

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy Metropolitan Statistical Area, Massachusetts, and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which include wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. The **Occupational Employment Statistics (OES)** program estimates occupational employment and wages for 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations in every state and metropolitan area. All data are not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Indexes (1982-84 = 100)

Index and area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	223.467	229.392	2.7
Northeast	239.074	245.125	2.5
Boston	242.787	247.166	1.8
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	220.024	226.304	2.9
Northeast	237.377	243.768	2.7
Boston	244.324	248.800	1.8

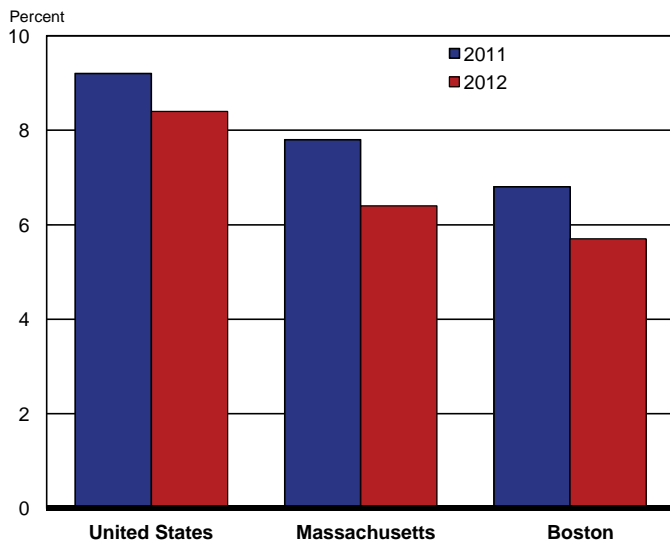
Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	189.1	194.4	2.8
All commodities	199.2	204.3	2.6
Industrial commodities	200.4	205.1	2.3

Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (in thousands)

Area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	14,060	12,904	-1,156.0	-8.2
Massachusetts	270.4	220.4	-50.0	-18.5
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	171.1	142.3	-28.8	-16.8

Unemployment rates, United States, Massachusetts, and Boston-Cambridge-Quincy Metropolitan Statistical Area, March 2011 and 2012



Employment Cost Indexes, private industry (December 2005 = 100)

Index and area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	113.3	115.7	2.1
Northeast	114.4	116.5	1.8
New England	114.8	116.9	1.8
Boston	-	-	1.9
Wages and Salaries			
United States	113.2	115.3	1.9
Northeast	113.7	115.8	1.8
New England	114.5	116.6	1.8
Boston	-	-	1.6

Note: Dash indicates data not available.

Median annual wages in Boston-Cambridge-Quincy

Occupational group	May 2011
All occupations	\$44,860
Management	111,760
Business and financial operations	71,270
Computer and mathematical science	88,210
Education, training, and library	54,920
Healthcare practitioner and technical	72,140
Food preparation and serving related	22,670
Sales and related	29,800
Office and administrative support	37,920
Production	34,670

Note: All occupations include groups not shown separately

Nonfarm payroll employment (in thousands)

Area	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	130,061	132,010	1,949	1.5
Massachusetts	3,164.3	3,184.4	20.1	0.6
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	2,416.6	2,435.3	18.7	0.8

Payroll employment in Boston-Cambridge-Quincy by major industry sector (in thousands)

Industry	Mar 2011	Mar 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	2,416.6	2,435.3	18.7
Construction	71.3	72.6	1.3
Manufacturing	193.4	196.5	3.1
Trade transportation and utilities	394.5	400.5	6.0
Financial activities	171.6	168.7	-2.9
Professional and business services	391.4	399.8	8.4
Education and health services	508.5	510.1	1.6
Government	308.5	304.6	-3.9

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.