

Civil Legal Aid and Economic Benefits

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Civil Legal Aid produced \$69 million in Economic Benefits in Massachusetts in FY19

- \$53.5 million in direct benefits to clients
- \$16.2 million in savings and federal reimbursements to the Commonwealth

“Civil legal aid brings positive change for people and families. And it produces clear economic benefits for communities and the Commonwealth.”
-Lynne Parker, Executive Director, MLAC

The greatest benefits were in:



Additional benefits were in cases involving: education, consumer issues, disability rights, and employment. Public benefits include: SNAP (food stamps), SSI, disability, and veterans benefits.

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- \$13.8 million preventing homelessness
- \$2.2 million in domestic violence prevention

Federal benefits recovered for clients by legal aid lawyers brought \$2.9 million into Massachusetts through Social Security and Medicare.

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