

# Massachusetts residents to pay some of the highest lifetime taxes in the United States

A recent study titled 'A Life of Tax: How Much Tax Will Americans Pay Over Their Lifetime?' has revealed that residents of Massachusetts are among those who will pay some of the highest lifetime taxes in the United States.

According to the study, the average American will pay approximately \$524,625 in taxes throughout their lifetime, which accounts for about a third (34.7%) of their estimated lifetime earnings of \$1,494,986. Massachusetts residents, however, are expected to pay even more, with a total lifetime tax burden of \$816,700.

C State	Tax
● 1. New Jersey	\$987,117
● 2. D.C.	\$884,820
● 3. Connecticut	\$855,307
● 4. Massachusetts	\$816,700
● 5. New York	\$748,199
● 6. New Hampshire	\$722,610
● 7. Rhode Island	\$684,828
● 8. Illinois	\$665,286
● 9. California	\$659,224
● 10. Maryland	\$655,454

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TOTAL TAX:

**\$816,700**

The average resident of Massachusetts will pay the following over their lifetime:

**Tax on earnings:** \$374,256

**Tax on personal expenses:** \$52,039

**Tax on property:** \$325,086

**Tax on cars:** \$65,319

The study breaks down the taxes into different categories. For Massachusetts residents, the tax on earnings is estimated to be \$374,256 over a lifetime. Additionally, tax on personal expenses, including food, clothing, personal care, and entertainment, is projected to be \$52,039. Property tax will add another \$325,086, and owning the most popular car (Toyota Rav 4) will cost an additional \$65,319 in tax payments alone, across the average four cars owned in a lifetime.

These figures place Massachusetts as the fourth highest state in terms of lifetime taxes, following New Jersey, Washington D.C., and Connecticut. Residents of New Jersey are expected to pay the most, with a total lifetime tax burden of \$987,117.

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## **Maintenance scheduled for New Bedford & Fall River Bridges to cause road closures**

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced upcoming overnight maintenance and debris removal on three key bridges in the New Bedford and Fall River areas.

Starting at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, through 6 a.m. the next morning, road closures and rolling roadblocks will be in effect for the following bridges:

**Braga Bridge:** Street sweeping will be conducted, requiring rolling roadblocks.

**Veterans Memorial Bridge:** Maintenance work will be performed, with state police implementing rolling roadblocks.

**New Bedford-Fairhaven Swing Bridge:** Maintenance activities

will take place during this period.

MassDOT advises drivers to exercise caution, reduce speed, and plan for potential delays while traveling through these areas.

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## **New Bedford Police arrest two in Fentanyl trafficking operation**

NEW BEDFORD – On Thursday, April 4th, Detective Jonathan Miranda concluded his investigation into a fentanyl distribution operation, which culminated in a search warrant execution at 164 Richmond St. The targets of the investigation were 40-year-old ANTONIO CONCEPCION-DIAZ and 39-year-old YARISBETH ROJAS-LOPEZ, both of that address.

In addition to the residence, search warrants were secured for two vehicles connected to the suspects.

As a result of the search that followed, detectives located approximately 365 grams of fentanyl and 16 grams of cocaine, along with scales and packaging materials used in the preparation of narcotics for illicit sale. Additionally, \$4,287 in cash was located and seized due to the nature of the defendants' charges.

Both parties were placed under arrest and charged with trafficking fentanyl in excess of 200 grams, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, and conspiracy to violate the controlled substance laws.

“As the opiate crisis continues to take lives at an alarming rate all across the country, our officers continue to target

the biggest offenders who are perpetuating the problem. We continue to fight this epidemic on multiple fronts, and I'm proud of all the efforts aimed at saving lives."

-Chief Paul Oliveira



*New Bedford Police Department photo.*

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**Graphic bodycam video shows**

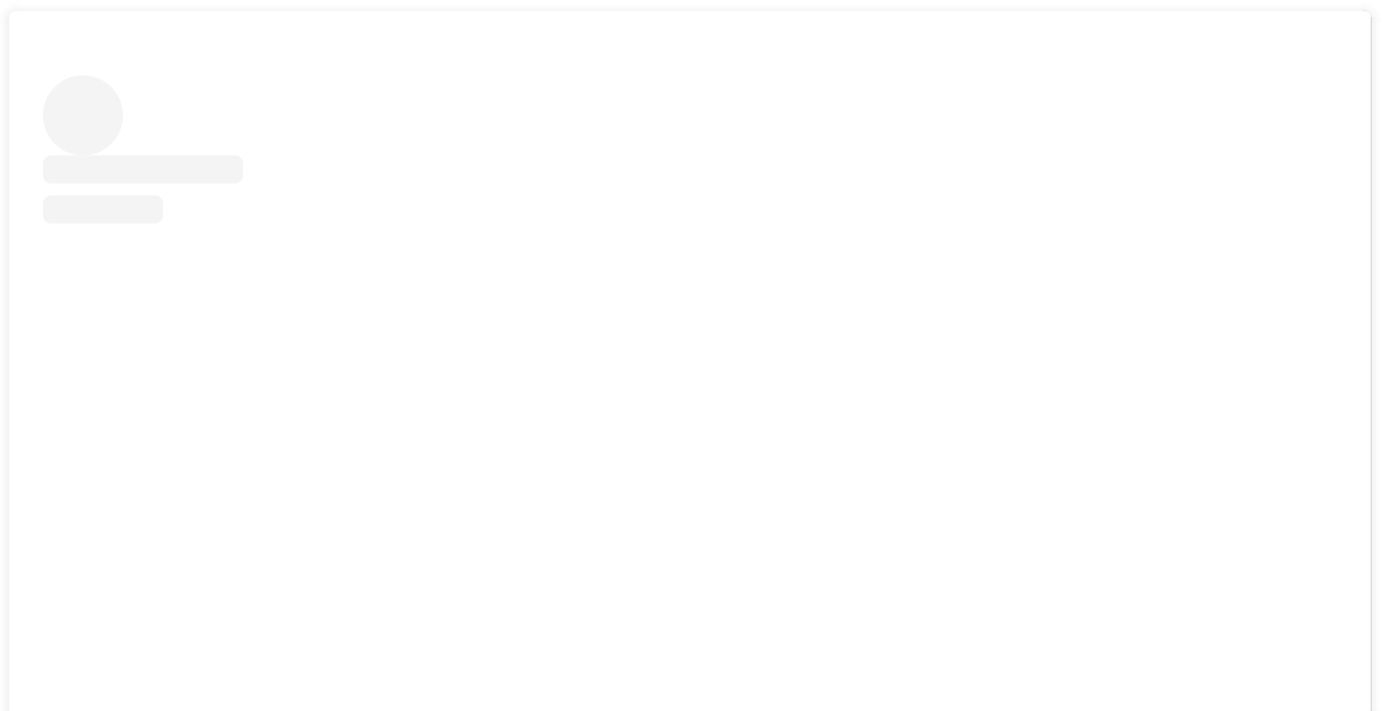
# why former Massachusetts Policer Officer is facing federal charges

Justin Chappell, a Former Weymouth Police officer, is facing federal charges in relation to a police brutality incident which was caught on police body-cams. The incident occurred on July 2nd, 2022 in Weymouth, Massachusetts.

According to police reports, Chappell and other patrolmen responded to a report of an intoxicated man, identified as Donald McAdam, causing a disturbance. Police say McAdam was uncooperative, resisted arrest and spit on an officer.

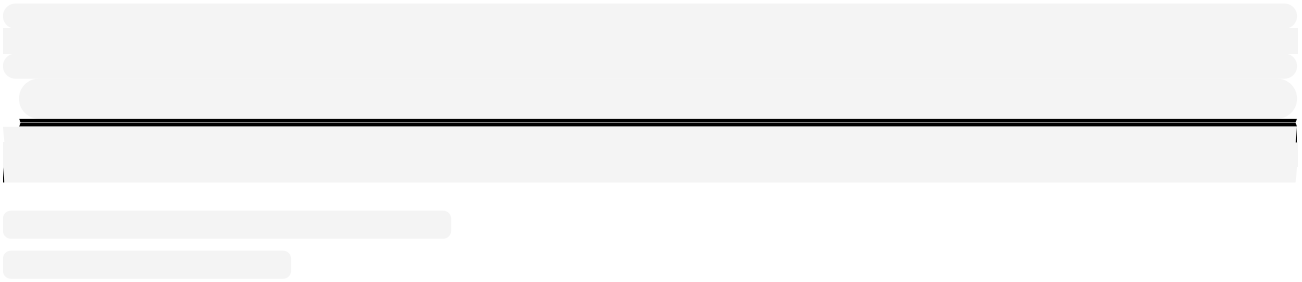
The body-cam footage shows Chappell punching the suspect in the face at least 12 times while the suspect was handcuffed in the back of the cruiser. The Massachusetts U.S. Attorney's Office announced that Chappell has been charged with one count of deprivation of rights under color of law.

Warning, the video below shows the alleged incident and contains graphic footage.





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# Elon Musk weighs in on Martha's Vineyard migrant legal battle

In September of 2022 Governor DeSantis flew migrants to wealthy areas across the country, most notably Martha's Vineyard in an attempt to make liberal locations feel the impacts of lax immigration policies.

Now, in April of 2024, a federal judge in Massachusetts has ruled that migrants who were flown to Martha's Vineyard by order of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, can proceed with a

lawsuit against the charter flight company that flew them to the island.

However, the judge did also dismiss claims against Governor DeSantis and other political figures named in the suit.

The Massachusetts judge allowing migrants to proceed with this lawsuit has sparked controversy, as many feel that President Biden is currently doing this on a larger scale, specifically targeting Governor Desantis State of Florida.

New data published from the Center for Immigration Studies has revealed over 320,000 migrants have been flown into Miami, Florida by order of President Biden.

**Top receiving OFOs**

Miami	326,000
Houston	21,964
Los Angeles	8,382
San Francisco	4,578
Atlanta	4,515
Boston	4,879
Baltimore	3,784
Chicago	1,556

Following the release of this information and the Massachusetts judge allowing this lawsuit to proceed, Elon Musk weighed in on the controversy.

Musk noted,

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*– Elon Musk (@elonmusk) April 3, 2024*

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## **New Bedford has seen a 91% increase in “Shots Fired” incidents within the past 5 years**

New Bedford has seen a 91% increase in reported “Shots fired” in the city within the past 5 years, according to the 2023 Annual Crime Report by the New Bedford Police Department.

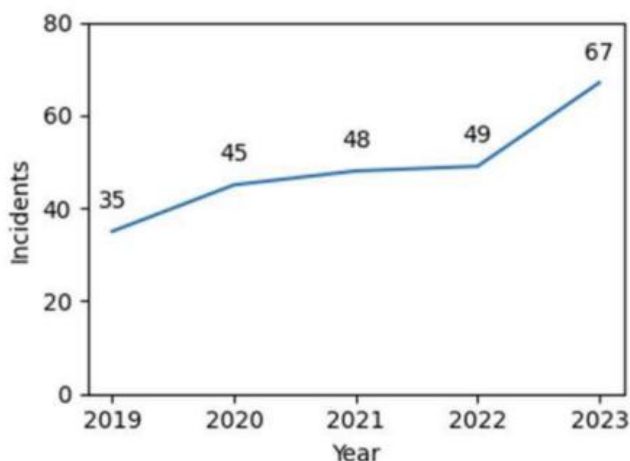
With 35 incidents of shots fired reported in 2019 we have since seen a steady increase year over year until a sharp jump in 2023.



### 13. Shots Fired

There were 67 confirmed shots fired in New Bedford in 2023, an increase of 32 incidents, (91%), from 2019 when there were 35 confirmed incidents. Of these 67 shots fired incidents, 3 were fatal, 21 resulted in the injury of a total of 24 victims, and 42 resulted in property damage. In 16 cases there was no property damage, injuries or fatalities, with other evidence such as shell casings or CCTV footage confirming the incident.

**Figure 13.1 Confirmed Shots-Fired Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2019-2023**



**Table 13.1 Shots Fired Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2023**

Shots-Fired Category	Count
Fatal	3
Non-Fatal	21 (24 victims)
Property Damage	42
Other	16
Total Confirmed Shots Fired <sup>10</sup>	67

Shots fired incidents were highest in May, September and October in 2023, with 10 incidents in each month. February had the fewest incidents with one. November and December each had two.

*New Bedford Police Department photo.*

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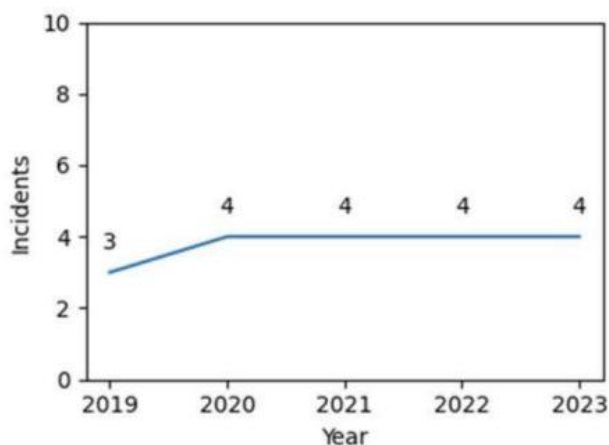
There has also been a slight increase in murders within the city of New Bedford in the past 5 years with 3 homicides in 2019 and 4 in each of the following years. Of the 4 homicides

in 2023, a firearm was used in 3 incidents, while a knife was used in 1 incident.

#### 4. Homicide

In 2023, there were four reported homicides in the city of New Bedford, each with a single victim. This was an increase of one from 2019, when there were 3 homicides, as represented in Figure 4.1. All four cases were solved.

**Figure 4.1: Homicide (NIBRS 09A) Incidents, New Bedford, MA, 2019-2023.**



Firearms were the most common weapon used in homicides in 2023 and were used in three of the four incidents.

**Table 4.1 Weapon used in homicides, 2023, New Bedford.**

Weapon Used	Count
Firearm	3
Knife	1

*New Bedford Police Department photo.*

It is important to mention that, although there has been an increase in shootings within the past 5 years, the annual crime report does show a sharp decline in crime in almost every category when comparing the statistics recorded in 2014 to the statistics reported in 2023.

<b>Crime</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Violent<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>-58%</b>
Murder (09A)	6	4	-33%
Rape (11A-D)	131	87	-34%
Robbery (120)	261	103	-61%
Aggravated Assault (13A)	839	320	-62%
<b>Property<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>-54%</b>
Arson (200)	19	6	-68%
Burglary (220)	899	260	-71%
Larceny (23A-H)	2392	1034	-57%
Motor Vehicle Theft (240)	259	347	+34%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,573</b>	<b>2,056</b>	<b>-55%</b>

*New Bedford Police Department photo.*

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## **New Bedford Beach seasonal parking passes now available!**

The City has announced that seasonal parking passes for East Beach, West Beach, and Fort Taber Park are now available for purchase.

Residents of New Bedford can purchase passes for \$15, while those 65 and over can obtain them for just \$5. Greater New Bedford residents, including those from Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Freetown, and Assonet, can purchase passes for \$30. For all others, the price is \$60.

Passes can be purchased at several locations, including the Parks, Recreation and Beaches office at 181 Hillman St. Building 3, the Clerk's Office at City Hall, the Traffic

Commission office at the Elm Street Parking Garage, and the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center at 181 Hillman St. Building 8 during open gym and recreation time.

City or area residents must bring their vehicle registration.

Advance purchases must be made with cash only at the above locations, while on-site purchases at the beaches starting in May can be made with credit cards only. Hourly and daily parking options are also available during the summer at Fort Taber and East Beach.

East Beach, West Beach, and Fort Taber, located in the South End of New Bedford, are popular spots for picnicking, swimming, sports, and games during the summer. Lifeguards will be on duty from May 25 to September 2.

For more information about parking passes or the beaches, contact the Parks, Recreation and Beaches office at 508-961-3015.

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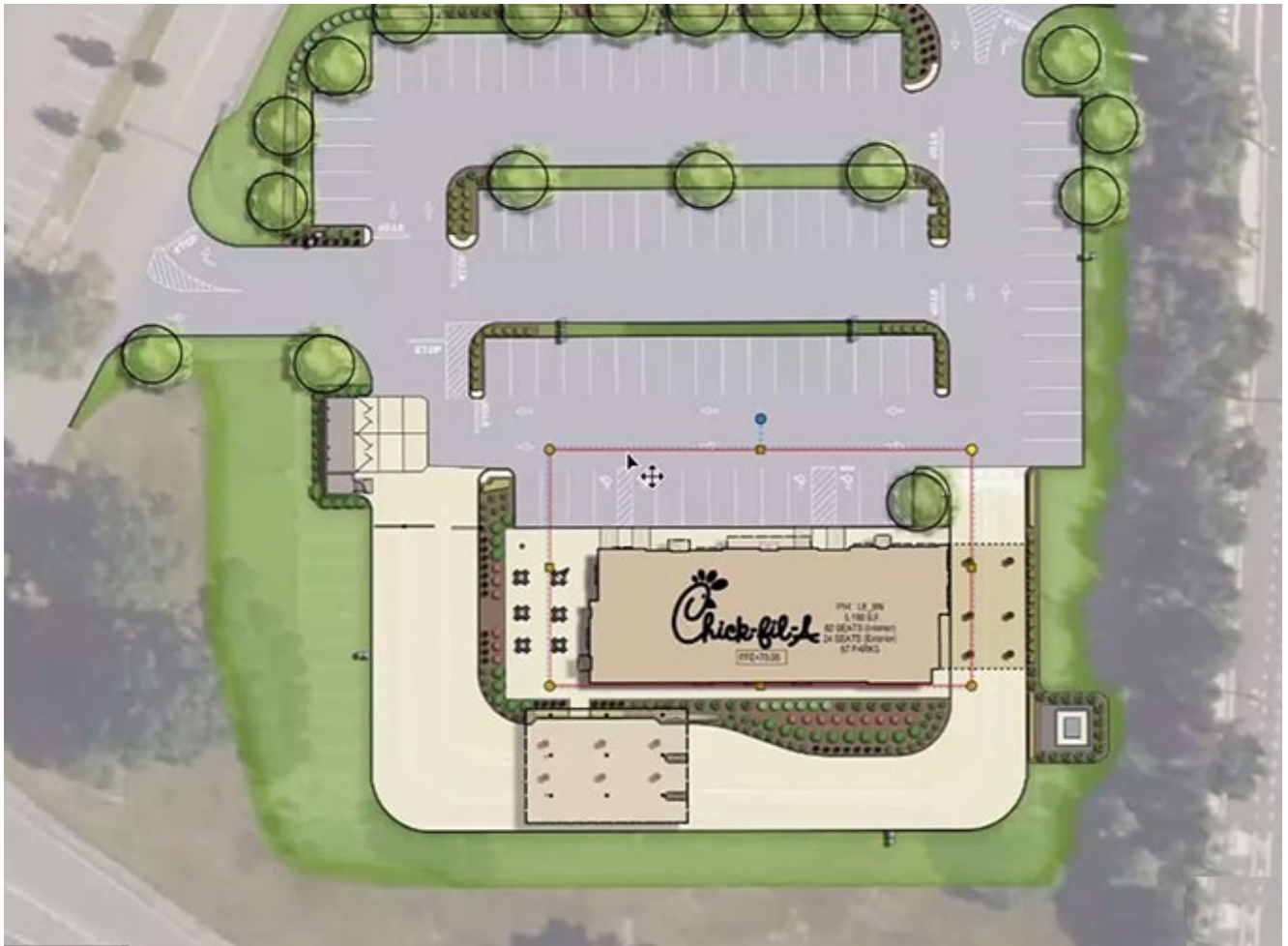
## **Everything you need to know about the newly proposed Chick-Fil-A at the Dartmouth Mall**

Dartmouth, Massachusetts – The Dartmouth Planning Board discussed a proposal on Monday, March 25th, 2024, which would bring a Chick-fil-A restaurant to North Dartmouth. The Chick-fil-A would replace the old Sears Auto Center at the Dartmouth Mall Plaza.



*Google Image.*

The proposed Chick-fil-A would feature a drive-thru with three lanes for ordering, which would then merge into two lanes for meal pickup. The restaurant would have 62 interior seats and 24 exterior seasonal seats, with a patio planned for the left side of the building. The parking area in front of the restaurant is designed to accommodate approximately 87 parking spaces.



*Dartmouth Community Media photo.*

The development team stated that they will add significant landscaping to improve the overall look of the area and enhance stormwater management. The proposal is still under review, and no final decision has been made.





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**Fall River delivery driver**

# caught on video throwing package from car window

A video uploaded by a Fall River, Massachusetts resident's front porch security camera has sparked outrage as it shows what appears to be an Amazon Flex driver throwing a package out of his window onto the sidewalk. Amazon Flex is a program that allows individuals to deliver Amazon packages using their own vehicles. The incident has raised concerns about the treatment of packages and the behavior of delivery drivers.

In the video, the driver can be seen stopping his vehicle in front of the residence before casually tossing the package onto the sidewalk, seemingly without any regard for its contents or the potential damage that could be caused. The resident who uploaded the video noted, "Amazon is hiring the finest of people to deliver our packages these days! If you have damaged Amazon items being delivered this could be why!"



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# Get ready for the 2024 New Bedford Half Marathon!

The Annual New Bedford Half Marathon, a beloved tradition, is set to take place this Sunday, March 17th, 2024, inviting over 2,000 runners to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in New Bedford. Hosted by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the City of New Bedford, this event is managed by the 100% volunteer New Bedford Half Marathon Race Committee, Inc.

Renowned as one of the oldest half marathon distance events in the Northeast, the race is a testament to New Bedford's rich history and community spirit. The course, starting and ending on Pleasant Street near City Hall, presents a challenging yet scenic route, offering waterfront views and enthusiastic support from hundreds of volunteers and cheering fans.

Safety is a top priority for organizers, with nearly 125 New Bedford police officers patrolling the course and ambulances stationed throughout the city. To maintain safety, participants and spectators are asked not to bring bags, backpacks, suitcases, or rolling bags near the start/finish area.

Residents are advised to plan ahead for traffic restrictions, as parking will not be permitted along the race route, and the route will be closed to vehicular traffic from about 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Alternative routes have been identified for those needing access inside the course perimeter.

The New Bedford community warmly welcomes all participants and visitors, inviting them to explore the city's shops, restaurants, and attractions before and after the race. Complimentary parking is available at the Elm Street and Zeiterion garages.

For more information about the race and race day activities, please visit [www.newbedfordhalfmarathon.com](http://www.newbedfordhalfmarathon.com). Come join us in celebrating St. Patrick's Day and the spirit of community in New Bedford!

**Watch last years marathon here:**