



Massachusetts:

The Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles program

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Despite the many obstacles that COVID-19 has presented, Massachusetts is continuing to pursue its transition to low- and zero-carbon vehicles. Transportation and mobility have largely been disrupted during the pandemic, and we have seen a drastic decline in air and surface travel globally. However, as economies reopen and transportation starts to rebound, there is an inevitable return to ‘business as usual’, with an increase in cars on the road accompanied by a spike in transportation-related emissions.

In order to reduce the impact of this return, Massachusetts has reinforced its commitment to electric vehicle transition through an expansion of the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) program. On 25 June 2020,



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Population: 6,859,819

GDP: \$537 billion



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the Baker-Polito Administration expanded its rebate program to include commercial and non-profit fleets: greatly increasing the program's scope and people's ability to access it. This change was made during the peak of the COVID-19 crisis, demonstrating Massachusetts' commitment to change and ability to adapt to uncertain and changing circumstances. The goal of the MOR-EV program, which was created in 2014, is to reduce air pollution levels and emissions through the purchase of electric vehicles. Offering a \$2,500 rebate to consumers who purchase a new electric vehicle, and a \$1,500 rebate for plug-in hybrids, it incentivises consumers by making these vehicles a more affordable, and therefore more attractive, option.



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So far, 16,378 rebates have been granted, and \$33,296,700 in rebates have been reserved or issued. Ultimately, through incentives to consumers, non-profits, and companies, the program demonstrates one way to strengthen zero emission vehicle sales as the world emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

