

Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

Department of Unemployment Assistance LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT Massachusetts and the Labor Areas

Location	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010	December 2011	November 2011	December 2010
Massachusetts	3,483,300	3,488,000	3,488,299	3,255,400	3,266,100	3,209,073	228,000	221,900	279,226	6.5	6.4	8.0
Metropolitan Divisions												
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA NECTA	1,545,454	1,548,944	1,542,443	1,461,346	1,465,435	1,437,727	84,108	83,509	104,716	5.4	5.4	6.8
Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton, MA NECTA	129,241	129,582	129,316	119,555	120,213	117,477	9,686	9,369	11,839	7.5	7.2	9.2
Framingham, MA NECTA	149,380	149,492	148,310	142,179	142,502	139,131	7,201	6,990	9,179	4.8	4.7	6.2
Haverhill-N.Andover-Amesbury, MA-NH	125,012	125,542	124,354	117,237	117,922	115,368	7,775	7,620	8,986	6.2	6.1	7.2
Lawrence-Methuen-Salem, MA-NH NECTA	74,093	73,818	74,578	66,352	66,272	65,543	7,741	7,546	9,035	10.4	10.2	12.1
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, MA-NH	155,956	155,947	155,525	145,489	145,683	142,899	10,467	10,264	12,626	6.7	6.6	8.1
Peabody, MA NECTA Division	129,745	129,565	130,000	121,404	121,391	119,943	8,341	8,174	10,057	6.4	6.3	7.7
Taunton-Norton-Raynham, MA NECTA	63,833	63,685	64,050	59,402	59,389	58,627	4,431	4,296	5,423	6.9	6.7	8.5
Metropolitan Statistical Areas												
Barnstable Town, MA Metropolitan NECTA	131,593	131,408	130,873	121,463	122,164	118,555	10,130	9,244	12,318	7.7	7.0	9.4
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH	2,550,804	2,556,010	2,546,973	2,401,913	2,409,138	2,365,155	148,891	146,872	181,818	5.8	5.7	7.1
Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner, MA	73,023	72,872	73,872	66,694	66,678	66,033	6,329	6,194	7,839	8.7	8.5	10.6
New Bedford, MA Metropolitan NECTA	85,988	85,813	87,442	77,509	77,700	77,374	8,479	8,113	10,068	9.9	9.5	11.5
Pittsfield, MA Metropolitan NECTA	39,657	39,607	39,471	36,984	37,082	36,249	2,673	2,525	3,222	6.7	6.4	8.2
Providence-Fall River-RI-MA (MA only)	149,233	149,721	151,191	134,871	135,721	134,935	14,362	14,000	16,256	9.6	9.4	10.8
Springfield, MA-CT Metropolitan NECTA	345,918	348,147	349,900	319,884	322,800	318,289	26,034	25,347	31,611	7.5	7.3	9.0
Worcester, MA-CT Metropolitan NECTA	299,908	299,173	297,215	279,089	278,943	271,904	20,819	20,230	25,311	6.9	6.8	8.5
Micropolitan Statistical Areas												
Amherst Center, MA Micropolitan NECTA	25,422	26,196	25,815	24,444	25,244	24,454	978	952	1,361	3.8	3.6	5.3
Athol, MA Micropolitan NECTA	10,376	10,328	10,505	9,459	9,456	9,419	917	872	1,086	8.8	8.4	10.3
Greenfield, MA Micropolitan NECTA	21,838	21,802	22,199	20,425	20,448	20,426	1,413	1,354	1,773	6.5	6.2	8.0
North Adams, MA-VT Micropolitan NECTA	17,217	17,286	17,645	15,903	16,022	16,023	1,314	1,264	1,622	7.6	7.3	9.2
Other Labor Market Areas												
Great Barrington, MA LMA	16,395	16,269	16,822	15,540	15,508	15,712	855	761	1,110	5.2	4.7	6.6
Nantucket, MA LMA	6,364	6,522	6,737	5,781	6,030	6,078	583	492	659	9.2	7.5	9.8
Tisbury, MA LMA	9,703	9,929	10,030	8,803	9,130	9,012	900	799	1,018	9.3	8.0	10.1

Note: Data not seasonally adjusted.