

Port by Port:

Profiles & Analysis of the Massachusetts Commercial Fishery



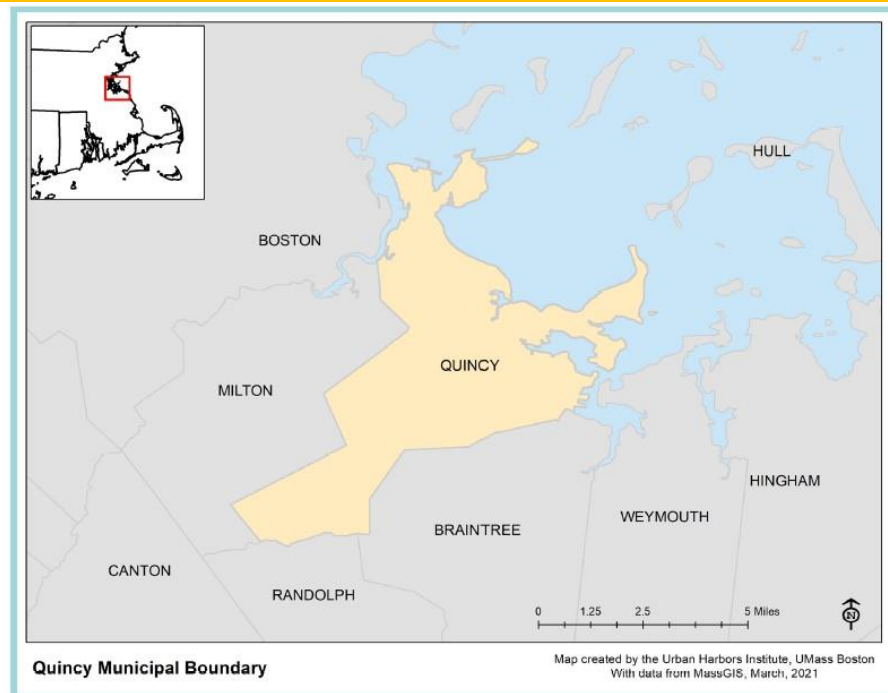
The Massachusetts Commercial Fishing Port Profiles, published in 2026, provide an overview of the commercial fishing activity and infrastructure within each municipality for the years 2015-2024. Data sources for the profiles include commercial regional permits, the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program's (ACCSP) Data Warehouse, and results from harbormaster and fishermen surveys conducted late 2025-early 2026. The 2026 Profiles serve as an update to the Profiles released in 2021.

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City of Quincy



The City of Quincy, located within greater Boston Harbor is considered a South Shore community and supports commercial fishing for a variety of species such as American lobster, striped bass, and bluefish. Commercial fishing activity centers primarily around Quincy Harbor.

This port profile describes commercial fishing activity for the municipality, including economic value, number of people involved, and target species. Information about infrastructure and operations also is provided and broken down by harbor where possible.

Key Terms:

- **Permitted Harvesters:** Commercially permitted resident harvesters
- **Vessels:** Commercially permitted vessels with the municipality listed as the homeport
- **Trips:** Discrete commercial trips unloading fish or shellfish
- **Active Permitted Harvesters:** Commercially permitted harvesters with at least one reported transaction in a year
- **Active Dealers:** Permitted dealers with at least one reported purchase from a harvester in a year
- **Ex-Vessel Value:** Total amount (\$) paid directly to permitted harvesters by dealers at the first point of sale

The Commercial Fishing Fleet

The Quincy commercial fishing fleet averaged about 14 active harvesters per year from 2015-2024. Year-to-year variations resulted in a minimum of 4 active harvesters in 2017 and 2024 and a maximum of 26 in 2020. Since 2020, the number of active harvesters has declined. These numbers do not include for-hire/charters fishing activity.¹

2024 Fleet Snapshot

62 permitted harvesters with a Quincy address

74 vessels with a Quincy homeport

61 trips landing in Quincy

4 active permitted harvesters landing in Quincy

4 active dealers purchasing in Quincy



¹ COVID-19 may have affected the number of active harvesters.

Sources: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse; 2025/2026 Harbormaster and Fishermen Survey

Landings and Economic Value

Quincy's commercial landings averaged 30,394 pounds and \$64,090 ex-vessel value per year from 2015-2024. Year-to-year variations occurred and resulted in a minimum of 3,860 pounds (\$23,687) in 2024 and a maximum of 88,902 pounds (\$161,928) in 2021. Ex-vessel value was also lowest and highest in these respective years. Commercial landings were primarily driven by shellfish, with finfish and invertebrate landings being minimal in comparison. These numbers do not include for-hire/charter fishing activity.² For information on species in each category, see Appendix A.

2024 Economic Value Snapshot

3,860 pounds of catch with an ex-vessel value of **\$23,687**

2024 Top-Ranked Species by Dollar Value

American Lobster

Striped Bass

Bluefish



² COVID-19 reduced landings in most commercial fisheries in 2020. Inflation drove higher ex-vessel values through 2021 and still affects them, but prices are now less variable.

Sources: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse; 2025/2026 Harbormaster and Fishermen Survey

Infrastructure and Operations

Quincy's main commercial fishing harbor is [Quincy Harbor](#). Details about the harbor are provided below.

Quincy Harbor

Quincy Harbor supports two commercial fishing vessels, neither of which are charter/for-hire.

Active Commercial Fisheries

In 2024, approximately two non-trailered vessels operated from this harbor, a number that has remained relatively stable over the past five years. No trailered commercial fishing vessels operated from the harbor that year, consistent with the previous five years.

Commercial fisheries operating out of this port include:

- Lobster Pots
- Rod & Reel

Infrastructure Available

The following infrastructure and services are available in this harbor:

Table 1: Infrastructure and services available in Quincy Harbor.

Infrastructure/Service	Yes/No
Mooring space	Yes
Trash disposal	Yes
Commercial offloading	No
Hoist	No
Ice	No
Dock space	Yes
Fueling stations	Yes
Vessel repair	No
Parking for fishermen	Yes
Parking for seafood trucks	Yes
Launch ramp	Yes
Gear storage	Yes
Bait storage	No
Broadside berthing	No

Sources: DMF Permitting and Statistics Data; ACCSP Data Warehouse; 2025/2026 Harbormaster and Fishermen Survey

Municipal Fees

The following fees are charged in this harbor:

Table 2: Fees charged in Quincy Harbor. "N/A" signifies that infrastructure is not available.

Type	Price
Moorings	\$0
Slips	\$15 per foot at Sea Monkey Marina at Quirk Ford
Anchoring	\$0
Broadside berthing	N/A
Transient unloading	N/A
Dockage	N/A
Ramp	\$0

Harbor Highlights

Surveys identified the following positive aspects of the harbor:

- Dock resurfaced in the last five years
- Upgraded electricity in the last five years

Harbor Challenges

Challenges identified include:

- No offloading facilities for commercial fishing
- Short dock
- No protection from storm conditions

Improvements Needed

Priorities include:

- Need more offload sites
- Dredging the Town River in the Fore River basin