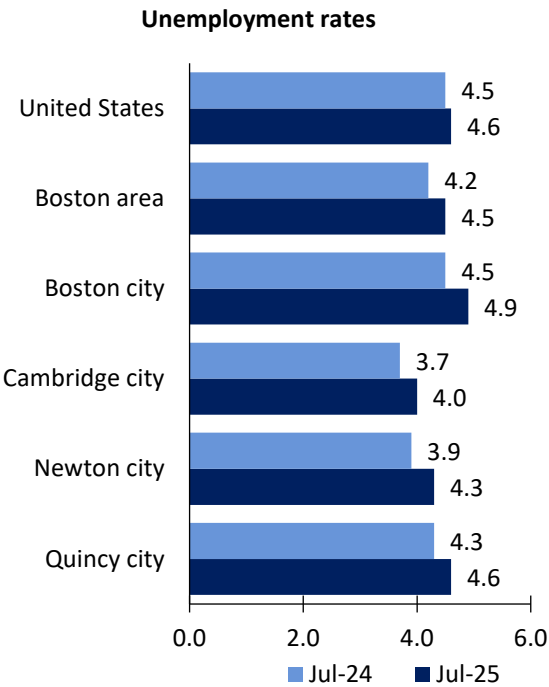


Boston Area Economic Summary

Updated August 27, 2025

This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see <https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm>.

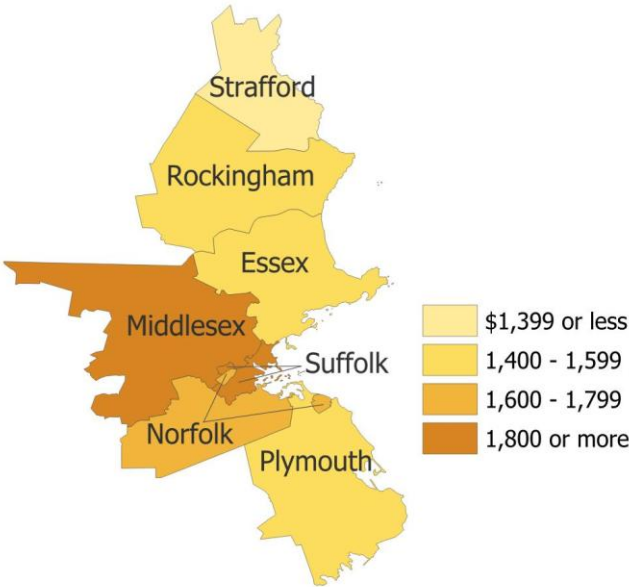
Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

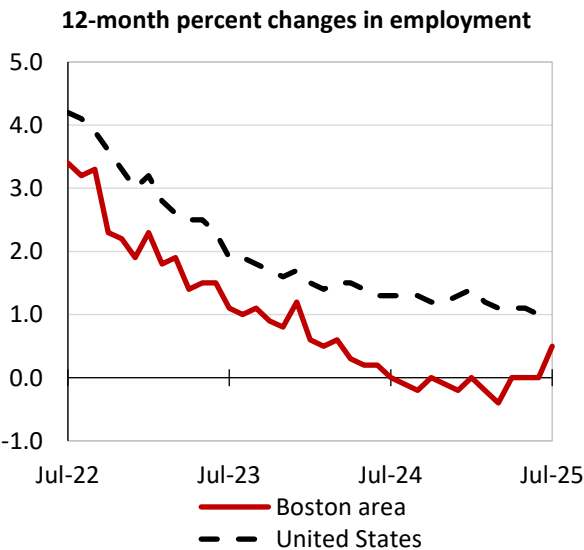
Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Boston area, fourth quarter 2024
(U.S. = \$1,507; Area = \$2,037)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes



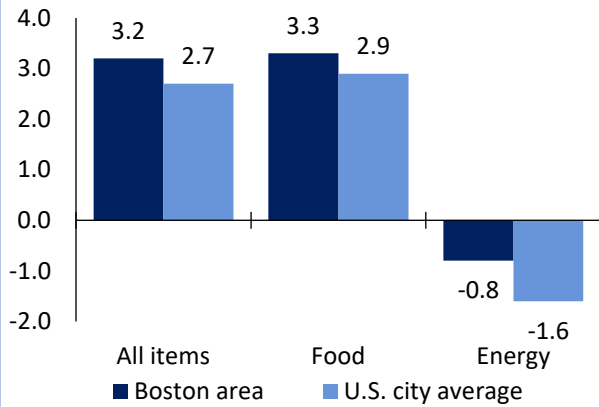
Boston area employment (number in thousands)	Jul. 2025	Change from Jul. 2024 to Jul. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	2,791.6	13.7	0.5
Mining, logging, and construction	127.6	-0.4	-0.3
Manufacturing	164.2	-1.2	-0.7
Trade, transportation, and utilities	391.7	1.5	0.4
Information	77.0	-0.9	-1.2
Financial activities	184.3	3.2	1.8
Professional and business services	523.7	-5.8	-1.1
Education and health services	614.2	4.9	0.8
Leisure and hospitality	298.6	7.4	2.5
Other services	102.2	0.1	0.1
Government	308.1	4.9	1.6

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.



Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change

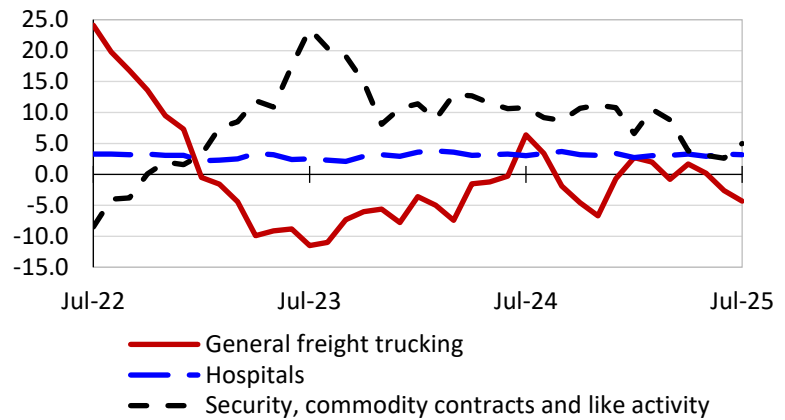
12-month percent change in CPI-U, July 2025



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

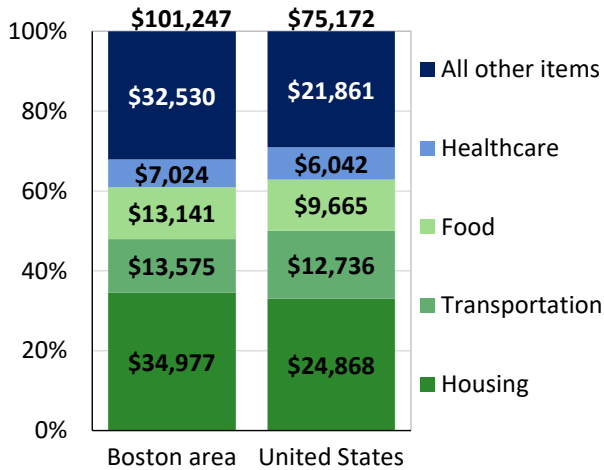
12-month percent changes in PPI



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2022-2023



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2024

Occupation	Boston area	United States
All occupations	\$41.85	\$32.66
Computer and information systems managers	99.98	90.38
Software developers	74.44	69.50
Financial and investment analysts	64.28	56.01
Medical scientists, except epidemiologists	62.04	54.18
Biochemists and biophysicists	58.98	55.56
Market research analysts and marketing specialists	48.51	41.58

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics.

Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by census division

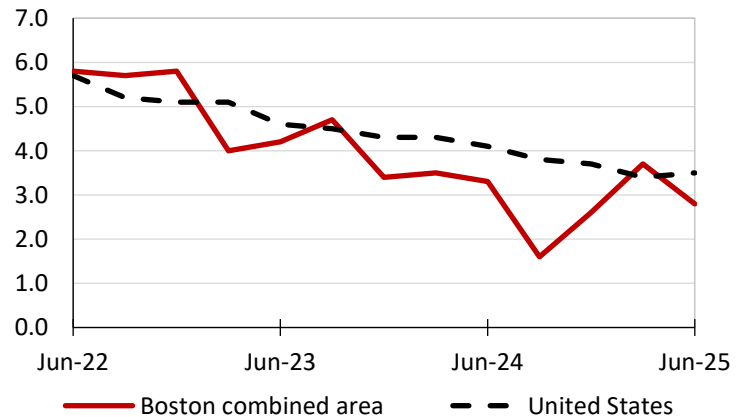
Private industry, March 2025	New England	United States
Total compensation	\$56.17	\$45.38
Wages and salaries	38.56	31.89
Total benefits	17.61	13.49
Paid leave	5.00	3.43
Vacation	2.59	1.74
Supplemental pay	2.00	1.89
Insurance	4.61	3.34
Retirement and savings	2.17	1.53
Legally required benefits	3.83	3.29

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

12-month percent changes in ECI



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.