Local government in Massachusetts

Municipalities with a city form of government: 53
Municipalities with a town form of government: 298

Mayors: 43
Mayor-manager form: 3
City managers: 7

Town administrators: 147
Town managers: 57
Executive secretaries: 13
Other (administrative assistant, administrative coordinator, administrative officer, administrative secretary, chief administrative and financial officer, chief administrative officer, executive administrator, executive assistant, executive director, general manager, municipal administrator, municipal assistant, town coordinator): 44

Open town meetings: 261
Representative town meetings: 37

Three-member boards of selectmen: 162
Five-member boards of selectmen: 135
Seven-member boards of selectmen: 1

Note: Some communities with a city form of government still refer to themselves as a town. The above list of municipal positions reflects only the number of each title statewide; the duties of a particular position will vary from community to community.

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