



**POETRY OUT LOUD NATIONAL RECITATION CONTEST
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORY, AT A GLANCE**

Poetry Out Loud 2018 (Year 13)

Champion: Xiadi Zhai, Boston Latin School (Senior)

*Xiadi was a National Finalist. One of the top 9 contestants nationwide. She was also named the runner-up in the written category of Poetry Ourselves.

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| Students | 22,731 | Ranked 2 nd in the Nation | 300,000+ Nationally |
| Schools | 90* | Ranked 5 th in the Nation | 2,300+ Nationally |
| Teachers | 614 | Ranked 3 rd in the Nation | 8,000+ Nationally |

Poetry Out Loud 2017 (Year 12)

Champion: Rose-Darla Pascal, Randolph High School (Sophomore)

*Rose-Darla Pascal was a National Finalist. One of the top 9 contestants nationwide.

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| Students | 23,149 | Ranked 3 rd in Nation | 310,423 Nationally |
| Schools | 88 | | 2,374 Nationally |
| Teachers | 598 | Ranked 3 rd in Nation | 8,045 Nationally |

Poetry Out Loud 2016 (Year 11)

Champion: Courtney Stewart, Springfield Central High School (Senior)

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| Students | 21,219 | Ranked 4 in Nation | 317,000+ Nationally |
| Schools | 87 | Ranked 6 in Nation | 2300+ Nationally |
| Teachers | 559 | Ranked 4 in Nation | 8500+ Nationally |

Poetry Out Loud 2015 (Year 10)

Champion: Caroline Sprague, Monument Mountain Regional High School (Junior)

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| Students | 20,601 | Ranked 4 in Nation | 365,000+ Nationally |
| Schools | 86 | Ranked 5 in Nation | 2,300+ Nationally |
| Teachers | 624 | Ranked 2 in Nation | 9,000+ Nationally |



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Poetry Out Loud 2014 (Year 9)

Champion: Courtney Stewart, Springfield Central High School (Sophomore)

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| Students | 24,479* | Ranked 3 in Nation | 365,000+ Nationally |
| Schools | 84 | Ranked 4 in Nation | 2,200+ Nationally |
| Teachers | 734* | Ranked 3 in Nation | 8,8000+ Nationally |

Poetry Out Loud 2013 (Year 8)

Champion: Courtney Stewart, Springfield Central High School (Freshman)

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| Students | 20,900 | Ranked 3 in Nation | 375,000+ Nationally |
| Schools | 83 | Ranked 2 in Nation | |
| Teachers | 489 | <i>(No Rankings Provided on Teachers from NEA)</i> | |

Poetry Out Loud 2012 (Year 7)

Champion: Stephanie Igharosa, Randolph High School (Freshman)

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| Students | 20, 318 | Ranked 3 in Nation | 368,000+ Nationally |
| Schools | 81 | Ranked 4 in Nation | |

Poetry Out Loud 2011 (Year 6)

Champion: Michaela Murray, John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science (Junior)

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| Students | 18,788 | Ranked 4 in Nation | 365,800+ Nationally |
| Schools | 77 | | |



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Poetry Out Loud 2010 (Year 5)

Champion: Wilmene Hercule, Prospect Hill Academy Charter School (Sophomore)

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| Students | 12,320 | 322,700+ Nationally |
| Schools | 65 | |

Poetry Out Loud 2009 (Year 4)

Champion: Wilmene Hercule, Prospect Hill Academy Charter School (Freshman)

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| Students | 8,956 | 293,050 Nationally |
| Schools | 63 | |

Poetry Out Loud 2008 (Year 3)

Champion: Gabrielle Guarracino, Rockland High School (Senior)

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| Students | 7,538 | |
| Schools | 40 | |

Poetry Out Loud 2007 (Year 2)

Champion: Gabrielle Guarracino, Rockland High School (Junior)

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| Students | Data Not Available | |
| Schools | 24 | |

Poetry Out Loud 2006 (Year 1)

Champion: Vinh Hua, Boston Latin School (Senior)

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| Students | 1,500 | |
| Schools | 14 | |



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Other POL Massachusetts Statistics

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|--------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Female Champions | 7 | Freshman Champions | 3 |
| Male Champions | 2 | Sophomore Champions | 3 |
| Repeat Champions | 3 | Junior Champions | 3 |
| Top 9 at Nationals | 3 | Senior Champions | 4 |

An asterisk (*) implies the record in MA for that category.