



State of Massachusetts Psoriasis Issue Brief

Psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are chronic, life-altering and often debilitating conditions that have a serious physical and emotional impact on the individuals and families affected by them. The National Psoriasis Foundation respectfully calls upon Congress to help improve the quality of life of those with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis by ensuring access to quality care, increasing awareness and understanding of these diseases, and boosting federal research efforts to speed the discovery of a cure.

Psoriasis and the state of Massachusetts¹

According to the National Institutes of Health, as many as 7.5 million Americans have psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis.

The National Psoriasis Foundation estimates that in the state of Massachusetts as many as 165,000 adults live with psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis.

The average congressional district has as many as 17,000 adults living with psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis.

The National Psoriasis Foundation is active in Massachusetts. For more information, please contact:

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¹ State estimates are based on 2000 Census Data/Census apportionment population and prevalence rate of 2.6 percent. The congressional district estimates are based on 2000 Census Data/Census apportionment population with the average size of a congressional district of 646,952 and prevalence rate of 2.6 percent. Data used can be found at: www.nationalatlas.gov/articles/boundaries/a_conApport.html