VEST MA 2018

Election Results Validation Report

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State: Massachusetts
Organization: Voting and Election Science Team (VEST)
Summary of Races included: U.S. Senate, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer, Auditor [General]
Date File Updated: 07/24/2020
Date Report Updated: 08/26/2021
RDH Validation Code (Github): https://github.com/nonpartisan-redistricting-datahub/pdv-ma

RDH Criteria	Explanation
Is all raw data available? Yes	<u>Accessible files:</u> ● VEST MA 18 data file 　○ Accessed: 08/26/21, Source: VEST on the Harvard Dataverse 　○ https://dataverse.harvard.edu/file.xhtml?fileId=5007792&version=45.0 ● VEST MA 18 documentation file 　○ Accessed: 08/26/21, Source: VEST on the Harvard Dataverse 　○ https://dataverse.harvard.edu/file.xhtml?fileId=5007790&version=45.0 ● MA Precinct-Level Results 　○ Accessed: 08/24/21, Source: MA Secretary of the Commonwealth 　○ https://electionstats.state.ma.us/elections/search/year_from:2018/year_to:2018 　○ Note: For each relevant race, click "Candidates" and then "Details for this Election". On the next screen, click "Download this Election" and then "Precinct Results". ● MA Precinct Shapefile 　○ Accessed: 08/24/21, Source: MassGIS 　○ https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massgis-data-wards-and-precincts

Election results validated for every candidate statewide? Yes	At the statewide total level, the election results matched VEST's. The totals also matched those of MA's election summary report (lhttps://electionstats.state.ma.us/elections/search/year_from:2018/year_to:2018).
Election results validated for every candidate by county? N/A	VEST's file does not include county assignments, so we did not check county-level totals.
Election results validated for every candidate by precinct? Yes	At the precinct level, the election results matched VEST's (2173 out of 2173 precincts matched). 59 precincts required trivial name changes for the files to be joined.