% of MEDIAN "WORKFORCE HOUSING" - MassHousing Program Limits</b>													
RENTS (Per Program Formula): Based on 50% Limits	\$1,613	\$1,729	\$2,076	\$2,398	\$2,675	\$2,951							
<b>30% of 80% of MEDIAN "LOW INCOME" - (For HUD's Assisted Housing Programs &amp; MassHousing Statutory Minimum in certain cities and towns)</b>													
RENTS (Per Published Limits):	\$1,843	\$1,975	\$2,371	\$2,739	\$3,056	\$3,371							
NOTE: Gross rents shown. By statute, rents payable by tenants occupying units used to satisfy the statutory 20% set-aside requirement must be <u>net of a utility allowance</u> calculated using a method approved by MassHousing.													
<b>30% of 80% of MEDIAN "WORKFORCE HOUSING" - MassHousing Program Limits</b>													
RENTS (Per Program Formula): (Greater of HUD Published 80% or Uncapped 80%)	\$1,845	\$1,976	\$2,372	\$2,740	\$3,056	\$3,373							
		<i>Dollar Change from 2025:</i>	<i>\$137</i>										
		<i>Percentage Change from 2025:</i>	<i>6.13%</i>										
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<b>30% of 90% of MEDIAN:</b> Based on 50% Limits	\$2,075	\$2,223	\$2,668	\$3,083	\$3,438	\$3,795							
<b>30% of 100% of MEDIAN:</b> Based on 50% Limits	\$2,305	\$2,470	\$2,965	\$3,425	\$3,820	\$4,216							
<b>30% of 110% of MEDIAN:</b> Based on 50% Limits	\$2,536	\$2,717	\$3,262	\$3,768	\$4,202	\$4,638							
<b>30% of 120% of MEDIAN:</b> Based on 50% Limits	\$2,766	\$2,964	\$3,558	\$4,110	\$4,585	\$5,060							
<b>Provided for Market Rent Tier Comparison Only</b>													
<b>30% of 130% of MEDIAN:</b> Based on 50% Limits	\$2,997	\$3,211	\$3,855	\$4,453	\$4,966	\$5,481							
<b>30% of 140% of MEDIAN:</b> Based on 50% Limits	\$3,227	\$3,458	\$4,151	\$4,795	\$5,348	\$5,903							
<b>FY 2026 SECTION 8 FAIR MARKET RENTS (FMR'S)</b>													
Section 8 FMR's (As Published): <i>Effective 10/01/2025</i>	\$1,096	\$1,200	\$1,532	\$2,131	\$2,570	\$2,956							