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## Franklin named "Best Place to Raise Kids" in Massachusetts

Each year Business Week ranks towns based on population, median income, crime rate, schools and family orientation in order to find the best town in each state to raise kids. Below are a few details about Franklin from businessweek.com.



# Best Place to Raise Kids in Massachusetts: Franklin

**Nearby city:** Providence, R.I.

**Population:** 31,694

**Median family income:** \$97,897

**Avg. school math score:** 77.17 (State avg.: 60.77) **Avg. school reading score:** 83.03 (State avg.: 69.17)

Named for Benjamin Franklin and incorporated in 1778, Franklin is an historic town just under an hour from Boston and a little more than 30 minutes from Providence, R.I. The local public school system serves more than 6,000 students in 10 different schools, and the kids can choose among many physical activities, from ice hockey to yoga. The town is also home to the nation's first public library, which houses books originally donated by Franklin himself, as well as to Dean College, a small liberal arts institution. The city's Franklin School of the Performing Arts attracts dance and theater students.

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