

**Massachusetts Shellfish Statistics, 1996-2000;
Based on Reports from Town Shellfish Officers**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Number of Towns Reporting	41	42	36	42	29
Licenses Issued					
Commercial	3,368	3,230	2,997	3,644	1,564
Non-resident Recreational	5,262	5,421	4,692	4,387	2,470
Resident Recreational	17,351	20,459	19,066	19,706	12,568
Senior Citizen	5,231	5,267	5,497	5,708	2,720
Total	33,208	36,374	34,250	35,444	21,322
Total Commercial Landings (lbs.)					
Bay Scallop	241,245	82,161	339,076	461,777	164,620
Cherrystone	958,482	2,649,528	495,039	676,905	531,160
Chowder	1,591,317	1,085,467	704,761	865,112	372,651
Conch	231,160	238,920	397,200	109,500	37,500
Eel	6,582	6,076	3,478	4,046	3,341
Littleneck	3,002,298	1,912,411	2,312,455	2,040,707	1,222,456
Mixed Quahogs	1,416,360	561,000	2,811,523	4,014,617	1,021,430
Mussel	939,565	941,710	1,512,670	1,975,710	41,625
Oyster	264,900	721,150	798,422	689,710	515,506
Razor Clam	411,440	419,800	154,110	168,380	23,883
Soft Shell Clam **	9,874,560	11,548,440	10,962,000	7,174,088	3,073,408
Surf Clam	665,520	1,056,960	200,800	125,120	192,000
Total	19,603,429	21,223,623	20,691,534	18,305,672	7,199,580
Total Recreational Landings (lbs.)					
Bay Scallop	38,862	31,698	74,049	108,230	80,248
Cherrystone	55,440	228,501	134,110	114,492	11,780
Chowder	207,767	205,556	83,550	199,705	15,103
Conch	6,280	2,680	2,295	700	700
Eel	1,160	565	782	574	268
Littleneck	489,647	410,042	343,064	410,068	68,221
Mixed Quahogs	1,523,760	973,080	864,481	811,491	540,483
Mussel	38,665	54,120	20,827	25,195	6,525
Ocean Quahog	0	960	200,040	0	0
Oyster	100,100	165,650	101,594	211,010	107,717
Razor Clam	13,960	18,720	7,670	5,400	4,350
Soft Shell Clam	1,361,340	4,868,700	1,309,182	566,550	567,886
Surf Clam	190,400	1,472,800	428,837	38,580	24,760
Total	4,027,381	8,433,072	3,570,481	2,491,995	1,428,041

** includes moderately contaminated clams processed at the DMF Shellfish Plant