

**Table 1. Permit Information for the Massachusetts Lobster Fishery, 2015-2022<sup>1</sup>**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Coastal Permits</b>								
Issued	1,139	1,116	1,088	1,081	1,066	1,047	1,031	<b>1,011</b>
Fished	704	704	714	712	698	661	663	<b>654</b>
Did Not Fish	350	317	308	309	315	319	296	<b>283</b>
Incomplete	14	15	8	10	11	11	16	<b>9</b>
Not Reporting	71	82	58	50	42	56	56	<b>65</b>
<b>Offshore Permits</b>								
Issued	159	154	171	156	150	137	133	<b>131</b>
Fished	63	66	66	73	70	65	59	<b>52</b>
Did Not Fish	10	8	9	7	7	6	9	<b>9</b>
Incomplete	1	2	1	0	2	2	2	<b>0</b>
Not Reporting	85	78	95	74	71	64	63	<b>70</b>
<b>Offshore Non-Trap Permits</b>								
Issued	235	242	236	236	242	246	231	<b>237</b>
Fished	90	90	83	75	70	80	74	<b>72</b>
Did Not Fish	9	13	10	8	8	8	6	<b>6</b>
Incomplete	2	0	3	3	1	1	0	<b>0</b>
Not Reporting	134	139	140	150	163	157	151	<b>159</b>
<b>Seasonal (Student) Permits</b>								
Issued	86	88	96	100	104	102	101	<b>105</b>
Fished	44	51	46	52	46	58	54	<b>50</b>
Did Not Fish	29	17	31	23	33	33	26	<b>32</b>
Incomplete	2	2	1	1	2	0	1	<b>1</b>
Not Reporting	11	18	18	24	23	11	20	<b>22</b>
<b>Recreational Permits<sup>2</sup></b>								
Issued	7,046	6,535	6,427	6,118	6,481	6,244	5,771	<b>5,555</b>
Fished	4,086	3,782	3,599	3,412	3,353	3,343	3,026	<b>2,844</b>
Did Not Fish	1,203	1,125	1,099	1,107	1,032	1,104	n/a	<b>n/a</b>
Not Reporting	1,757	1,628	1,729	1,599	2,096	1,797	n/a	<b>n/a</b>

Data Sources:

<sup>1</sup> Trip-Level Reports (DMF and NMFS VTR data)<sup>2</sup> Beginning in 2021, reporting methods for recreational harvest changed and it is no longer possible to differentiate between non-fishing activity, and non-reporting

**Table 3. Massachusetts Commercial Lobster Landings, Traps Fished, and Estimated Value for 2016-2022**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total Landings	18,467,688	17,218,843	18,439,451	17,866,857	16,797,873	17,029,592	15,499,957
Total Estimated Value	\$82,366,920	\$81,170,506	\$88,821,161	\$95,491,339	\$78,307,441	\$125,383,208	\$83,030,006
Total Traps Fished	397,822	403,339	398,148	380,402	369,029	361,481	350,088
Average Price (\$) / Lb	\$4.46	\$4.71	\$4.82	\$5.54	\$4.66	\$7.36	\$5.36
Ave. Lbs. Trap-Haul	1.5340	1.4922	1.6931	1.4850	1.5697	1.6210	1.4037
Ave. Lbs. /Trap	44.44	40.57	44.35	44.59	43.29	44.57	44.27
<b>Territorial (State Waters)</b>							
Landings	11,083,697	10,226,598	10,753,269	10,271,565	9,039,659	9,573,878	8,303,038
Estimated Value	\$49,433,905	\$48,208,705	\$51,797,522	\$54,897,482	\$42,140,607	\$70,489,275	\$44,477,625
Trap Landings	10,980,152	10,125,850	10,630,391	10,167,760	8,997,134	9,521,291	8,279,102
Traps Fished	290,233	292,928	290,279	274,322	259,546	258,626	244,947
Non-Trap Landings	103,545	100,748	122,879	103,895	42,525	52,588	23,936
<b>Non Territorial (Federal Waters)</b>							
Landings	7,383,992	6,992,245	7,686,181	7,595,292	7,758,214	7,455,713	7,196,919
Estimated Value	\$32,933,015	\$32,961,801	\$37,023,639	\$40,593,857	\$36,166,834	\$54,893,933	\$38,552,381
Trap Landings	6,699,237	6,238,456	7,029,161	6,892,240	6,976,830	6,589,814	6,358,003
Traps Fished	107,589	110,411	107,869	106,080	109,483	102,855	105,141
Non-Trap Landings	684,755	753,789	657,020	703,052	781,384	865,899	838,916

Data Sources:

Trip-Level Reports (DMF and NMFS VTR data), SAFIS Dealer Database

**Table 4.** Number of active commercial lobstermen and lobster landings, not including seasonal permits, by homeport for 2022. Homeport data taken from vessel information on permit applications. In cases where no vessel or homeport was specified, the primary port of landing was used. Catch data encompasses all reported landings, regardless of gear type, while effort data represents only trap effort. Shaded areas denote towns which rank in the top 10 for number of fishermen, total catch, or total effort. Some cities and towns are combined to protect the confidential nature of the data.

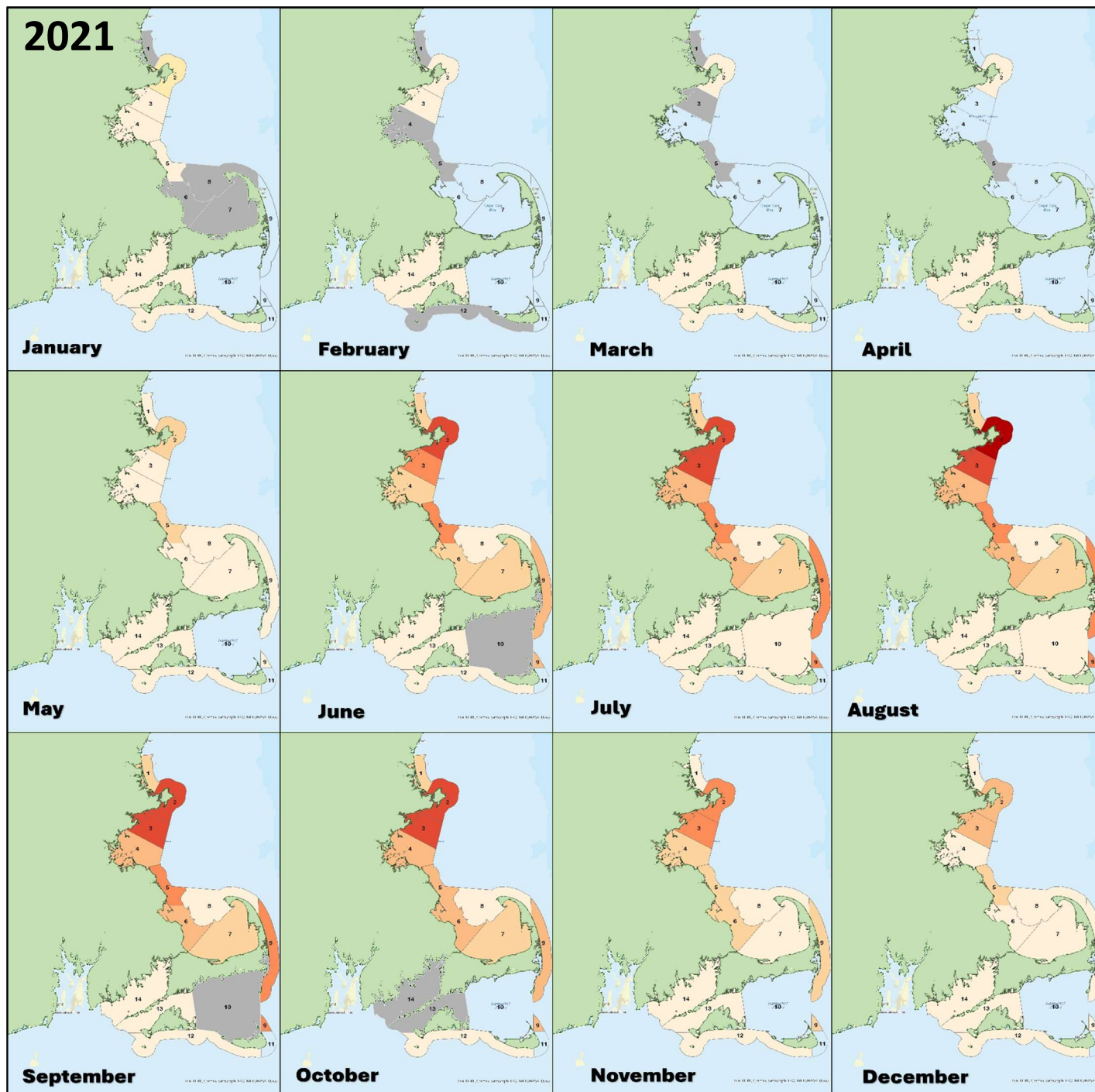
City / Town	Fishermen		Catch (Pounds)					Effort <sup>1</sup>		
	Number	Rank	Territorial	Non-Territorial	Total	Percent	Rank	Traps	Percent	Rank
Barnstable-Hyannis	7	21	35,005	0	35,005	0.23%	34	1,910	0.55%	34
Beverly	20	14	493,007	301,186	794,193	5.12%	6	11,865	3.39%	10
Boston	32	7	311,181	147,298	458,479	2.96%	11	9,688	2.77%	12
Chatham	27	9	125,603	385,779	511,382	3.30%	10	9,412	2.69%	13
Cohasset	23	12	237,127	80,682	317,809	2.05%	14	8,727	2.49%	14
Cuttyhunk-Falmouth <sup>2</sup>	4	24	*	*	15,981	0.10%	37	522	0.15%	38
Danvers-Salem	10	20	*	*	209,596	1.35%	19	3,910	1.12%	23
Dartmouth-Westport	14	18	23,366	262,196	285,562	1.84%	15	6,060	1.73%	16
Dennis-Harwich	17	15	28,474	100,481	128,955	0.83%	24	5,451	1.56%	20
Duxbury-Kingston	5	23	27,118	0	27,118	0.17%	35	1,415	0.40%	36
Eastham	7	21	132,894	0	132,894	0.86%	22	2,263	0.65%	32
Essex	3	25	3,802	0	3,802	0.02%	40	268	0.08%	40
Fairhaven	10	20	*	*	73,218	0.47%	28	3,005	0.86%	26
Gloucester	130	1	1,220,447	2,234,406	3,454,853	22.29%	1	61,755	17.64%	1
Hingham	5	23	*	*	104,241	0.67%	26	2,870	0.82%	28
Hull	21	13	282,208	100,694	382,902	2.47%	13	10,322	2.95%	11
Ipswich	5	23	4,677	0	4,677	0.03%	39	417	0.12%	39
Islands <sup>3</sup>	17	15	20,643	41,235	61,878	0.40%	32	2,949	0.84%	27
Manchester	17	15	*	*	137,051	0.88%	21	5,624	1.61%	18
Marblehead	43	4	614,799	87,897	702,696	4.53%	7	20,293	5.80%	4
Marion-Mattapoisett	7	21	*	*	37,224	0.24%	33	2,410	0.69%	29
Marshfield	48	3	628,929	366,800	995,729	6.42%	4	27,062	7.73%	2
Nahant	15	17	250,782	0	250,782	1.62%	18	5,579	1.59%	19
New Bedford	41	5	27,564	1,378,131	1,405,695	9.07%	2	18,658	5.33%	6
Newburyport	6	22	47,414	19,855	67,269	0.43%	29	2,267	0.65%	31
Orleans	5	23	62,115	0	62,115	0.40%	31	2,336	0.67%	30
Out of State	24	11	*	*	252,717	1.63%	17	5,318	1.52%	21
Plymouth	53	2	718,749	88,022	806,771	5.20%	5	26,668	7.62%	3
Provincetown	30	8	386,862	181,387	568,249	3.67%	8	16,084	4.59%	7
Quincy	3	25	10,680	0	10,680	0.07%	38	656	0.19%	37
Revere-Winthrop	10	20	83,447	0	83,447	0.54%	27	3,374	0.96%	25
Rockport	53	2	813,308	512,992	1,326,299	8.56%	3	20,199	5.77%	5
Salisbury	5	23	59,239	51,574	110,812	0.71%	25	1,738	0.50%	35
Sandwich	26	10	228,509	216,367	444,876	2.87%	12	13,155	3.76%	8
Saugus	11	19	*	*	131,929	0.85%	23	5,967	1.70%	17
Scituate	37	6	341,834	218,729	560,562	3.62%	9	12,363	3.53%	9
Swampscott	10	20	198,843	0	198,843	1.28%	20	4,861	1.39%	22
Truro-Wellfleet	16	16	188,380	68,459	256,839	1.66%	16	7,132	2.04%	15
Weymouth	6	22	*	*	65,983	0.43%	30	3,515	1.00%	24
Yarmouth	4	24	20,846	0	20,846	0.13%	36	2,020	0.58%	33

<sup>1</sup> The number of "Traps" for each city/town represents the sum of each individual's maximum traps fished for the year

<sup>2</sup> The village of Woods Hole is included in Falmouth

<sup>3</sup> The town of Chilmark, Edgartown, Menemsha, Nantucket, and Vineyard Haven are all included under "Islands"

\* Confidential Data



**Figure 1.** 2021 vertical line density (lines per square mile) across state waters Statistical Reporting Areas by month. The Massachusetts Bay Restricted Area closure affecting SRAs 5-9 was in effect from February 1. 2021 was the first year of the expanded state waters closure (SRAs 1-9) and went into effect on March 5. The areas reopened on May 14. Some activity in the closed area was determined at the onset of the expanded closure and closely monitored. Other activity reported during the closures is most often indicative of fishing along the federal-state waters boundary lines and reporting a latitude or longitude over the line in state waters. Subsequent years should show lower levels of activity during these closures.

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