



Sixth Worcester District	Democratic Primary							Republican Primary					
	Geraldo Alicea of Charlton	Patrick J. Driscoll of Spencer	Scott S. Lazo of Southbridge	Joanne E. Powell of Charlton	Karen A. Spiewak of Charlton	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Ronald J. Chernisky of Southbridge	David M. Singer of Charlton	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Charlton.....	313	115	168	599	475	2	30	1,702	180	287	4	14	485
East Brookfield .....	54	84	29	50	38	-	10	265	42	43	-	4	89
Southbridge .....	95	91	58	57	58	-	38	397	28	55	-	2	85
Spencer .....	1,377	208	1,184	259	200	4	25	3,257	268	168	4	20	460
TOTALS.....	96	410	29	74	109	-	29	747	22	43	-	9	74
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>6,368</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1,193</b>

Sixth Worcester District	State Election				
	Geraldo Alicea of Charlton Democratic	David M. Singer of Charlton Republican	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Charlton					
Pct. 1.....	604	767	3	23	1,397
2.....	602	895	2	29	1,528
3.....	705	770	2	44	1,521
East Brookfield .....	389	413	-	21	823
Southbridge					
Pct. 2.....	525	588	-	35	1,148
Southbridge					
Pct. 1.....	571	344	1	16	932
2.....	589	253	1	16	859
3.....	707	366	2	22	1,097
4.....	872	577	1	34	1,484
5.....	560	194	1	16	771
Spencer					
Pct. 1.....	578	390	-	45	1,013
4.....	571	434	3	46	1,054
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>7,273</b>	<b>5,991</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>13,627</b>

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Seventh Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Paul K. Frost of Auburn	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Auburn.....	-	25	2,826	2,851	166	-	37	203
Millbury.....	-	16	1,678	1,694	96	-	21	117
Oxford.....	-	4	739	743	54	2	14	70
Sutton.....	-	28	335	363	35	-	12	47
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>5,578</b>	<b>5,651</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>437</b>

Seventh Worcester District	State Election			
	Paul K. Frost of Auburn Republican	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Auburn				
Pct. 1.....	990	10	334	1,334
2.....	954	12	311	1,277
3.....	1,032	6	334	1,372
4.....	935	19	296	1,250
5.....	958	4	299	1,261
Millbury				
Pct. 1.....	763	11	262	1,036
2.....	1,094	2	357	1,453
3.....	810	-	234	1,044
4.....	810	10	272	1,092
Oxford				
Pct. 1.....	927	-	290	1,217
3.....	881	4	306	1,191
Sutton				
Pct. 3.....	830	11	362	1,203
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>10,984</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3,657</b>	<b>14,730</b>

Eighth Worcester District	Democratic Primary					Republican Primary			
	Paul Kujawski of Webster	Mark G. Dowgiewicz of Webster	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Douglas .....	291	268	-	53	612	-	-	80	80
Dudley .....	821	469	1	43	1,334	-	4	93	97
Oxford .....	188	159	1	59	407	-	1	52	53
Jxbridge .....	167	118	-	48	333	-	-	41	41
Webster .....	1,352	704	4	51	2,111	-	9	131	140
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,819</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>4,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>411</b>

Eighth Worcester District	State Election			
	Paul Kujawski of Webster Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Douglas				
Pct. 1 .....	966	-	510	1,476
2 .....	943	-	418	1,361
Dudley				
Pct. 1 .....	603	3	234	840
2 .....	552	8	159	719
3 .....	805	12	307	1,124
4 .....	535	14	204	753
Oxford				
Pct. 4 .....	785	3	324	1,112
Jxbridge				
Pct. 3 .....	826	18	445	1,289
Webster				
Pct. 1 .....	612	23	159	794
2 .....	400	8	98	506
3 .....	669	18	183	870
4 .....	979	21	343	1,343
5 .....	768	24	215	1,007
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>9,443</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>3,599</b>	<b>13,194</b>

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Ninth Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	George N. Peterson, Jr. of Grafton	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Grafton.....	-	9	1,857	1,866	183	1	22	206
Northbridge.....	-	6	1,249	1,255	141	-	23	164
Upton.....	-	4	715	719	83	-	17	100
Westborough.....	-	13	868	881	68	-	11	79
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	-	<b>32</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>4,721</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>549</b>

State Election

Ninth Worcester District	George N. Peterson, Jr. of Grafton Republican	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Grafton				
Pct. 1.....	1,065	5	296	1,366
2.....	1,434	7	411	1,852
3.....	1,269	12	355	1,636
4.....	1,140	7	318	1,465
Northbridge				
Pct. 1.....	1,005	4	355	1,364
2.....	1,068	1	385	1,454
3.....	709	3	227	939
4.....	1,107	4	364	1,475
Upton.....	2,114	6	787	2,907
Westborough				
Pct. 3.....	813	10	379	1,202
5.....	1,139	8	483	1,630
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,863</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>4,360</b>	<b>17,290</b>

**Democratic Primary**

**Republican Primary**

Tenth Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary				
	Marie J. Parente of Milford	John V. Fernandes of Milford	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Robert P. Burns of Hopedale	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Hopedale.....	585	744	2	10	1,341	101	2	20	123
Mendon.....	481	501	2	13	997	75	-	19	94
Milford.....	2,262	3,578	2	60	5,902	170	7	63	240
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>8,240</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>457</b>

**State Election**

Tenth Worcester District	Robert P. Burns of Hopedale Republican	John V. Fernandes of Milford Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Hopedale.....	1,072	1,437	4	104	2,617
Mendon.....	1,072	1,227	4	102	2,405
Milford					
Pct. 1.....	318	614	-	35	967
2.....	346	912	-	55	1,313
3.....	295	753	4	34	1,086
4.....	270	815	1	24	1,110
5.....	448	1,082	1	40	1,571
6.....	365	987	6	40	1,398
7.....	479	1,008	2	43	1,532
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,665</b>	<b>8,835</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>13,999</b>

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Eleventh Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Karyn E. Polito of Shrewsbury	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Shrewsbury .....	-	38	4,925	4,963	585	1	61	647
Westborough .....	-	7	840	847	99	1	11	111
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5,765</b>	<b>5,810</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>758</b>

**State Election**

Eleventh Worcester District	Karyn E. Polito of Shrewsbury Republican	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Shrewsbury				
Pct. 1 .....	1,340	9	248	1,597
2 .....	1,119	9	269	1,397
3 .....	888	5	175	1,068
4 .....	1,201	12	246	1,459
5 .....	1,198	4	227	1,429
6 .....	1,122	10	291	1,423
7 .....	1,457	12	244	1,713
8 .....	1,463	12	306	1,781
9 .....	1,089	4	199	1,292
Westborough				
Pct. 1 .....	786	5	221	1,012
4 .....	1,332	10	322	1,664
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,995</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>15,835</b>

Twelfth Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Harold P. Naughton, Jr. of Clinton	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Boylston .....	520	-	159	679	-	1	52	53
Clinton .....	1,578	18	295	1,891	-	13	133	146
Lancaster .....	380	1	106	487	-	2	67	69
Northborough .....	1,602	9	433	2,044	-	5	187	192
Sterling .....	342	2	97	441	-	3	61	64
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,422</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>5,542</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>524</b>

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Twelfth Worcester District	Harold P. Naughton, Jr. of Clinton Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Boylston .....	1,498	32	453	1,983
Clinton				
Pct. 1 .....	1,112	6	213	1,331
2 .....	769	19	162	950
3 .....	1,005	11	171	1,187
4 .....	926	13	156	1,095
Lancaster				
Pct. 2 .....	1,172	3	450	1,625
Northborough				
Pct. 1 .....	1,217	-	325	1,542
2 .....	1,146	-	324	1,470
3 .....	1,144	-	406	1,550
4 .....	1,241	-	368	1,609
Sterling				
Pct. 2 .....	1,365	12	384	1,761
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,595</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>16,103</b>



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Thirteenth Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Robert P. Spellane of Worcester	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Paxton .....	671	4	188	863	-	4	69	73
WORCESTER.....	4,937	36	1,891	6,864	-	12	387	399
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>5,608</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>7,727</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>472</b>

Thirteenth Worcester District	State Election			
	Robert P. Spellane of Worcester Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Paxton .....	1,545	22	453	2,020
WORCESTER				
Wd. 1 Pct. 1.....	1,079	9	347	1,435
2.....	1,229	14	374	1,617
3.....	691	8	271	970
4.....	1,137	10	308	1,455
Wd. 9 Pct. 1.....	817	14	211	1,042
2.....	882	19	236	1,137
3.....	998	10	289	1,297
4.....	1,073	12	287	1,372
5.....	1,109	17	277	1,403
Wd. 10 Pct. 3.....	389	5	82	476
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>10,949</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>3,135</b>	<b>14,224</b>

Fourteenth Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	James B. Leary of Worcester	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Joseph D. Rice of Worcester	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
West Boylston.....	896	147	163	1,206	86	1	43	130
WORCESTER.....	3,678	19	1,031	4,728	201	-	71	272
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,574</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>5,934</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>402</b>

Fourteenth Worcester District	State Election				
	James B. Leary of Worcester Democratic	Joseph D. Rice of Worcester Republican	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
West Boylston					
Pct. 1.....	889	480	-	72	1,441
2.....	962	580	-	102	1,644
WORCESTER					
Wd. 1 Pct. 5.....	892	288	1	72	1,253
Wd. 2 Pct. 1.....	828	266	4	69	1,167
2.....	972	254	-	50	1,276
3.....	797	243	-	64	1,104
4.....	828	161	1	52	1,042
5.....	393	36	1	24	454
Wd. 3 Pct. 1.....	792	309	1	58	1,160
3.....	536	127	-	41	704
5.....	668	215	2	56	941
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,557</b>	<b>2,959</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>12,186</b>

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Fifteenth Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Vincent A. Pedone of Worcester	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
WORCESTER.....	2,823	20	854	3,697	-	11	182	193
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>3,697</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>193</b>

**State Election**

Fifteenth Worcester District	Vincent A. Pedone of Worcester Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
WORCESTER				
Wd. 3 Pct. 2.....	262	1	86	349
4.....	363	10	73	446
Wd. 4 Pct. 1.....	429	3	91	523
2.....	610	4	131	745
3.....	377	5	56	438
4.....	614	6	183	803
5.....	847	9	189	1,045
Wd. 5 Pct. 3.....	933	15	263	1,211
Wd. 10 Pct. 1.....	415	6	114	535
2.....	337	2	96	435
4.....	222	1	37	260
5.....	306	2	79	387
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>5,715</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>7,177</b>

Sixteenth Worcester District	Democratic Primary					Republican Primary			
	John P. Fresolo of Worcester	Melissa J. Murgio of Worcester	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
WORCESTER.....	2,709	2,010	2	161	4,882	0	10	205	215
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,709</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>4,882</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>215</b>

State Election				
Sixteenth Worcester District	John P. Fresolo of Worcester Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
WORCESTER				
Wd. 5 Pct. 1.....	527	7	118	652
2.....	810	20	174	1,004
4.....	882	15	275	1,172
5.....	842	15	204	1,061
Wd. 6 Pct. 1.....	340	1	67	408
2.....	465	8	68	541
3.....	492	10	83	585
4.....	281	9	72	362
5.....	735	7	210	952
Wd. 8 Pct. 1.....	368	4	67	439
5.....	411	9	86	506
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>6,153</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>7,682</b>

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Seventeenth Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	John J. Binienda, Sr. of Worcester	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Leicester .....	1,382	-	278	1,660	-	-	124	124
WORCESTER.....	2,362	14	744	3,120	-	8	174	182
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,744</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>306</b>

State Election

Seventeenth Worcester District	John J. Binienda, Sr. of Worcester Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Leicester				
Pct. 1 .....	893	-	179	1,072
2 .....	739	-	129	868
3 .....	846	-	178	1,024
4 .....	868	-	212	1,080
WORCESTER				
Wd. 7 Pct. 1 .....	868	5	246	1,119
2 .....	513	8	123	644
3 .....	779	8	158	945
4 .....	738	6	146	890
5 .....	934	7	187	1,128
Wd. 8 Pct. 2 .....	279	1	59	339
3 .....	317	7	60	384
4 .....	488	5	162	655
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,262</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,839</b>	<b>10,148</b>

Eighteenth Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Jennifer M. Callahan of Sutton	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Bellingham .....	1,464	-	291	1,755	-	-	155	155
Blackstone .....	867	6	130	1,003	-	-	69	69
Millville.....	284	-	33	317	-	1	25	26
Sutton .....	677	12	180	869	-	2	67	69
Uxbridge .....	874	6	238	1,118	-	5	95	100
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,166</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>5,062</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>419</b>

Eighteenth Worcester District	State Election			
	Jennifer M. Callahan of Sutton Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Bellingham				
Pct. 1 .....	908	7	294	1,209
2 .....	867	9	290	1,166
3 .....	972	7	264	1,243
4 .....	976	10	270	1,256
5 .....	823	7	220	1,050
Blackstone				
Pct. 1 .....	749	3	149	901
2 .....	808	3	178	989
3 .....	897	6	189	1,092
Millville.....	760	1	217	978
Sutton				
Pct. 1 .....	1,021	20	330	1,371
2 .....	963	20	288	1,271
Uxbridge				
Pct. 1 .....	796	8	353	1,157
2 .....	1,008	9	340	1,357
4 .....	904	19	309	1,232
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,452</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>3,691</b>	<b>16,272</b>



Bristol District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary				State Election				
	Paul F. Walsh, Jr. of New Bedford	C. Samuel Sutter of Fall River	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	C. Samuel Sutter of Fall River Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Acushnet.....	919	896	-	22	1,837	-	19	92	111	3,260	41	699	4,000
ATTLEBORO .....	1,695	1,352	-	215	3,262	-	-	691	691	9,781	-	3,231	13,012
Berkley.....	229	313	-	36	578	-	-	70	70	1,615	-	553	2,168
Dartmouth.....	2,198	2,751	3	109	5,061	-	155	295	450	8,722	111	2,262	11,095
Dighton .....	333	332	-	39	704	-	6	73	79	1,820	13	560	2,393
Easton.....	1,660	699	1	491	2,851	-	3	281	284	5,766	33	3,079	8,878
Fairhaven.....	1,338	1,301	-	51	2,690	-	-	205	205	4,835	60	1,213	6,108
FALL RIVER .....	5,177	7,011	-	537	12,725	-	-	673	673	17,790	23	3,925	21,738
Freetown.....	516	631	1	37	1,185	-	12	108	120	2,509	36	726	3,271
Mansfield.....	1,504	742	-	339	2,585	-	1	657	658	5,895	481	1,932	8,308
NEW BEDFORD .....	6,520	7,110	8	348	13,986	-	170	590	760	19,683	295	4,122	24,100
North Attleborough.....	1,106	637	2	151	1,896	-	24	376	400	6,902	98	2,457	9,457
Norton.....	949	594	-	222	1,765	-	4	240	244	4,268	4	1,821	6,093
Raynham.....	534	880	-	87	1,501	-	3	145	148	3,506	-	1,247	4,753
Rehoboth.....	331	266	-	53	650	-	-	222	222	2,991	-	1,146	4,137
Seekonk .....	966	548	-	144	1,658	-	23	325	348	4,027	20	1,285	5,332
Somerset.....	1,385	1,696	-	97	3,178	-	34	178	212	5,961	-	1,397	7,358
Swansea.....	1,155	1,150	-	101	2,406	-	34	212	246	4,558	51	1,190	5,799
TAUNTON .....	2,789	3,539	4	416	6,748	-	34	330	364	11,569	446	3,447	15,462
Westport .....	882	1,519	-	91	2,492	-	13	190	203	4,711	8	1,198	5,917
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>32,186</b>	<b>33,967</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3,586</b>	<b>69,758</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>5,953</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>130,169</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>37,490</b>	<b>169,379</b>



Cape & Islands District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary				State Election			
	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Michael D. O'Keefe of Sandwich	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Michael D. O'Keefe of Sandwich	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Aquinnah .....	-	2	75	77	1	-	-	1	95	2	117	214
Barnstable .....	-	593	5,748	6,341	1,467	6	322	1,795	15,049	89	4,784	19,922
Bourne .....	-	-	2,555	2,555	301	-	72	373	5,715	59	1,992	7,766
Brewster .....	-	6	1,690	1,696	311	3	58	372	3,809	27	1,457	5,293
Chatham .....	-	48	1,113	1,161	465	2	146	613	2,949	35	952	3,936
Chilmark .....	-	227	-	227	14	-	4	18	328	-	262	590
Dennis .....	-	4	2,853	2,857	587	-	121	708	6,085	-	1,878	7,963
Eastham .....	-	-	1,233	1,233	284	-	57	341	2,178	-	890	3,068
Edgartown .....	-	-	465	465	45	-	15	60	1,133	9	608	1,750
Falmouth .....	-	428	5,855	6,283	612	1	109	722	10,558	151	4,619	15,328
Gosnold .....	-	-	15	15	3	-	1	4	32	-	27	59
Harwich .....	-	89	2,037	2,126	749	4	208	961	4,902	34	1,621	6,557
Mashpee .....	-	9	2,180	2,189	333	-	50	383	4,418	20	1,715	6,153
Nantucket .....	-	50	1,074	1,124	343	8	136	487	2,846	51	1,135	4,032
Oak Bluffs .....	-	23	587	610	46	-	22	68	1,172	11	768	1,951
Orleans .....	-	10	1,207	1,217	420	1	136	557	2,781	34	995	3,810
Provincetown .....	-	10	1,144	1,154	31	-	10	41	925	35	996	1,956
Sandwich .....	-	16	2,759	2,775	514	2	94	610	7,079	45	2,325	9,449
Tisbury .....	-	10	520	530	46	1	17	64	1,027	18	683	1,728
Truro .....	-	6	587	593	39	-	8	47	677	12	535	1,224
Wellfleet .....	-	6	757	763	80	-	23	103	989	11	701	1,701
West Tisbury .....	-	5	498	503	43	-	5	48	740	10	657	1,407
Yarmouth .....	-	20	4,234	4,254	1,277	2	324	1,603	8,558	50	2,666	11,274
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>39,186</b>	<b>40,748</b>	<b>8,011</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>9,979</b>	<b>84,045</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>32,383</b>	<b>117,131</b>