

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	Dec 2011	Dec 2012	Percent change
All Urban Consumers			
U.S. City Average	225.672	229.601	1.7
Northeast	241.987	246.456	1.8
Boston	-	-	-
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers			
U.S. City Average	222.166	225.889	1.7
Northeast	240.431	244.664	1.8
Boston	-	-	-

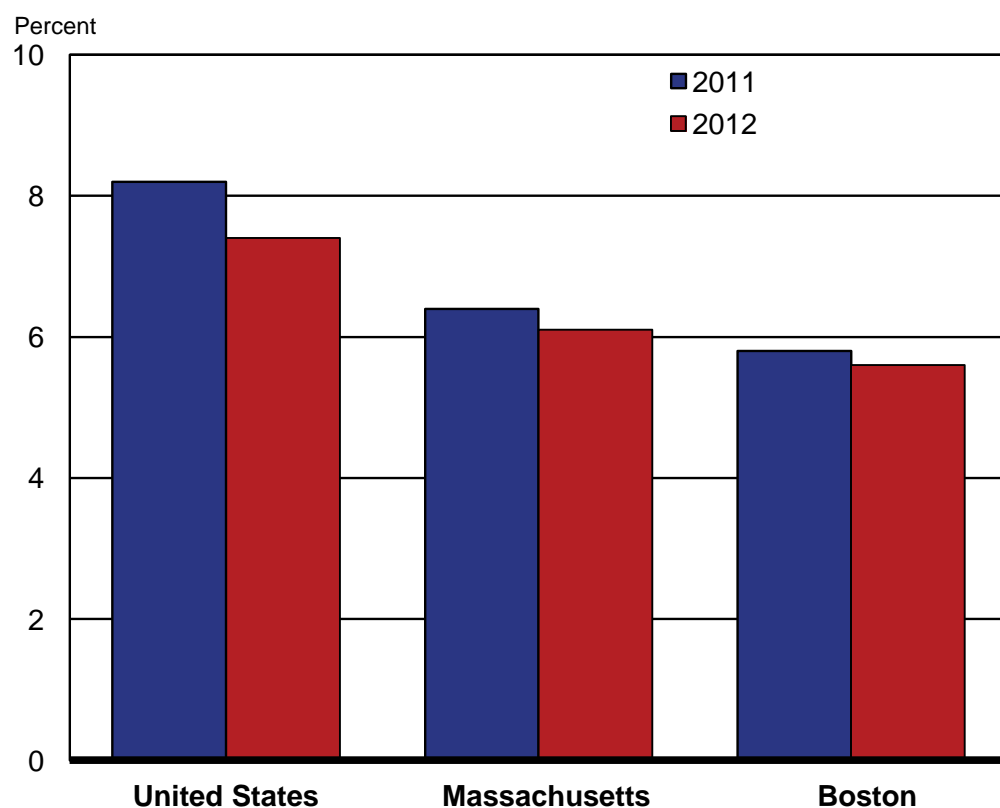
Producer Price Indexes, United States (1982 = 100)

Index	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Percent change
Finished goods	191.1	193.6	1.3
All commodities	199.8	201.5	0.9
Industrial commodities	200.6	200.4	-0.1

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

Area	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	12,692	11,844	-848.0	-6.7
Massachusetts	226.0	227.4	1.4	0.6
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	148.0	141.3	-5.7	-3.9

Unemployment rates, United States, Massachusetts, and Boston, December 2011 and 2012



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

Index and area	Sept 2011	Sept 2012	Percent change
Total Compensation			
United States	114.6	116.9	2.0
Northeast	115.7	117.6	1.6
New England	116.2	118.1	1.6
Boston	-	-	-
Wages and Salaries			
United States	114.3	116.4	1.8
Northeast	114.9	116.7	1.6
New England	116.0	117.8	1.6
Boston	-	-	-

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	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Net change	Percent change
United States	132,965	134,822	1,857	1.4
Massachusetts	3,224.5	3,277.2	52.7	1.6
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	2,464.3	2,518.1	53.8	2.2

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

Industry	Dec 2011	Dec 2012(p)	Net change
Total nonfarm	2,464.3	2,518.1	53.8
Construction	78.8	85.5	6.7
Manufacturing	197.6	199.8	2.2
Trade transportation and utilities	418.7	421.3	2.6
Financial activities	171.1	174.9	3.8
Professional and business services	401.9	426.6	24.7
Education and health services	505.4	513.9	8.5
Government	307.3	303.3	-4.0

p = preliminary

Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.