



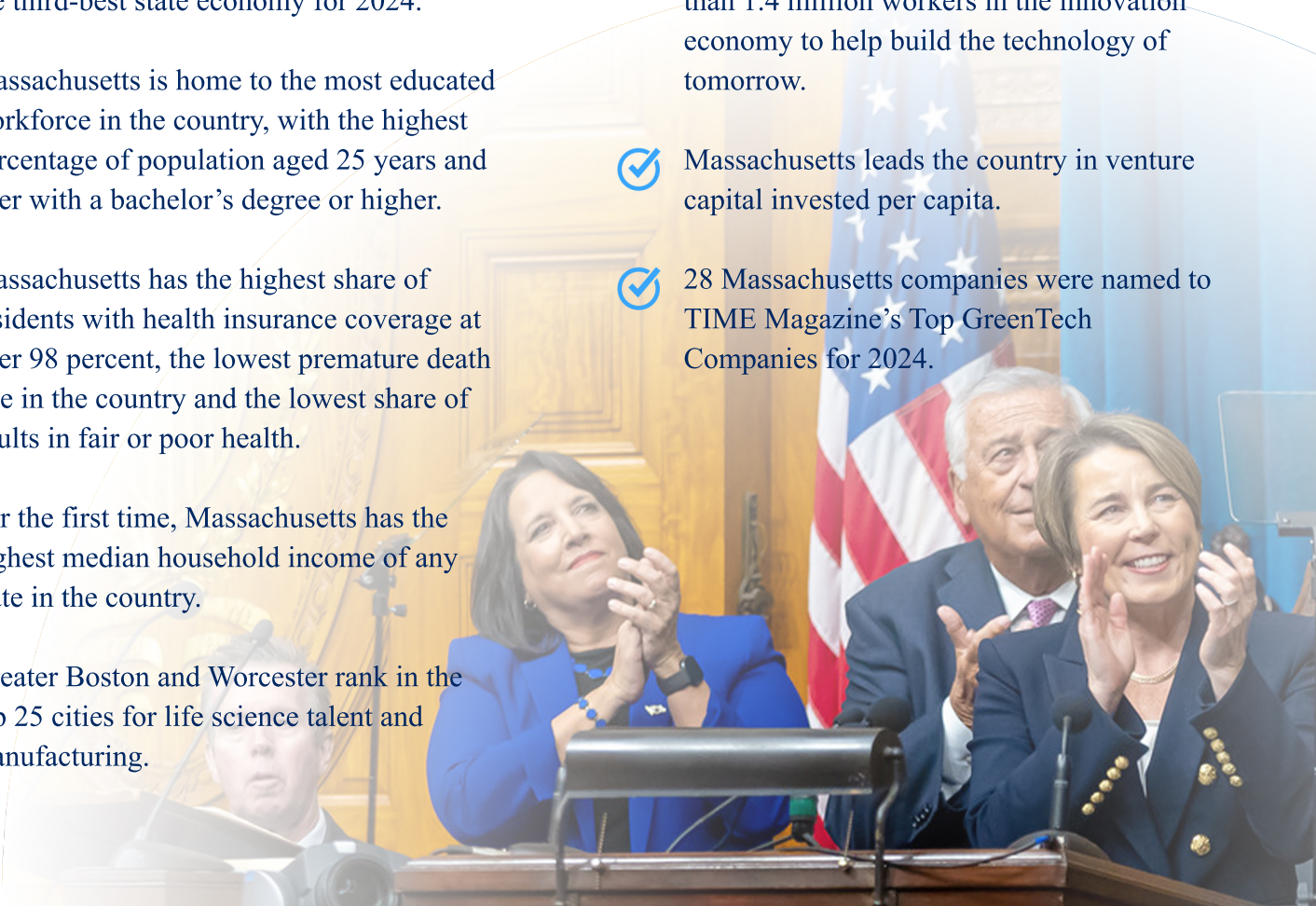
HEALEY-DRISCOLL ADMINISTRATION

Year in Review

In 2024, Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll took significant steps to lower costs for all residents, grow the state's economy, and make Massachusetts the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Massachusetts is the best state to live, work and raise a family:

- ✓ In 2024, Massachusetts was named the best state to live in, the best state to raise a family, the best state for women and the state with the best schools.
- ✓ Massachusetts was also ranked as having the third-best state economy for 2024.
- ✓ Massachusetts is home to the most educated workforce in the country, with the highest percentage of population aged 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree or higher.
- ✓ Massachusetts has the highest share of residents with health insurance coverage at over 98 percent, the lowest premature death rate in the country and the lowest share of adults in fair or poor health.
- ✓ For the first time, Massachusetts has the highest median household income of any state in the country.
- ✓ Greater Boston and Worcester rank in the top 25 cities for life science talent and manufacturing.
- ✓ 18 of the top 20 largest global life science companies are located in Massachusetts.
- ✓ Massachusetts has the most STEM graduates per capita, the highest percentage of jobs in high-tech industries and more than 1.4 million workers in the innovation economy to help build the technology of tomorrow.
- ✓ Massachusetts leads the country in venture capital invested per capita.
- ✓ 28 Massachusetts companies were named to TIME Magazine's Top GreenTech Companies for 2024.



The Healey-Driscoll Administration cut taxes:

Governor Healey's \$1 billion tax cuts went into effect this year. As a result:

- ✓ 591,000 families benefited from the expanded child tax credit, giving back \$310 per child that can be used for groceries, child care, gas and more. And next year it will be \$440.
- ✓ 64,000 seniors benefited from the expanded senior circuit breaker tax credit. The average senior homeowner saw nearly \$1,000 in increased savings.
- ✓ 868,000 renters benefited from the expanded rental deduction to help with high housing costs.
- ✓ 32,600 taxpayers benefitted from the expanded earned income tax credit, providing relief to low- and moderate-income workers and families.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration tackled housing costs:

- ✓ Governor Healey signed into law the Affordable Homes Act, the most ambitious housing plan in Massachusetts history which will create and save 65,000 homes so that the people who work in our communities can afford to live in our communities.
- ✓ The Healey-Driscoll Administration partnered with communities to pass new zoning that complies with the MBTA Communities Law. To date, more than 110 MBTA Communities have embraced new housing. Nearly 3,000 new units are already in the pipeline to bring down costs for everyone.



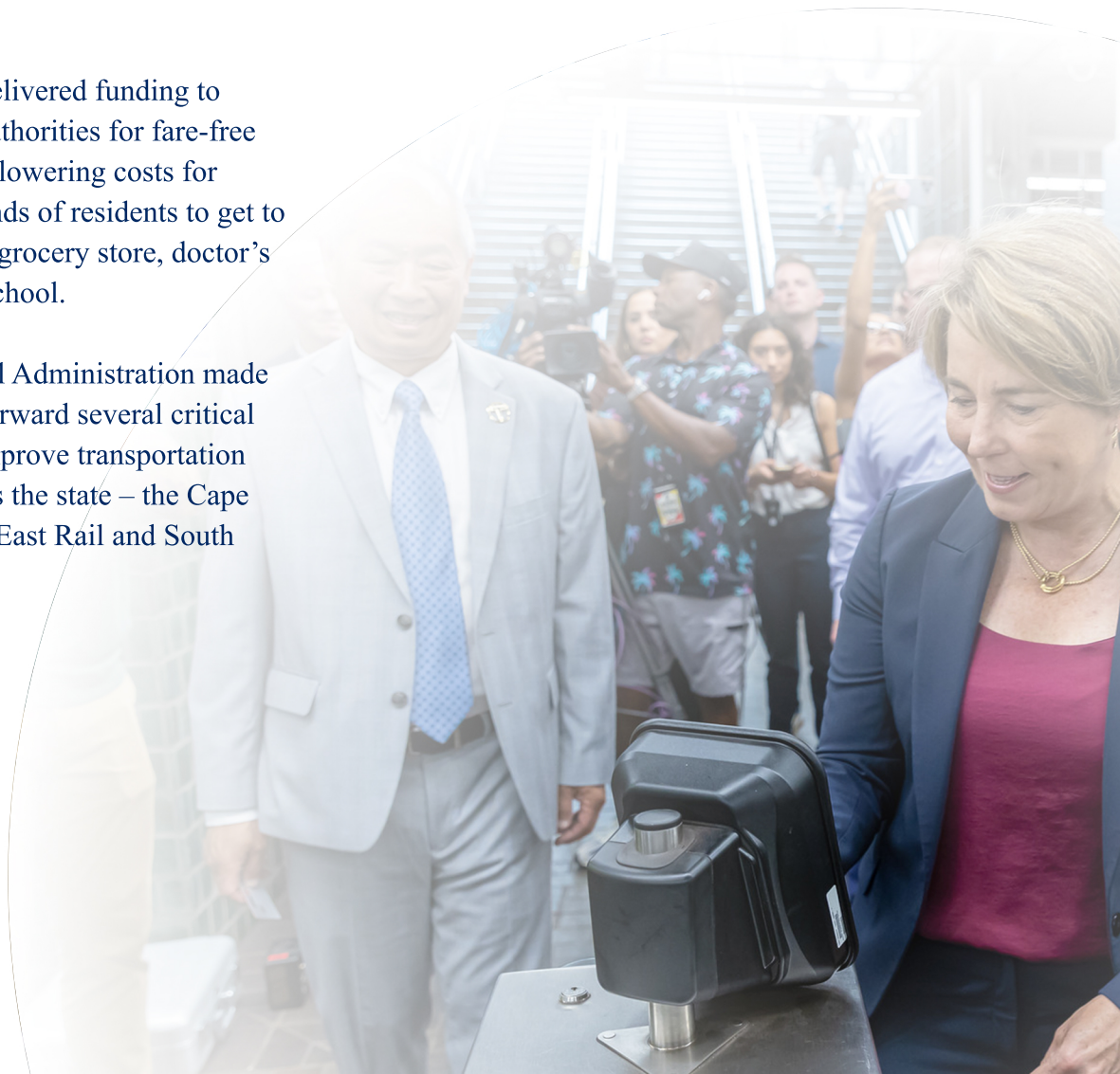
The Healey-Driscoll Administration made high-quality education more affordable and accessible:

- ✓ Governor Healey made community college cost-free for everyone, building on the success of the MassReconnect program. As a result, community college enrollment has already risen by 14 percent, opening the door for more students to get trained with the skills that employers are looking for.
- ✓ Governor Healey significantly reduced the cost of public higher education for middle class families. As a result, enrollment at public four-year colleges in Massachusetts increased for the first time in more than a decade.
- ✓ As part of Governor Healey's Gateway to Pre-K agenda, the Healey-Driscoll Administration expanded universal pre-k access in eight additional school districts, adding 259 affordable pre-k seats for children in Gateway Cities and rural communities.
- ✓ The Healey-Driscoll Administration significantly increased funding for child care, resulting in more seats for kids, higher wages for educators, improvements in quality and lower costs for families. Massachusetts added 508 licensed early education and care programs this year, with the capacity to serve 9,407 more children compared to last year.
- ✓ Governor Healey made school breakfast and lunch free in all public schools. Over 300 million meals have now been provided to students across the state, removing a stressor and cost for parents and ensuring no child goes hungry at school.
- ✓ Governor Healey created Literacy Launch, a new approach to improving early literacy that gets schools, educators and students the resources and support they need to make sure students can read and read well.



The Healey-Driscoll Administration fixed roads, bridges and public transportation infrastructure:

- ✓ The MBTA is on track to deliver on their promise to remove slow zones across the system by the end of the year. The Red Line is slow zone free for the first time in 20 years and the Orange Line is slow zone free for the first time in nearly 15 years. So far, this work has returned more than an hour and a half in travel time to riders.
- ✓ The Healey-Driscoll Administration delivered the highest level of funding to the MBTA in 20 years, including \$600 million for rail and station upgrades that will improve safety and reliability across the system.
- ✓ Governor Healey delivered funding to Regional Transit Authorities for fare-free service year-round, lowering costs for hundreds of thousands of residents to get to and from work, the grocery store, doctor's appointments and school.
- ✓ The Healey-Driscoll Administration made progress to move forward several critical projects that will improve transportation infrastructure across the state – the Cape Cod Bridges, West-East Rail and South Coast Rail.
- ✓ The Healey-Driscoll Administration won \$9 billion in federal funding for critical transportation, climate and economic development projects from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act and CHIPS and Science Act.
- ✓ The Healey-Driscoll Administration and MBTA reached an agreement to bring battery-electric train service to the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line, which will ultimately result in more frequent service and lower emissions in surrounding communities.



The Healey-Driscoll Administration lowered health care costs and improved health outcomes:

- ✓ Governor Healey signed into law an expansion of ConnectorCare, which resulted in more than 51,000 people getting more affordable health care coverage.
- ✓ Governor Healey signed a maternal health bill that expands access to midwifery, birth centers and doulas in Massachusetts to help women before, during and after pregnancy and improve the health of babies.
- ✓ Governor Healey signed a bill ensuring that patients have access to follow-up breast cancer screenings and exams and preventing any increase in patient cost-sharing to ensure that women can get the screenings and care they need without cost being a barrier.
- ✓ Governor Healey expanded youth mental health access at local centers to provide urgent crisis response, serving thousands of children and cutting youth mental health emergency room stays in half. The administration also made an unprecedented investment to expand access to in-school programming for students who have fallen behind academically due to challenges with their mental health.
- ✓ Governor Healey took decisive action to protect women's access to health care, including reproductive health care. On the two-year anniversary of the Dobbs decision which overturned Roe v. Wade, she signed an Executive Order protecting access to emergency abortion care in Massachusetts. She also preserved a stockpile of the lifesaving abortion medication mifepristone to ensure it remains available in Massachusetts.



The Healey-Driscoll Administration cemented Massachusetts' leadership in climatetech, life sciences and AI:

- ✓ Governor Healey's Mass Leads Act builds on the success of Massachusetts' renowned life sciences sector by reauthorizing \$500 million for the Life Sciences Initiative over 10 years, increasing the annual life sciences tax incentive program from \$30 million to \$40 million, and expanding the mission of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center to include programs that support preventative medicine and health-related AI.
- ✓ Governor Healey's Mass Leads Act included a \$100 million authorization to create the Massachusetts AI Hub to facilitate the application of artificial intelligence across the state's ecosystem.
- ✓ Governor Healey's Mass Leads Act puts Massachusetts on a path to be the global hub for climate innovation by authorizing an unprecedented investment of \$400 million in climatetech initiatives and a new tax incentive program to support climatetech companies in Massachusetts.
- ✓ Governor Healey signed a new climate law that will get our clean energy projects up and running more quickly to save energy costs and grow jobs.
- ✓ Massachusetts and Rhode Island announced the largest offshore wind selection in New England history in the first coordinated procurement of its kind that will power 1.6 million homes, create thousands of jobs and generate billions in economic activity.



The Healey-Driscoll Administration improved wages and conditions for workers:

- ✓ This year, the Massachusetts economy added 33,000 jobs and nearly 100,000 workers to the labor force. The state's unemployment rate remains consistently lower than the national average.
- ✓ Governor Healey became the first Governor in more than 50 years to create a Labor Advisory Council and also appointed a Labor Advisor in the Office of the Governor.
- ✓ Governor Healey signed into law wage equity legislation that increases equity and transparency in pay by requiring employers to disclose salary ranges and protecting an employee's right to ask for salary ranges.
- ✓ Governor Healey expanded access to Career and Technical Education programs, in addition to community colleges, because good-paying jobs shouldn't require a four-year degree.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration transformed veterans services:

- ✓ Governor Healey signed the most comprehensive veterans' legislation in Massachusetts history, the HERO Act, to increase benefits, modernize services and promote inclusivity for veterans in Massachusetts.
- ✓ The Healey-Driscoll Administration hosted a traditional "topping off" ceremony at the Holyoke Veterans Home, marking a significant milestone in construction of the new facility that will deliver improved care to veterans.
- ✓ Governor Healey launched a \$20 million campaign to end veteran homelessness in Massachusetts, which is the largest, targeted investment to address veteran homelessness in state history.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration enhanced public safety:

- ✓ Governor Healey appointed Geoffrey D. Noble as Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police to enhance public safety, recruit and retain excellent troopers and modernize training.
- ✓ Governor Healey took nation-leading executive action to pardon misdemeanor marijuana possession convictions in Massachusetts.
- ✓ Governor Healey signed a gun safety law that bans ghost guns, strengthens the Extreme Risk Protection Order statute to keep guns out of the hands of people who are a danger to themselves or others and invests in violence prevention programs.
- ✓ Governor Healey signed a bill that bans revenge porn and expands protections against abuse and exploitation.