

NUVEEN MASSACHUSETTS PREMIUM INCOME MUNICIPAL FUND  
Form N-Q  
October 28, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-7484

Nuveen Massachusetts Premium Income Municipal Fund  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments  
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 5/31

Date of reporting period: 8/31/11

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)  
 Nuveen Massachusetts Premium Income Municipal Fund (NMT)  
 August 31, 2011

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Consumer Discretionary – 1.5% (0.9% of Total Investments)			
\$ 1,425	Boston Industrial Development Financing Authority, Massachusetts, Senior Revenue Bonds, Crosstown Center Project, Series 2002, 6.500%, 9/01/35 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	9/12 at 102.00	Caa3	\$ 1,012,619
	Education and Civic Organizations – 34.4% (22.4% of Total Investments)			
1,000	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency Revenue Bonds, Lesley University Issue Series B-1 and B-2, 5.250%, 7/01/33 – AGM Insured	7/21 at 100.00	AA+	1,048,870
1,000	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, , Sterliong and Francine Clark Art Institute, Series 2011A, 5.000%, 7/01/41	7/21 at 100.00	AA	1,034,890
375	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Boston University, Series 2009V-1, 5.000%, 10/01/29	10/19 at 100.00	A	394,976
1,000	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Emerson College, Series 2010A, 5.000%, 1/01/40	1/20 at 100.00	A–	999,930
2,000	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, The Broad Institute, Series 2011A, 5.250%, 4/01/37	4/21 at 100.00	AA–	2,047,560
1,045	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Series 2007, 5.000%, 9/01/37 – NPMF Insured	9/17 at 100.00	A+	1,059,860
770	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Curry College, Series 2000A, 6.000%, 3/01/20 – ACA Insured	3/12 at 100.00	BBB	771,024
1,745	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, Series 2005D, 5.000%, 7/01/27 – AGC Insured	7/15 at 100.00	AA+	1,821,169
1,500	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, WGBH Educational Foundation, Series 2002A, 5.750%, 1/01/42 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	A	1,613,070
4,900	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, WGBH Educational Foundation, 5.000%, 1/01/42 – AGC Insured (UB)	1/18 at 100.00	AA+	4,978,057
1,090			A2	1,297,787

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	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Boston University, Series 1999P, 6.000%, 5/15/29	No Opt. Call		
1,000	Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority, Educational Loan Revenue, Serie 2011J, 5.625%, 7/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/21 at 100.00	AA	1,007,800
2,000	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Boston College, Series 2003N, 5.250%, 6/01/18	6/13 at 100.00	AA-	2,129,740
1,000	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Springfield College, Series 2010, 5.500%, 10/15/31	10/19 at 100.00	Baa1	978,510
250	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Tufts University, Series 2008O, 5.375%, 8/15/38	8/18 at 100.00	Aa2	270,293
500	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Wellesley College, Series 2003H, 5.000%, 7/01/26	7/13 at 100.00	Aaa	515,115
500	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Wheaton College Issues, Series 2010F, 5.000%, 1/01/41	No Opt. Call	A2	509,175
555	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Williams College, Series 2003H, 5.000%, 7/01/21	7/13 at 100.00	AAA	596,486
500	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Worcester State College, Series 2002, 5.000%, 11/01/32 – AMBAC Insured	11/12 at 100.00	A2	501,820
340	Puerto Rico Industrial, Tourist, Educational, Medical and Environmental Control Facilities Financing Authority, Higher Education Revenue Bonds, Ana G. Mendez University System, Series 1999, 5.375%, 2/01/19	2/12 at 100.00	BBB-	340,085
23,070	Total Education and Civic Organizations Health Care – 25.3% (16.5% of Total Investments)			23,916,217
1,000	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Partners HealthCare System, Series 2011K-6, 5.375%, 7/01/41	7/20 at 100.00	AA	1,040,930
1,250	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Berkshire Health System, Series 2001E, 6.250%, 10/01/31	10/11 at 101.00	BBB+	1,256,200
1,000	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cape Cod Health Care Inc., Series 2001C, 5.250%, 11/15/31 – RAAI Insured	11/11 at 101.00	BBB+	967,280
2,300	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Caregroup Inc., Series B1 Capital Asset Program Converted June 13,2008: 5.375%, 2/01/26 – NPFG Insured	8/18 at 100.00	A-	2,360,628
770	5.375%, 2/01/28 – NPFG Insured	8/18 at 100.00	A-	783,976
1,500			A-	1,526,340

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	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Caregroup Inc., Series B2, Capital Asset Program, Converted June 9, 2009, 5.375%, 2/01/27 – NPFPG Insured	8/18 at 100.00		
1,000	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Children’s Hospital, Series 2009M, 5.500%, 12/01/39	12/19 at 100.00	AA	1,048,530
935	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Emerson Hospital, Series 2005E, 5.000%, 8/15/35 – RAAI Insured	8/15 at 100.00	N/R	747,598
1,000	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lahey Clinic Medical Center, Series 2005C, 5.000%, 8/15/21 – FGIC Insured	8/15 at 100.00	A+	1,041,240
2,000	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lahey Medical Center, Series 2007D, 5.250%, 8/15/28	8/17 at 100.00	A+	2,039,860
585	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Milford Regional Medical Center, Series 2007E, 5.000%, 7/15/32	7/17 at 100.00	BBB–	515,215
1,000	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Milton Hospital Project, Series 2005D, 5.250%, 7/01/30	7/15 at 100.00	BB–	815,620
75	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Partners HealthCare System Inc., Series 2001C, 5.750%, 7/01/32	7/12 at 100.00	AA	75,728
1,445	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, UMass Memorial Health Care, Series 2005D, 5.000%, 7/01/33	7/15 at 100.00	A–	1,331,307
2,000	Massachusetts State, Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Partners HealthCare System Inc., Series 2007G, 5.000%, 7/01/32	7/17 at 100.00	AA	2,034,260
17,860	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 6.6% (4.3% of Total Investments)			17,584,712
1,305	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Emerson Manor Project, Series 2007, 4.800%, 7/20/48	7/17 at 100.00	BB	1,293,555
1,735	Massachusetts Development Financing Authority, Assisted Living Revenue Bonds, Prospect House Apartments, Series 1999, 7.000%, 12/01/31	12/11 at 100.00	N/R	1,586,848
500	Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2003S, 5.050%, 12/01/23 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	6/13 at 100.00	AA–	502,910
135	Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Rental Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 1999D, 5.500%, 7/01/13 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/12 at 100.00	N/R	135,919
1,000	Somerville Housing Authority, Massachusetts, GNMA Collateralized Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Clarendon Hill Towers, Series 2002, 5.200%, 11/20/22	5/12 at 103.00	N/R	1,038,670
4,675	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 3.6% (2.4% of Total Investments)			4,557,902
1,500			AA	1,423,125

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	Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2006-126, 4.625%, 6/01/32 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	6/16 at 100.00		
985	Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Single Family Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, Trust 3145, 14.252%, 6/01/16 (IF)	No Opt. Call	AA	1,109,731
2,485	Total Housing/Single Family Industrials – 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)			2,532,856
220	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Pioneer Valley Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, Eco/Springfield LLC, Series 2006, 5.875%, 7/01/14 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. Call	N/R	212,351
400	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Waste Management Inc., Series 2003, 5.450%, 6/01/14	No Opt. Call	BBB	438,876
620	Total Industrials			651,227
	Long-Term Care – 7.0% (4.6% of Total Investments)			
1,270	Boston, Massachusetts, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Deutsches Altenheim Inc., Series 1998A, 6.125%, 10/01/31	10/11 at 102.00	AAA	1,306,601
185	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Carleton-Willard Village, Series 2010, 5.625%, 12/01/30	12/19 at 100.00	A–	188,465
1,685	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Orchard Cove, Series 2007, 5.250%, 10/01/26	10/12 at 102.00	N/R	1,411,491
1,500	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, GNMA Collateralized Assisted Living Facility Revenue Bonds, Arbors at Chicopee, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 9/20/42 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	3/12 at 105.00	AAA	1,578,345
400	Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency, First Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Berkshire Retirement Community, Series 1994B, 4.750%, 7/01/17	1/12 at 100.00	BBB	400,732
5,040	Total Long-Term Care Tax Obligation/General – 21.4% (14.0% of Total Investments)			4,885,634
500	Ashland, Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.250%, 5/15/23 – AMBAC Insured	5/15 at 100.00	Aa2	537,445
600	Boston, Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 1/01/17	1/15 at 100.00	Aaa	675,534
1,000	Fall River, Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 2/01/21 – AGM Insured	2/13 at 101.00	AA+	1,037,960
1,000	Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District, Hampden County, Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011, 5.000%, 2/15/41	2/21 at 100.00	Aa3	1,054,290
1,250	Hudson, Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Municipal Purpose Loan Series 2011, 5.000%, 2/15/32	2/20 at 100.00	AA	1,338,438
1,385	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, General Obligation Transportation System Bonds, Series 1991A, 7.000%, 3/01/21	No Opt. Call	Aa1	1,736,291
1,275			Aa1	1,429,989

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	Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Consolidated Loan, Series 2001D, 6.000%, 11/01/13 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call		
980	Monson, Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, 5.250%, 5/15/22 – AMBAC Insured	5/12 at 101.00	A1	1,017,995
1,260	Norwell, Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 11/15/20 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	AAA	1,547,797
1,000	Puerto Rico, General Obligation and Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 7/01/29 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	Baa1	1,009,560
2,000	Quincy, Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011, 5.250%, 12/01/38	12/20 at 100.00	Aa2	2,168,240
1,220	Worcester, Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 7/01/19 – FGIC Insured	7/15 at 100.00	A1	1,335,937
13,470	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 13.3% (8.7% of Total Investments)			14,889,476
210	Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank, Massachusetts, Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 5/01/26 – AMBAC Insured	5/14 at 100.00	A–	220,523
975	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Series 2006C, 5.000%, 7/01/26	7/18 at 100.00	AAA	1,072,802
385	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Senior Lien Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2004C, 5.250%, 7/01/21	No Opt. Call	AAA	477,539
325	Massachusetts College Building Authority, Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 5/01/31 – AMBAC Insured	5/16 at 100.00	Aa2	339,043
1,200	Massachusetts College Building Authority, Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2008A, 5.000%, 5/01/33 – AGC Insured	5/18 at 100.00	AA+	1,251,348
1,000	Massachusetts College Building Authority, Project Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003B, 5.375%, 5/01/23 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	No Opt. Call	Aa2	1,223,340
1,300	Massachusetts School Building Authority, Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 8/15/20 – AGM Insured	8/15 at 100.00	AA+	1,471,847
540	Massachusetts State, Special Obligation Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 1/01/20 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	622,312
1,000	Massachusetts, Special Obligation Refunding Notes, Federal Highway Grant Anticipation Note Program, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 12/15/13 – AGM Insured	No Opt. Call	AAA	1,103,270
240	Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority, Special Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, 0.000%, 7/01/43 – AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB+	25,298
1,300	Puerto Rico, Highway Revenue Bonds, Highway and Transportation Authority, Series 2003AA, 5.500%, 7/01/19 – NPFG Insured	No Opt. Call	A3	1,458,743
8,475	Total Tax Obligation/Limited			9,266,065

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Transportation – 11.5% (7.5% of Total Investments)				
500	Massachusetts Port Authority, Airport System Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, 5.000%, 7/01/30	7/20 at 100.00	AA–	536,680
2,000	Massachusetts Port Authority, Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/33 – NPMG Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AA–	2,025,200
1,000	Massachusetts Port Authority, Special Facilities Revenue Bonds, BOSFUEL Corporation, Series 2007, 5.000%, 7/01/32 – FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/17 at 100.00	A3	979,650
225	Massachusetts Port Authority, Special Facilities Revenue Bonds, Delta Air Lines Inc., Series 2001A, 5.000%, 1/01/27 – AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/12 at 100.00	N/R	165,944
4,000	Massachusetts Port Authority, Special Facilities Revenue Bonds, US Airways Group Inc., Series 1996A, 5.750%, 9/01/16 – NPMG Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	3/12 at 100.00	Baa1	3,804,999
470	Metropolitan Boston Transit Parking Corporation, Massachusetts, Systemwide Parking Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Series 2011, 5.000%, 7/01/41	7/21 at 100.00	A+	472,327
8,195	Total Transportation			7,984,800
U.S. Guaranteed – 13.8% (9.0% of Total Investments) (4)				
650	Boston, Massachusetts, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 1/01/17 (Pre-refunded 1/01/15)	1/15 at 100.00	N/R (4)	747,383
1,115	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, General Obligation Transportation System Bonds, Series 1991A, 7.000%, 3/01/21 (ETM)	3/17 at 100.00	N/R (4)	1,325,612
25	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Series 2006C, 5.000%, 7/01/26 (Pre-refunded 7/01/18)	7/18 at 100.00	AAA	30,763
550	Massachusetts College Building Authority, Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 5/01/19 (Pre-refunded 5/01/14) – NPMG Insured	5/14 at 100.00	Aa2 (4)	616,132
750	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, GNMA Collateralized Revenue Bonds, VOA Concord Assisted Living Inc., Series 2000A, 6.900%, 10/20/41 (Pre-refunded 10/20/11)	10/11 at 105.00	N/R (4)	794,235
1,000	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, Series 2003C, 5.750%, 7/01/33 (Pre-refunded 7/01/13)	7/13 at 101.00	A (4)	1,108,040
750	Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Milton Academy, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 9/01/19 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13)	9/13 at 100.00	AA– (4)	818,625
410	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, CareGroup Inc., Series 1998A, 5.000%, 7/01/25 (Pre-refunded 7/01/21) – NPMG Insured	7/21 at 100.00	BBB (4)	480,508
1,000	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Caritas Christi Obligated Group, Series 2002B, 6.250%, 7/01/22 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12)	7/12 at 101.00	N/R (4)	1,058,100



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600	Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, New England Medical Center Hospitals, Series 2002H, 5.375%, 5/15/19 (Pre-refunded 5/15/12) – FGIC Insured	5/12 at 100.00	N/R (4)	620,922
295	Massachusetts Port Authority, Revenue Bonds, Series 1982, 13.000%, 7/01/13 (ETM)	1/12 at 100.00	AAA	341,569
1,500	Massachusetts State, Special Obligation Dedicated Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 5.250%, 1/01/25 (Pre-refunded 1/01/14) – FGIC Insured	1/14 at 100.00	A1 (4)	1,663,770
8,645	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 2.9% (1.9% of Total Investments)			9,605,659
1,000	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, SEMass System, Series 2001A, 5.625%, 1/01/16 – NPFG Insured	1/12 at 101.00	Baa1	1,018,510
1,000	Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency, Resource Recovery Revenue Refunding Bonds, Ogden Haverhill Project, Series 1998A, 5.600%, 12/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	12/11 at 100.00	A–	1,003,010
2,000	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 11.0% (7.2% of Total Investments)			2,021,520
500	Boston Water and Sewerage Commission, Massachusetts, General Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Refunding Series 2010A, 5.000%, 11/01/30	11/19 at 100.00	AA+	553,415
2,000	Boston Water and Sewerage Commission, Massachusetts, General Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 2004A, 5.000%, 11/01/25	11/14 at 100.00	AA+	2,215,980
60	Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, Pooled Loan Program Bonds, Series 2003-9, 5.000%, 8/01/22	8/13 at 100.00	AAA	62,833
285	Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, Pooled Loan Program Bonds, Series 2004-10, 5.000%, 8/01/26	8/14 at 100.00	AAA	299,943
750	Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, Pooled Loan Program Bonds, Series 2005-11, 4.500%, 8/01/29	8/15 at 100.00	AAA	774,570
1,000	Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, Pooled Loan Program Bonds, Series 2006-12, 4.375%, 8/01/31	8/16 at 100.00	AAA	1,026,670
500	Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, Revenue Bonds, MWRA Loan Program, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 8/01/20	8/12 at 100.00	AAA	521,770
1,500	Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 8/01/28 – NPFG Insured	8/17 at 100.00	AA+	1,625,520
625	Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 4.000%, 8/01/46	8/16 at 100.00	AA+	588,881
7,220	Total Water and Sewer			7,669,582
\$ 103,180	Total Investments (cost \$104,265,400) – 153.2%			106,578,269
	Floating Rate Obligations – (3.5)%			(2,450,000)
	MuniFund Term Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value – (52.7)% (5)			(36,645,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 3.0%			2,075,026

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares – 100%	\$ 69,558,295
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Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – Significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of August 31, 2011:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ —	\$106,578,269	\$ —	\$106,578,269

During the period ended August 31, 2011, the Fund recognized no significant transfers to or from Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate securities reflected as financing transactions, if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At August 31, 2011, the cost of investments was \$101,773,990.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at August 31, 2011, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 4,167,462

Depreciation	(1,813,183)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 2,354,279

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
  - (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
  - (3) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.  
Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities,
  - (4) which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are given an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities.
  - (5) MuniFund Term Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 34.4%.  
N/R Not rated.
  - (ETM) Escrowed to maturity.
  - (IF) Inverse floating rate investment.
  - (UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.
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Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
  
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Massachusetts Premium Income Municipal Fund

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy  
Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary

Date October 28, 2011

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date October 28, 2011

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy  
Stephen D. Foy  
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date October 28, 2011