

Measuring Philanthropic Giving: Women & Girls Index of Massachusetts

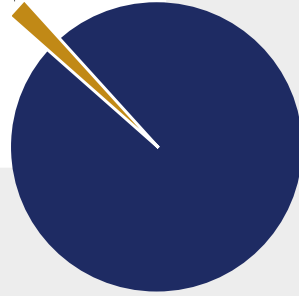
The Women & Girls Index of Massachusetts (WGIMA) is the only comprehensive index tracking charitable giving to women's and girls' nonprofits in Massachusetts. This edition reflects 2023 giving data, the latest year for which public IRS Form 990 data are available.

Total Giving to Women's
& Girls' Nonprofits in MA:
\$702 MILLION

Total Massachusetts Charitable Giving: \$52 billion

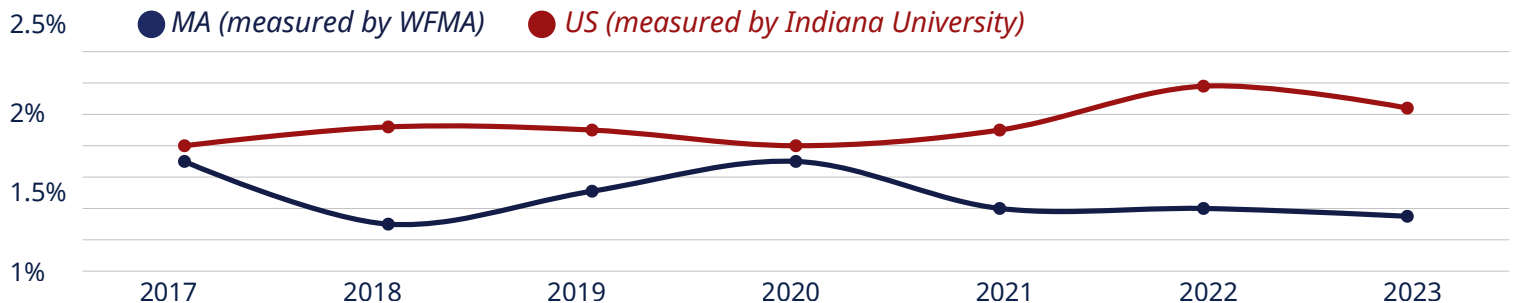
1.3%

of total charitable
giving went to MA
women's and girls'
nonprofits in 2023



FAR BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

Percent of Total Charitable Giving to Women's and Girls' Organizations



ONLY A FRACTION OF THE DOLLARS REACH UNDER-RESOURCED WOMEN & GIRLS

Only half of the 1.3% of funding supports MA women's and girls' nonprofits. The remaining funds are directed to women's colleges or organizations outside the Commonwealth.



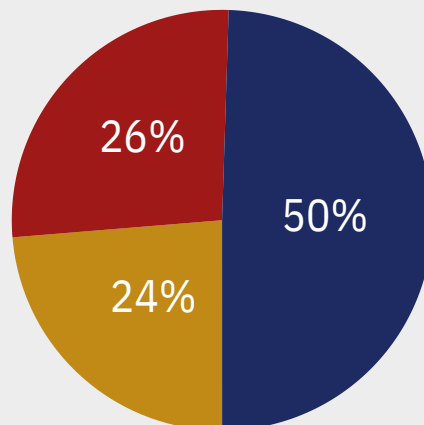
\$187 Million

Funds leaving Massachusetts
(nationally and internationally
focused organizations)



\$165 million

**Funds given to the state's
historically women's colleges:**
Wellesley College, Smith College,
Mount Holyoke College, Simmons
University, and Bay Path University

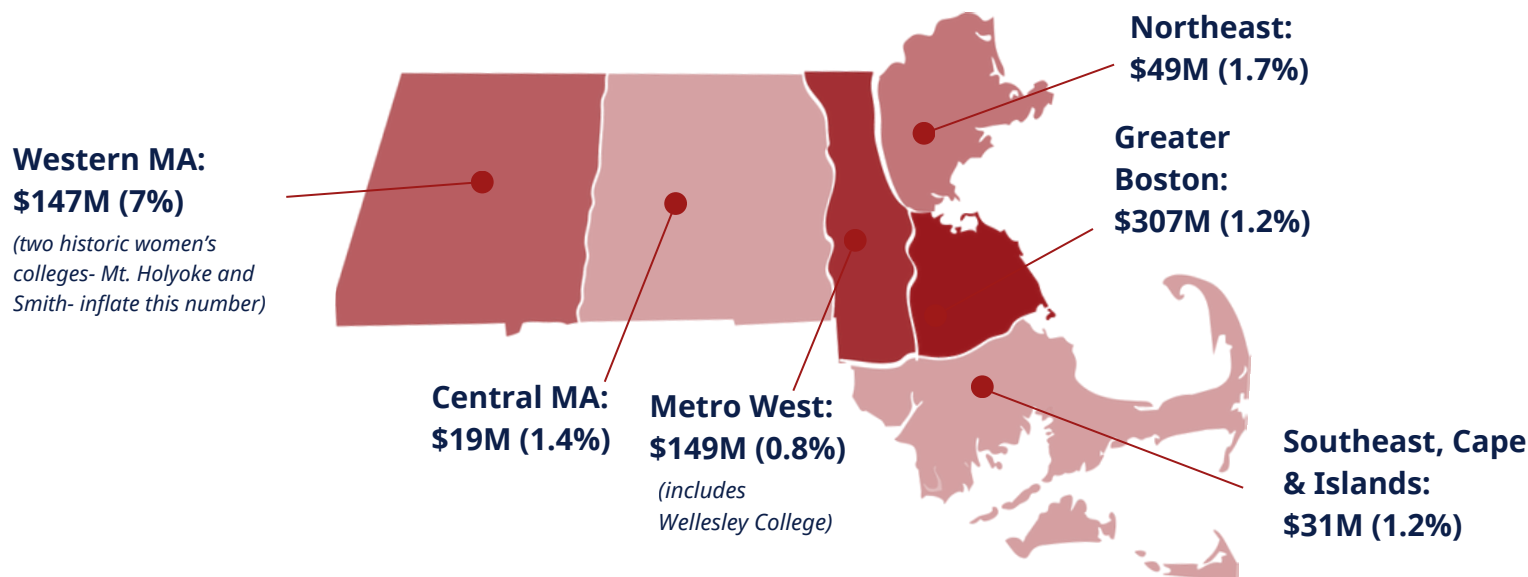


\$350 million

funds received by
all other women's
& girls' nonprofits
in MA

HOW DO WOMEN AND GIRLS FARE ACROSS THE STATE?

The philanthropic gap affects every region of Massachusetts. Across the state, women's and girls' nonprofits receive only a small fraction of charitable giving. While some regions attract more funding than others, every community depends on organizations working with limited resources.



THE PROBLEM IS CLEAR. SO IS THE SOLUTION.

Massachusetts continues to lag behind the nation in giving to women and girls. WFMA is working to change that by directing resources to women's and girls' organizations across the Commonwealth.



30,000+

women and girls
positively impacted



\$15.9M

committed to women's
and girls' nonprofits



165

grants awarded to
49 partners across MA

JOIN US.

How are you investing
in women and girls?



Donate to the
Women's Foundation
of Massachusetts

Research Approach: This edition of the WGIMA represents the most recent IRS publicly available data for over 1,300 organizations, at the time of publication in June 2026. The Women's Foundation reviews and validates this list annually to understand the direct impact of charitable contributions benefiting women and girls living and working in Massachusetts. The WGIMA was developed using the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy's Women's Philanthropy Institute's nationally focused Women & Girls Index (WGI) as a model.

The Women's Foundation of Massachusetts (formerly the Women's Foundation of Boston) economically empowers women and girls in Greater Boston and across the Commonwealth through creating and funding high impact leadership and economic programs in partnership with women's and girls' nonprofits. The findings and conclusions contained within do not necessarily reflect the official positions or policies of funders.

